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## *Chagua Amani! Chagua Mama!*

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Earlier this year, Echo Network Africa (ENA) together with our Local Implementing Partner, the Democracy Trust Fund (DTF) and in collaboration with the UN Women, launched two campaigns dubbed CHAGUA AMANI and CHAGUA MAMA.

The two campaigns were officially launched on 7th March 2022 as a curtain-raiser to the International Women's Day by Prof Margaret Kobia, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Gender, Senior Citizens Affairs & Special Programmes.

The ‘Chagua Mama’ or ‘Elect Her’ campaign is intended to raise awareness among the electorate on the need to elect women into political leadership while the Chagua Amani campaign is a call for peace before, during, and after the General Elections.

This month marked yet another significant milestone in our quest to increase the number of women in decision making tables and in leadership in our country.

The nomination of Hon. Martha Wangari Karua as the first female Running Mate and potentially the first Deputy President of Kenya marks yet another milestone in the history of our country.

In between, we have had several women rise to various positions including the recent appointment of the first ever female Chief Justice in Kenya, Hon. Martha Koome.

Echo Network Africa shall continue to maintain a complete non-partisan stance in all our initiatives. We are nonetheless clear that we shall continue to stand in full support of political coalitions and leaders who support and affirm women.

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## **ENA EMPOWERS WOMEN AT THE GRASSROOTS TO SERVE AS PEACE AMBASSADORS**

Participation of women at Grassroots level in peace processes is increasingly being recognized as a way to achieving more inclusive and sustainable peace.

This is attributed to the fact that grassroots often remain at the periphery of peace processes due to the barriers caused by geographical proximity to the negotiation table, language used during negotiations and implicit issues of hierarchy and privilege.

In order to achieve more participation from the local and community-level actors, we need to overcome these barriers. This is why Women Mediation Network – Kenya in collaboration with Echo Network Africa organized a work shop for capacity building for women mediators and peace builders at the grassroots on Conflict analysis, Scenarios in Kenya. The session was geared towards equipping county peace actors in

mediation process with the relevant knowledge to enhance their capacity in peace building and mediation.

The Women Mediation Network-Kenya that was established by African Women Leaders Network in collaboration with Echo Network Africa and UN Women, serves as a formal mediation, conflict prevention and resolution mechanism in Kenya.

The Network seeks to enhance the leadership of Kenyan women to bring about transformative change in relation to advancing sustainable peace and development by strengthening women’s active and meaningful participation in conflict prevention and mediation efforts in Kenya.

It’s also a platform for strategic engagement through, advocacy, capacity development and collaboration/networking aimed at implementing the commitments in KNAP II.



**Chagua Amani:** County Women mediators pose for group photo after a successful workshop.

## ENA CALLS FOR PEACE AHEAD OF THE AUGUST 9TH GENERAL ELECTIONS

This month, The Women Mediation Network – Kenya in conjunction with the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN), Echo Network Africa and the Women aspirants under the Democracy Trust Fund (DTF) convened a press conference to call for peace and urge for upholding of the two thirds gender rule.

“We shall keep vigil of all political activities and actors including holding accountable institutions charged with the responsibility for ensuring peaceful elections. We are determined to keep the voice of women heard at every turn,” said Dr. Riria, ENA Group CEO.

ENA acknowledges that the task of preserving peace and national unity is a mammoth task which cannot be done by one individual or a group of people on their own.

Neither the Presidency, Legislature, Judiciary or even the citizenry can achieve much on their own.

“Let us not forget that lives were lost before and properties worth millions were destroyed in the war. Many Kenyans are still hurting from the wounds inflicted during the post-election violence,” said. Dr. Riria. Political leaders were also urged to be careful with their utterances in political rallies this upcoming election season to avoid inciting Kenyans to violence.

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#CHAGUA AMANI - Dr. Jennifer Riria, AWLN Kenya Chapter Chairperson (center) reads out the Joint statement on Peace. She is joined by AWLN members and Women aspirants under DTF in solidarity to call for political tolerance.

## ENA ENHANCES SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS IN HOMA BAY COUNTY

Leave no one behind is the central, transformative promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

It represents the unequivocal commitment of all UN Member States to eradicate poverty in all its forms, end discrimination and exclusion, and reduce the inequalities and vulnerabilities that undermine the potential of individuals and of humanity as a whole.

Echo Network Africa has implemented the Aquaculture Initiative in Homa Bay County to enhance sustainable livelihoods and empowerment of rural women and their families.

Aquaculture plays a crucial role in food security, increased employment opportunities and increased household income leading to sustainable livelihoods.

Women beneficiaries from four beaches (Litare, Wakula, Kaugege and Mrongo) have received technical training, extension services in fisheries, installation, and stocking of four HDPE cages in the beaches.

This month, women from Litare beach were happy to harvest 4,268.75kgs of fish directly contributing to food security and sustainable livelihoods and incomes. The Group managed to grow their fish to an average of 300 grams and 400 grams.

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Sustainable Livelihoods: Rio Fish farm offloading fish harvested by Litare Women Group



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