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CHAMPIONING EQUALITY: Dr. Jennifer Riria Honoured at Africa Outstanding Professional Awards for Female Advocacy.



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HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Jennifer Riria receives Award for Visionary Leadership in Community Health Initiative



ENAF President and CEO Dr. Jennifer Riria taking part in the post-walk exercises.

On 1st April, Echo Network Africa Foundation (ENAF) and Avenue Healthcare joined forces for a Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiative in partnership with PCEA Muguga Parish Men's Fellowship. This event was an attempt to fight drug abuse by the youth, especially young men in the area.

The day commenced with a morning walk. Representatives from various sectors including government officials, clergy and distinguished guests, graced the event, highlighting the widespread support for community wellness and development efforts.

Dr. Jennifer Riria, President and CEO of ENAF underscored the importance of collaboration and community involvement in fostering cohesion and providing holistic solutions. Her visionary leadership and commitment were recognized as she was presented with an award in appreciation of her outstanding contributions to societal well-being.



ENAF President and CEO Dr. Jennifer Riria, presented with an award in appreciation of her outstanding contributions in the society. Standing next is Dr. Nyambura Koigi, ENAF Board Chair.

Dr. Nyambura Koigi, Chair of ENAF's Board of Directors commended the Muguga community for their continued development work through partnerships, emphasizing the benefits for young people and society at large.

Reflecting on the progress made in the area over the years, there was a collective call to action for further growth and intentional community engagement.



Guests who graced the twin event

Financial Inclusion Programme empowers Women with access to water tanks



ENA branded water tanks

In a development aimed at improving the quality of life for women in Narok County, Financial Inclusion Programme Centre partnered with Juhudi Kilimo Organization to provide essential water tanks to women in the Naroosura Sub-County.

99 ENA - branded water tanks were delivered to women from various groups in the region. The initiative seeks to address the challenges associated with accessing clean water, particularly during the rainy season and alleviate the risks faced by women who often have to fetch water from long distances.

The provision of water tanks is expected to have a positive impact on the community, reducing the many vices associated with women fetching water from distant sources. By ensuring access to clean water closer to home, the safety of women, especially during late hours is enhanced. There is also significant reduction in the risk of hygiene - related diseases.

The distribution event was met with enthusiasm and appreciation from the local community with the Area Chief and residents commending the efforts of ENA in addressing critical needs on the ground. Members of the Nkaramat women group were among the first to receive their water tanks, eagerly awaiting the delivery from early morning.

Ms. Emily representing ENA’s LIP Shekinisho CBO, assisted the women in completing the necessary paperwork, ensuring a smooth distribution process.

The Financial Inclusion Programme continues to demonstrate its commitment to empowering women and driving sustainable development in Narok County through such collaborative efforts and community engagement.



Some of the water tanks distributed

ENA engages in key meetings and workshops in Kisumu County

Echo Network Africa (ENA) played an integral role in two significant events held in Kisumu County, marking a pivotal moment in the region's development initiatives.

Kisumu County Inception Meeting



Representatives from the different partners

ENA actively participated in the Kisumu County Inception Meeting, held at Victoria Comfort Hotel. The gathering brought together National and County government officials as well as consortium partners under the Youth in Sustainable Aquaculture (YASI) Programme funded by the Mastercard Foundation.

This meeting served as a platform for stakeholders to align their efforts and strategies towards sustainable aquaculture practices with a focus on empowering youth in Kisumu County.

Workshop Organized by Farm Africa



Workshop Participants in session

Additionally, ENA contributed to a two-day workshop organized by Farm Africa in Kisumu. The workshop aimed to develop the Learning and Adaptive Management Plan (LAMP) and Theory of Change for the Mastercard Programme in preparation for its roll-out.

During the workshop, stakeholders engaged in strategic discussions and collaborative planning to ensure the effective implementation of the Mastercard Programme. ENA's participation highlights its dedication to enhancing programmatic effectiveness and achieving tangible outcomes in partnership with like-minded organizations.

These engagements showcase ENA's proactive approach to addressing critical issues and driving sustainable development in Kisumu County and beyond. Through strategic partnerships and collaborative initiatives, ENA continues to make significant strides towards empowering communities and fostering positive change.

Wednesday, April 17th, 2024

Echo Network Africa Foundation and Democracy Trust Fund host Knowledge-Sharing Session



ENAF/ENA Team with a delegation from South Sudan

The delegation expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage in fruitful discussions and learn from the experiences of ENAF and DTF.



On April 17th, Echo Network Africa Foundation (ENA) and the Democracy Trust Fund (DTF) hosted a delegation from South Sudan’s Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare supported by UNDP South Sudan.

The session focused on DTF’s innovative Participatory Fund Model designed to mobilize vital resources to support women’s active involvement in leadership, governance and political processes. Discussions centered on addressing the financial challenges faced by women during political campaigns with a key emphasis on ensuring sustained participation in elective positions.

Insights were shared on implementing initiatives that facilitate the identification, preparation and support of women for leadership roles. The exchange of lessons and success stories is expected to contribute significantly to the establishment of a robust Gender Equality Fund, fostering women’s political leadership and enhancing accountability mechanisms in The Republic of South Sudan.



Friday, April 19th, 2024

County Partners launch Youth in Sustainable Aquaculture (YISA) Programme



An inception meeting at Golf Hotel Kakamega organised by CECM Agriculture, Mr. Godfrey Owori, County Partners and Farm Africa.

In a significant step towards promoting sustainable agriculture and empowering youth, County Partners led by CECM Agriculture Mr. Godfrey Owori, convened an inception meeting on Friday, April 19th 2024 at Golf Hotel Kakamega. The meeting aimed to kickstart the planning and implementation of the Youth in Sustainable Aquaculture (YISA) program.

Supported by Mastercard Foundation and spearheaded by Farm Africa, the 5-year initiative will also involve Echo Network Africa, Lattice Aqua, Hydrovictoria, Ramogi Institute and Living Woods. The programme seeks to empower young men and women in sustainable aquaculture markets across six counties aligning with Governor Barasa's agenda for food security and wealth creation.

With a goal of creating 150,000 job opportunities, the program will focus on fish and soya bean production and marketing including involvement from Persons Living with Disabilities (PWDs) and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). Capacity building in technical and business development skills will be provided alongside catalytic funding for enterprise development with a particular emphasis on empowering women and people Living With Disabilities (PWDs)

Mr. Owori affirmed the County's dedication to poverty alleviation and commended the efforts of partners in offering youth prospects for dignified livelihoods.



Attendees keenly following the session.

Key stakeholders including Ms. Jesca Weku, Chief Officer Livestock, Veterinary Services and Fisheries Development, Mr. Emmanuel Kariuki, Chief Officer Crop Protection and Irrigation, CPA Bill Silingi, Chief Officer Cooperatives Development, Emanuel Makokha, Youth Advisor and Mr. Evans Okacha, Deputy Programme Manager at Farm Africa attended the meeting. Also present were directors, youth and farmers and representatives from other consortium partners.

In a related event, Siaya County hosted its Local Implementing Partners (LIPs) Induction Meeting on April 18th, 2024 at Distinction Hotel, Siaya Town. Three organizations namely; Siaya Muungano Network (SIMUN), Community Mobilization For Positive Empowerment (COMPE) and Okok Shida CBO, convened to discuss ongoing and anticipated work in Aquaculture with support from MEDA and Mastercard Foundation. The focus was on developing work plans to recruit and build capacity for groups of young women and men as beneficiaries/participants.



ENA Team at Siaya County induction meeting

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024

Dr. Jennifer Riria Honored at Africa Outstanding Professional Awards(AFOPA)



Dr. Jennifer Riria and Ms. Sheena Karegi at Kivukoni Ballroom - Serena Hotel, Dar es Salaam.

On April 23rd 2024, the 3rd edition of Africa Outstanding Professional Awards(AFOPA) ceremony took place in Dar-es-Salaam, celebrating exceptional individuals who have made significant contributions in their fields. Among these was Dr. Jennifer Riria, the President and CEO of ENA Foundation.

Dr. Riria was recognized and honored as the Most Outstanding in Female Advocacy for her relentless efforts in championing the rights of women and girls. In her acceptance speech, Dr. Riria expressed her gratitude to everyone who contributed to her success, emphasizing that her dedication to advancing the rights of women and girls will continue unabated.

As a prominent advocate for gender equality and empowerment, Dr. Riria's work has had a profound impact on communities. Her unwavering commitment to creating a more equitable and inclusive society has earned her widespread acclaim and global admiration.

In her closing remarks, Dr. Jennifer Riria lobbied for inclusion of young people, women, People With Disabilities and other marginalized sectors.



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The Jennifer Riria Hub is an ultra-modern, state-of-the-art facility developed by Echo Network Africa. Its design is inspired by the strength, character and gait of the African Woman. The JR Hub is located in the heart of Nakuru City at the junction of Tom Mboya and Kipchoge Keino roads. It is strategically positioned to provide a serene environment for its clientele.

The JR Hub is the perfect and hustle-free place for shopping, business, dining, banking and hosting indoor and outdoor events. Key features include : good access roads, 24 hour CCTV surveillance, ample parking space, sufficient water supply, lift access to all floors, easy access and exit to the mall and ample clean sanitary facilities.

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