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CHANGING GLOBAL  
POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT  
COOPERATION AND DECLINING  
DEMOCRACY AND RESPECT  
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

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## ForumCiv annual report 2023

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# The year at a glance



Subgranting amount (KES):  
**173,212,713**



Number of participants at events:  
**3,309**



Mainstream  
& social media  
reach:**9.3 million**



Key Memorandum of  
Understanding (MOUs)  
signed:**2**



New programmes  
launched: **2**



Number of partners trained:  
**110**



Awards received:**2**

# 2023 in review



## LGBTQIA+ rights

In January 2023, Edwin Chiloba, a renowned fashion designer and an LGBTQIA+ rights activist was brutally murdered. Chiloba's death elicited a lot of concern from civil society groups, international communities, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

In the following month, there was backlash from the president and religious organizations condemning the supreme court of Kenya for ruling that the National Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission (NGLHRC) has the right to be officially registered as a non-governmental organization (NGO).

Moreover, the ruling triggered protests in Mombasa and parts of Nairobi with proponents arguing that it would have detrimental effects on religious, family, and cultural beliefs. It was in this mix that the Family Protection Bill was proposed, calling for the banning of same sex marriage and all LGBTQIA+ activities in the country.

This came barely a month after Uganda passed a law imposing punitive punishment for the sexual minority group. This had a significant effect on our partners working with the group, exposing them to risk.

## Inflation, high cost of living, and demonstrations

In January, inflation rates hit a new high at 9.0%, with prices of fuel, food, and other commodities increasing significantly. Later in May, the National Treasury tabled the Finance Bill, 2023 in Kenya before the National Assembly. The bill was received with interest from the public necessitating submission of 1080 memoranda towards the

support and opposition to the bill during the public participation stage of the bill. Most of the submissions highlighted the need to amend the bill clause to increase VAT on petroleum products from the current 8% to 16% and the initial introduction of the housing levy of 3% of the gross salary targeting the employer and the employee. The bill was passed into law and resulted in a myriad of court cases challenging it.

In addition, the leader of the opposition led the country into demonstrations twice a week set to query the government on the high cost of living, corruption, taxation, and discontentment with the 2022 presidential elections. These demonstrations were experienced with attacks on journalists who were covering these stories, chaos being caused by young people who looted shops and threw stones at police and pedestrians, and closure of shops and offices as work was brought to a standstill. This sparked conversations around the freedom of press and the freedom of assembly and demonstration.

## The northern frontier

ForumCiv has been active in Wajir and Marsabit for a number of years. In 2023, these regions and northern Kenya in general experienced pockets of conflict. One of the main sources of conflict was scarce resources such as food, pasture, and water due to drought. These arid areas experienced the longest drought of the decade. In addition, terror scares and attacks in areas around Wajir county posed a risk to the operation of some of our partners and our monitoring and compliance visits.

## Internal context

Within ForumCiv's regional office for Eastern and Southern Africa, 2023 was generally an eventful year. We saw great successes in our collaborative

campaigns and events, most notable the International Women's Day, the International Day of Democracy, the annual democracy and human rights festival, and our revamped strategic dialogue forums 'Jumuika Sikika Mtaani' in Kenya and Tanzania. These activities provided a platform for vital conversation on issues affecting society with the aim of finding solutions.

In programmes, we successfully flagged off a new programme, EAST (Enhancing Artivism for Social Transformation), and made strides in our current programmes. We received a substantial number of success stories from our different programmes, a testament to the good work our partners did all year round.

Media plays a key role in advocacy and creating visibility. In 2023, we bolstered our media presence both in the digital space and the mainstream media. We actively participated in advocacy campaigns on live television, vernacular and national radio stations, newspaper and print media, and web and online platforms, attracting over 7 million views cumulatively throughout the year.

Agenda 17 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) focuses on partnerships as a means of realization of the other 16 goals. In 2023, we were deliberate in forming strategic partnerships to aid in achieving our goals. Notable partnerships formed were with Strathmore University in academia and the National Council for Law Reporting (Kenya Law) in the policy space. We are excited about the potential of these partnerships. Looking ahead, we continue to focus on expanding our donor portfolio through rigorous and strategic fundraising initiatives so that we continue to bring change from the grassroots level.

## Jackson Obare

ForumCiv Regional Manager  
Eastern and Southern Africa



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# Human rights and religion in Kenya: Shakahola massacre

Human rights cannot be isolated from religion. By and large, Kenya is considered a religious country, from the head of state and first lady to the common citizen. It is therefore particularly important to understand the interlinkages between these two key components and how religion, if left unchecked, can infringe on human rights.

In April 2023, Kenyans and the international community were shocked by the discovery of mass graves in Shakahola forest, Kilifi County. When the police launched investigations into the matter, they discovered ghastly scenes of emaciated people and shallow graves in the forest. These were followers of Pastor Paul Nthenge Mackenzie of the International Church of Good News, a religious cult. Rescued members of this cult, withered and in pitiable conditions, said they had been made to believe that if they starved themselves to death, they would be able to meet Jesus Christ face-to-face. The government began a slow exhumation process of bodies from shallow graves and by the time they halted the process, 429 bodies were recovered from the forest, 191 of them children. An incredibly sad state indeed.

Kenya has experienced deaths linked to religious extremism in the past, but the Shakahola tragedy accounts for the highest number of deaths. Since then, the cult leader Mackenzie

has been charged in the Malindi, Shanzu, Mombasa, and Tononoka courts with more than 400 different offences, including murder, terrorism, and child neglect.

One of our key partners, Haki Africa played a critical role in exposing the cult, creating awareness, and demanding justice. ForumCiv provided support of SEK 28,571 to HAKI Africa through our strategic solidarity support to aid the investigation of the matter.

Religious extremism, radicalization, and cults are not new in the country. Over the years, we have seen cases of extremist religious leaders brainwashing followers into doing ungodly acts. The tragic massacre in Shakahola rekindled the need to have some sort of regulations in religion to curb dangerous activities. Failures of the Kenyan justice system and police allowed Paul Mackenzie to preach extreme fasting, despite several alerts.

Regardless of the freedom of religion, vicious religious activities can easily infringe on other human rights, such as the right to life, right to education, right to healthcare, right to food, as is the case of Shakahola. The government, civil society, and religious leaders must take responsibility in ensuring extremist teachings are properly dealt with.

# Introducing the EAST programme

In 2023, ForumCiv successfully launched the EAST (Enhancing Artivism for Social Transformations) programme. The programme aims to strengthen the capacity of the creative sector and media to advocate for democracy, good governance, human rights, gender equality, and climate justice in Kenya.

Through the EAST programme, ForumCiv seeks to empower citizens and promote democratic values, human rights, and fundamental freedoms through strengthening the capacity of the creative sector actors and media to innovatively advocate for democracy, good governance, human rights, gender equality, and climate justice in Kenya.

This is an 18-month programme supported by Ford Foundation and is currently subgrating to Brave Media.



# Launching the SASA programme

A grant signing ceremony for the Strengthening Agency for Social Accountability (SASA) Kenya partners was physically conducted on March 1, 2023, at ForumCiv Boardroom. The launch was attended by the five SASA partners in Kenya; Wajir Peace and Development Agency (WPDA), Initiatives for Progressive Change (IFPC), Saku Accountability Forum (SAF), African Social Development Focus (ASDEF), and Coalition for Grassroot Human Rights Defenders (CGHRD).

In attendance was also the Hewlett Foundation programme officer and the ForumCiv team led by the Deputy Secretary General and the Regional Manager for Eastern and Southern Africa.

The grant signing meeting reflected on the process of mapping, assessment, and grant application. The partners shared individual highlights on the projects they propose to implement and their previous experiences working with ForumCiv.

The Hewlett Foundation programme officer highlighted the importance of relationship building, mutual trust, and respect with partners. She reiterated the organization's flexibility in their funding and reporting based on the partners' tangibility of results and impact of the work.

A virtual grant signing ceremony for partners in Tanzania was conducted on March 17, 2023. The meeting was attended by the five SASA Tanzania partners; Zanzibar Fighting Against Youth Challenges Organization (ZAFAYCO), Environmental, Human Rights Care & Gender Organisation (ENVIROCARE), Tanzania Youth Vision Association (TYVA), Androse Disability Organization Tanzania (ADOT), and Association of NGOs of Zanzibar (AN-GOZA).

The partners shared highlights on their proposed projects and appreciated ForumCiv for the new partnerships created in Tanzania.

# Partnerships

## National Council for Law Reporting (Kenya Law)

ForumCiv and the National Council for Law Reporting, popularly referred to as Kenya Law formed a strategic partnership in May 2023. The partnership will see the formulation and publication of public policy and legislation in the thematic areas of education, public participation, health, youth, environment, and climate change.

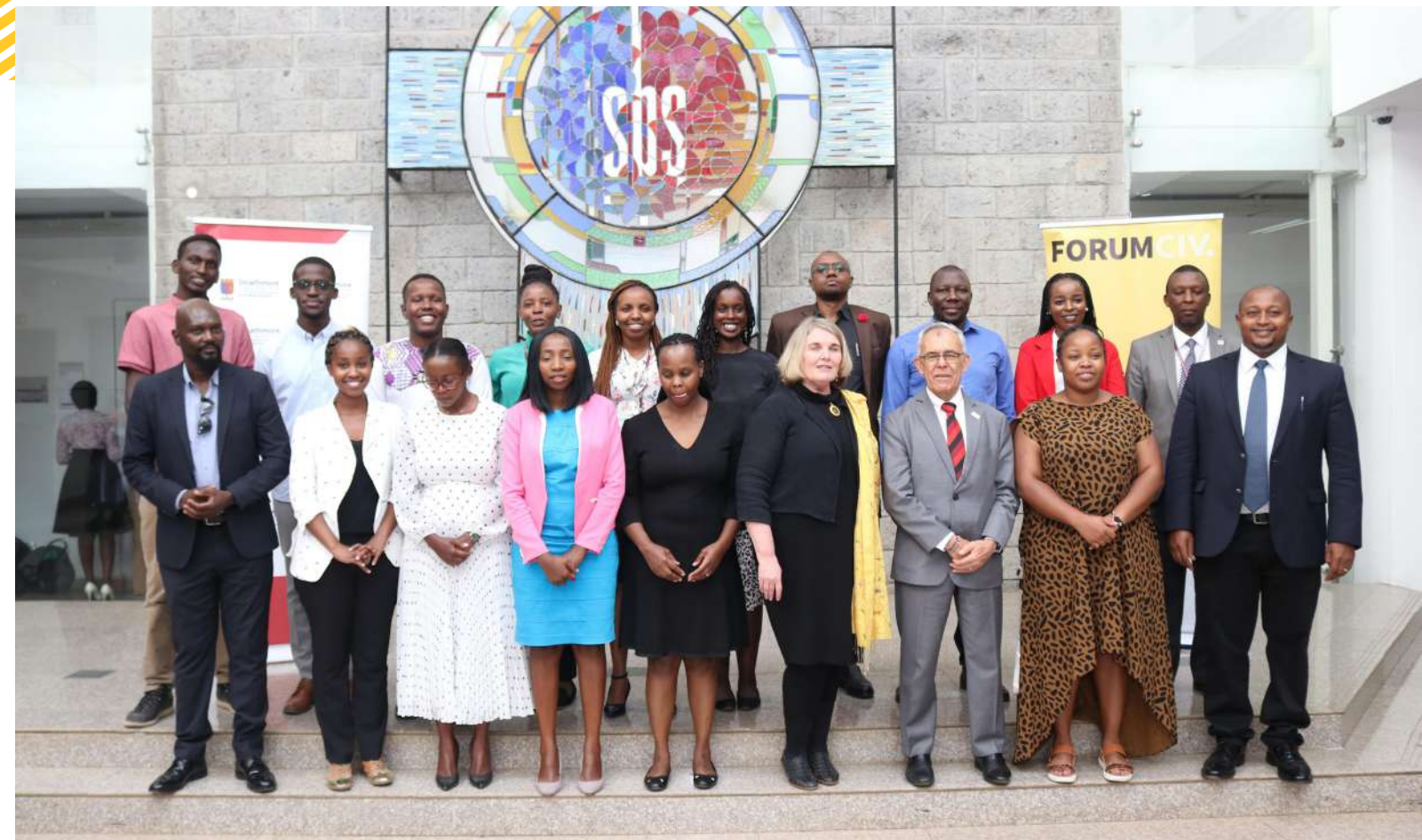
The partnership was formalized during a national dialogue forum hosted by the Inclusive Growth project (PPDP- Public Private Development Partnerships) to discuss the status of public policy formulation at the county level. The partnership will provide a framework on how civil society can catalyze discussions on creating effective policy frameworks that will be piloted in Narok and Nakuru counties.

The ceremony was graced by the Hon. Chief Justice Martha Koome in her capacity as the chairperson of the board of Kenya Law.

Kenya Law is a semi-autonomous state corporation that aims to provide universal access to public legal information by monitoring and reporting on the development of jurisprudence for the promotion of the rule of law.

## Strathmore University

In 2023, ForumCiv formalized its partnership with Strathmore University, a leading non-profit university in Eastern Africa, with the aim of enhancing the realization of ForumCiv's programme goals. This partnership will lead to the capacity development and exchange for staff and partners in various areas, including climate awareness, leadership, mentorship and coaching, knowledge management through the understudy of programmes within ForumCiv, and knowledge exchange through participation and organizing joint forums and spaces.



# Capacity development

July 2023

## Outcome mapping and outcome harvesting training

The Wajibu Wetu; Jumuika, Sikika! and SASA teams held a three-day training on outcome mapping and outcome harvesting. The workshop brought together our partners from various parts of the country to build their capacity on harvesting outcomes in preparation for reporting. The training focused on mapping the behavioural changes that need to be influenced in a bid to achieve project goals and analysing the targets achieved at the end of the project to measure its sustainability, efficiency, relevance, coherence, and effectiveness.



July 2023

## The CEOs forum

In July, we successfully held a thought-provoking CEO forum for our Wajibu Wetu; Jumuika, Sikika! and SASA partners. The aim of the forum was to engage organizational heads and CEOs on strategic thinking, resource mobilization, organizational board operations, and good governance. The forum, attended by 29 CEOs, was an opportunity for mentorship, networking, and learning. It further brought forth a dialogue on how effective boards should be constituted and run.



August 2023

## Climate awareness programme

ForumCiv partnered with Strathmore University in organizing the climate sustainability awareness conference. The Inclusive Growth project supported 15 participants drawing from the ward climate change committees from Narok and Nakuru counties, representatives from the county government’s department of environment, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), and the national government. The three days provided a platform to engage in climate change adaptation, resilience, and financing of climate change.

A key issue noted during the conference was the lack of clarity in the laws and policies, and awareness around climate change governance, climate justice, and sustainable financing. All the stakeholders were challenged to be the ambassadors of change in their respective communities.



December 2023

## Right(s) Way Forward training

Right(s) Way Forward (RWF) is a community-based interactive tool empowering community members to improve their capacity to formulate, advocate, and claim their rights for sustainable development. The tool aims to create space for dialogue between rights holders and duty bearers to collaborate on different community concerns.

ForumCiv carried out training for its staff and the Wajibu Wetu; Jumuika, Sikika! And SASA partners on the programme implementation processes and approach through the Right(s) Way Forward methodology.

The training was an enormous success as the organizers managed to pull together several partners in the RWF approach discourse and the examination of the place of marginalized communities in ideas and programme implementation. While reviewing the implementation of various programmes in different counties, the training evaluated the role of different players in ensuring successful implementation of programmes in these counties.

An important lesson learned from the training was the social problems and their impact on the community, thus offering insight into better ways to address discrimination in society. One central concept discussed in the section was poverty which contributed to a multiplicity of other issues in society.



November 2023

## Movement leadership training

ForumCiv, through the SASA programme, organized a three-day human rights and movement leadership training of civil society partners in Tanzania.

The training, curated by Haki Africa, aimed at helping movement leaders effectively organize movements and strengthen networks and partnerships within the coalitions. We believe that well-equipped movement leaders will act as agents for social accountability in Tanzania.



# Networking, collaborations, and advocacy

March 2023

## Embracing equity and equality all year round



On March 8, we successfully commemorated International Women's Day at Rowallan Scouts Camp in Nairobi. The aim of the celebrations was to highlight important gains in gender equality and equity, raise awareness about issues impacting women's equality and equity, and celebrate women. The theme for the campaign was #EmbraceEquity and #DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality.

The event was held in partnership with Akili Dada, DRIC Naivasha, Action Network for the Disabled (ANDY), Dandelion, Badili Africa, Afyafrika, Siasa Place, Murua Girl Child Education Program, Centre

for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW), Ewang'an CBO, and Creative Spills.

The entertainment-filled event was attended by a total of 222 participants (175 women and 47 men). The event emphasized the importance of cross-project integration among partners and stakeholders to maximize impact and leverage existing networks. Integrated programmes are crucial for enhancing global support for women.

May 2023

## CSOs forum for grassroots organizations working in Narok and Nakuru Counties

The Inclusive Growth project hosted a Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) networking forum for grassroots organizations working in Narok and Nakuru Counties. The two-day networking forum themed, 'fostering synergies towards a just and sustainable world,' brought together CSOs, development agencies, and representatives from the government, among other actors.

The forum saw over 70 participants representing at least 30 organizations and provided an avenue for CSOs and other key stakeholders to explore opportunities for collaboration, identify gaps in the current landscape, and develop strategies to address them.



June 2023

## Beating plastic pollution

On June 5, ForumCiv convened the World Environment Day at Mukuru Kwa Reuben settlement with the partnership of Mukuru Youth Initiative (MUYI), Githurai Social Justice Centre (GSJC), Action Network for the Disable (ANDY), Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO), and Reuben FM- the local radio station at Mukuru kwa Ruben. The theme for the year was solutions for plastic pollution.

The event attracted the attention of the nearby school environmental clubs who also joined the celebration. The celebration aimed at increasing awareness of the negative long-term impact of plastic pollution at the household level, instilling a culture of environmental conservation among the locals, cleaning up Mukuru kwa Ruben Slums and part of the Ngong River, and planting trees around the grounds.

The event witnessed participation of the Mukuru Kwa Reuben residents during the moderated discussion on the challenges of plastic pollution and ways to address them. Some of the solutions shared included; creating central disposal areas, teaching waste separation, empowering residents to recycle plastics, advocating for proper policy implementation regarding plastic solution, and raising awareness about pollution effects.

The key performances included a song on plastic solutions and pollution by Mukuru Youth Initiative, and other local artist performances, as well as presentations on innovative uses of plastics for land conservation. Keynote speeches emphasized the importance of collective action for a clean environment.



August 2023

## Jumuika Sikika Mtaani dialogue forums

In 2023, we introduced Jumuika Sikika Mtaani, our strategic dialogue forums that provide a platform for strengthening community voices through dialogue between right holders and duty bearers.

### Jumuika Sikika Mtaani: Dar es Salaam

In August, we hosted our first Jumuika Sikika Mtaani in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The forum provided a platform where rights holders and duty bearers actively discussed pertinent context-specific matters, encompassing the roles of CSOs and NGOs in fostering social accountability, addressing youth unemployment, promoting gender equality, and ensuring inclusion.

This increased community members' understanding of essential topics related to governance, democracy, and the processes of accountability.

Jumuika Sikika Mtaani in Dar es Salaam brought together a total of 200 right-holders and duty-bearers from various municipalities within the city.



### Jumuika Sikika Mtaani: Rift Valley

ForumCiv under the Wajibu Wetu; Jumuika, Sikika! programme hosted a two-day progressive dialogue forum in Nakuru and Naivasha town. The first event brought together local duty bearers and the community to discuss issues around good governance and accountability at the Naivasha ACK Church Hall on 24th August.

The key issues that emerged and that the duty bearers committed to address included the skewed allocation of market stalls in Naivasha town, lack of meaningful public participation due to poor sensitization, politicization of development projects, among others.

On the second day, discussions were held at the Nakuru Players Theatre in Nakuru under the theme of accountability, youth, and unemployment. The audience reiterated how they, for a long time, have been at the mercy of greedy politicians who use them for selfish gains.

The dialogue forums in Rift Valley were organized with support from Tribeless Youth, Twaweza Communications, and Disability Resource and Information Centre (DRIC).

### Jumuika Sikika Mtaani: Coast

ForumCiv together with its partner within the coastal region; Haki Africa, Kwacha Africa, Manyatta Youth Entertainment (MAYE), Akili Dada, Kilifi Citizen Forum (KCF), and Collaboration for Women in Development (CWID) organized the Coastal Region Jumuika Sikika Mtaani sessions in Mombasa and Kilifi.

One key outcome of the dialogue forum was the revelation that government agencies failed to take public participation in development projects seriously. The forum also revealed that members of the public were apprehensive regarding public participation as that participants were often the same people.



August 2023

## International Youth Week 2023

ForumCiv under the Inclusive Growth project collaborated with the county government of Nakuru and youth from Suswa in Narok, RAPLands and Narasha in Nakuru County to commemorate International Youth Week 2023.

The project supported:

Edu sport: An educative sporting activity targeting youth from the two areas to engage

in sporting activities such as football, volleyball, and athletics.

The activity served as an opportunity to have conversations with youth on career opportunities, their role in conserving the environment, and opportunities available. The activities reached over 1,000 youth.

Coffee bar: The coffee bar provided a dialogue space between youth and duty bearers on green jobs and other opportunities for youth in the green economy.

Over 500 youth engaged with duty bearers, and commitments were made to continue the conversations beyond the one of activity.



September 2023

## International Day of Democracy 2023

The International Day of Democracy is a global observance celebrated on September 15th each year. The theme for the International Day of Democracy in 2023 was, 'empowering the next generation,' which focused on young people's essential role in advancing democracy and ensuring that their voices are included in the decisions that have a profound impact on their world.

ForumCiv in conjunction with various partners planned and commemorated the International Day of Democracy at the National Museums of Kenya. The event was physically attended by 349 participants (185 men and 164 women) with remote audiences, who gathered at central places in Marsabit, Mombasa, and Kisumu counties who followed the event virtually. The key objectives for the day were to promote democratic values, strengthen democratic institutions, and enhance citizen participation.

The speeches highlighted the critical role of youth in democracy and urged them to adopt a global perspective to understand and engage in democratic processes effectively. Collaboration between various stakeholders, including youth, government, and civil society organizations, was highlighted as essential for advancing democracy.

The lessons learned highlight the importance of empowering the next generation by fostering a supportive societal ecosystem where current leaders encourage youth involvement, and older generations pass on knowledge.

### Democracy pledge:

*I pledge to promote inclusive governance: foster peaceful coexistence: protect freedom of expression: support responsible leadership: promote social justice: engage in civic responsibility: nurture a culture of empathy and compassion: embrace sustainable development: spread the spirit of democracy.*





December 2023

## Democracy and Human Rights Festivals 2023

### Annual democracy and human rights festival: Kenya

The annual day of democracy and human rights provides a valuable opportunity to reaffirm our dedication to democratic and human rights values and principles. By bringing together diverse stakeholders and engaging citizens worldwide, we can collectively work towards building inclusive, transparent, and accountable democratic societies.

ForumCiv organized a celebration that provided an opportunity to raise awareness and promote action towards advancing human rights worldwide. The celebrations created a space for people to reflect, express their commitment, and honour the heroes and champions of human rights, as well as to reflect on what more can be done to achieve a fairer society. The theme for the festival was 'Navigating the Consequences of Economic Shocks on Human Rights: Freedom, Equality and Justice for All'.

The day served as a moment to demonstrate the work of human rights defenders and the utility of the human rights framework and institutions in ensuring freedom, development, and peace. The event that was attended by 288 participants, featured break-out discussion sessions including a youth village, women's village, People Living with Disability (PWD) village, and the community village. Other sessions included a televised-panel discussion and activism performances

### Annual democracy and human rights festival: Tanzania

ForumCiv, in collaboration with its SASA partners in Tanzania planned its first democracy and human rights festival at Nafasi Art Space in Dar es Salaam. The festival's theme, "Mdororo wa uchumi na namna unavyoathiri ustawi wa demokrasia na haki za binadamu nchini" (high cost of living and how that is affecting democracy and human rights in the country), was inspired by the Human Rights Day theme of Freedom, Equality, and Justice for All.

A series of structured panel discussions and open forums were organized, providing participants with a platform to voice their concerns and recommendations regarding the impact of inflated cost of living on democracy and human rights.

The event attracted a diverse and engaged audience, with approximately 130 participants actively taking part in the dialogue. The attendees comprised individuals from various non-governmental organizations within Dar es Salaam and local government representatives.

This diverse mix of participants created a dynamic and inclusive environment, fostering meaningful dialogue and the exchange of ideas. The turnout and the active participation of diverse stakeholders underscore the festival's success in creating a platform for meaningful conversations, knowledge sharing, and collaborative efforts towards the advancement of democracy and human rights in Tanzania.



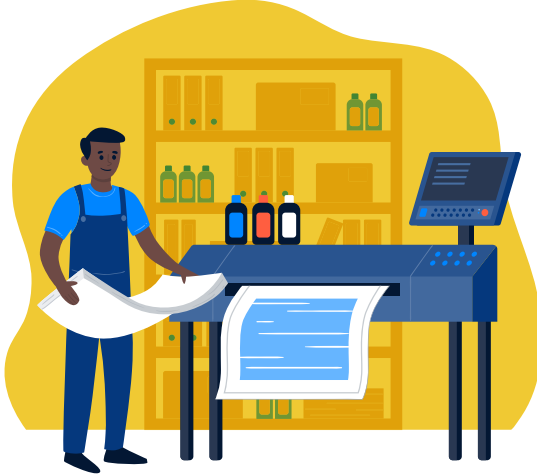


# Our media reach

## Mainstream media reach



Television  
**3,500,000**

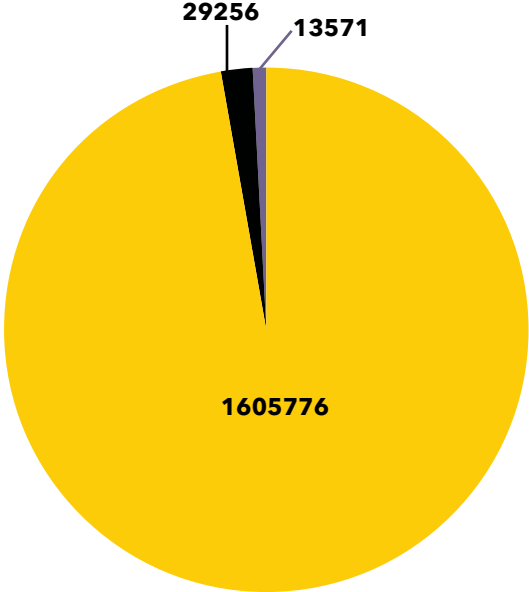


Print  
**250,000**



Radio  
**4,000,000**

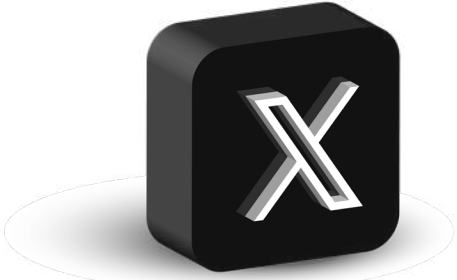
## Social media reach



Facebook



Instagram



X (Formerly Twitter)



# Our success stories in 2023



## Our success stories in 2023

### Men declare to contribute towards ending all violence against women

In highly patriarchal societies, men play a key role towards behavioural change in ending retrogressive culture. ForumCiv in Kenya, through the Inclusive Growth programme championed male engagement forums for dialogue on how to end Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

In these forums, male traditional leaders declared to play their part in ending this harmful

practice. This follows the successful advocacy by ForumCiv towards formulation and enactment of the Narok County Policy towards eradicating FGM.

In Isiolo County, our partner, Isiolo Gender Watch has contributed to the advocacy for a safe house for survivors of gender-based violence and the implementation of the anti-FGM policy in the county. Their radio talk shows provided an advocacy platform and a channel for reporting gender-based violence. This led to three girls being rescued from underage marriages.

Just as in Narok, community elders in Isiolo have changed their attitude and perception on gender-based violence and are now creating awareness.



## Social accountability training in Kilifi revives stalling community projects

Kilifi Citizen Forum (KCF), under the Wajibu Wetu; Jumuika, Sikika! programme, trained 86 members of the ward accountability forum committee on social accountability, the budget cycle, budget tracking and social audits. The trained ward social accountability committee members planned and rolled out outreach programmes to the community enhancing awareness on human rights, social accountability, public participation, and budget tracking. The follow-ups on the implementation process of community projects made the duty bearers (county officials) work on and complete some pending projects.

The community projects which are complete and in use include the refurbished Vishakani Dispensary, Tsunguni - Kolongoni water pipeline, Hademu - Dumuni water pipeline, graded and murrum Babadogo Road. The other projects which were implemented through the efforts of the ward social accountability committees and project management committees are the sinking of deep hand operated boreholes at Vishakani and Chanagande villages at a tune of Kes 2.5 million each and serving over 800 community members each.



Photo courtesy of Kilifi Citizen Forum



Photo courtesy of Kilifi Citizen Forum



Photo courtesy of Kilifi Citizen Forum

## Investigative journalism: Holding the government accountable

Africa Uncensored, with support from Forum-Civ, conducted trainings and mentoring sessions for 23 journalists, comprising 10 females and 13 males, in investigative journalism. These

journalists later produced articles highlighting violations of human rights and democratic principles. Examples of their investigative work include; The Dam Scandal: Failed Projects that left Kenya Drowning in Debt, narrating how two dam projects the Arror and Kimwarer dams were among the many alleged graft frauds under the previous government administration.

The other project, Title Deals, is a five-part investigative documentary series that investigates land cartels and land issues in Kenya. These articles served to shed light on critical issues affecting society and stimulate public discourse on human rights.



## Greening urban spaces: How Haki Africa is leading the way to climate justice

Haki Africa, advocated for the establishment of the County Climate Justice Committees (CCJC) by urging the county government to develop and launch their County Climate Action Plans. The organization ensured a comprehensive

representation in the committees, including civil society members, enhancing the effectiveness of climate initiatives.

As a result, they secured commitments from Mombasa and Lamu Governors to support the establishment of urban green corridors. The county government not only embraced the concept of urban green corridors but also integrated it as a central pillar within the action plan.

By establishing these green corridors, Haki Africa aims to foster biodiversity, mitigate climate change impacts, and enhance the quality of life for all residents.



Photo courtesy of Haki Africa

## The PPDP model in action: Community members in Suswa contribute to the community learning and resource centre

ForumCiv officially launched the Suswa Community Learning and Resource Centre at Iseneto, Suswa, in Narok County. The centre was established in partnership with the Ministry of Education, State Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Early Learning in partnership with the Suswa community who donated the building.

The centre was officially opened on Thursday 8, July by the Narok Deputy Governor H.E. Tamalinye Koech and our Regional Manager Jackson Obare. ForumCiv, under the Inclusive Growth project, equipped the centre with valuable resources that will empower the community through learning, recreation, and access to information.

The contribution from all partners into this project highlights the success of the Public Private Development Partnership model.



## Our awards in 2023:

### Most prominent CSR leader award

Our Regional Manager, Jackson Obare in 2023 won the award for the 'MOST PROMINENT CSR LEADERS' at the World CSR Congress Awards in Mumbai, India.

This award is conferred to professionals who have demonstrated capacity and leadership towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, hence contributing to effective change.

### Social economic development award winner!

ForumCiv was recognised by the Nakuru County government during the Nakuru County Multi-Agency forum gala night as the social economic development category winner. The award results from the contribution towards social economic development in Nakuru county through the Inclusive Growth project co-implemented with the International Labor Organisation (ILO).



## In solidarity with:

Our solidarity support aims to strengthen collective voices and collective action in safeguarding and promoting democracy and human rights. This support includes assisting organized groups in identifying, framing, and articulating their issues and needs, as well as providing resources for emerging issues.

### Wajir Community Radio

Wajir Community Radio received solidarity support to purchase studio equipment for their broadcasts after an inferno caused by an electric fault razed down their studios. The partner was supported to purchase a new audio encoder and mixer, workstation, microphone and headphone, and an audio monitor at a total cost of SEK 27,000.

Through this support, the partner was able to continue with the normal programming

reaching hundreds of thousands of pastoralist communities in the North-Eastern stretch of the country with their Xilkayna project (Somali word for 'Our Responsibility'), with a goal to enhancing inclusive governance, empowerment, and resilience of communities toward the realization of human rights.

### Haki Africa

ForumCiv provided support of SEK 28,571 to Haki Africa through strategic solidarity support in response to the Shakahola Massacre in Kilifi County, Kenya to support investigation of the matter, shed light through media channels, and raise awareness about the cult's activities. Subsequently there have been over 400 bodies exhumed and it has been established that the cult leader Pastor Mackenzie, through his Church New Life International, radicalized his followers to fast to death.

Haki Africa, through its Malindi community partner organization exposed the cult to the world as the government came in to support exhumation of bodies and rescue of tens of others who were on the fasting-to-death spree. The cult leader and his accomplices were subsequently prosecuted in court and charged.



# Financial statements

## Statement of income and expenditure

Year ended 31 December

	Notes	2023 KES	2022 KES
Grant income	2	372,533,322	144,112,383
Other income	3	6,422,528	4,128,904
		378,955,850	148,241,287
Personnel costs	4	93,445,532	76,993,190
Operational costs	5	80,457,632	48,192,885
Office costs	6	31,839,973	24,217,016
Sub granting	7	173,212,713	(1,161,804)
		<b>378,955,850</b>	<b>148,241,287</b>
<b>Surplus/ (deficit) for the year</b>		-	-

## Statement of financial position

At 31 December

	Notes	2023 KES	2022 KES
<b>Current assets</b>			
Receivables	8	2,150,850	2,266,800
Intercompany receivables	9	41,991,049	19,575,674
Prepayments	10	5,885,072	4,836,440
Cash and cash equivalents	11	80,005,261	87,320,180
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>130,032,232</b>	<b>113,999,094</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Intercompany liability	12	122,741,312	110,378,552
Accruals and other payables	13	7,290,920	3,620,542
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>130,032,232</b>	<b>113,999,094</b>

## Statement of cashflows

	Notes	Year ended 31 December	
		2023 KES	2022 KES
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		-	-
<b>Non-cash adjustments:</b>			
Depreciation on property and equipment		-	-
<b>Changes in working capital:</b>			
Decrease in other receivables		115,950	-
(Increase) in intercompany receivable and prepayments		(23,464,007)	(4,363,571)
Increase in intercompany payable, accruals and other payables		16,033,138	63,795,854
<b>Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities</b>		<b>(7,314,919)</b>	<b>59,432,283</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
		-	-
<b>Movement in cash and cash equivalents</b>			
At start of year		87,320,180	27,887,897
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	11	(7,314,919)	59,432,283
<b>At end of year</b>		<b>80,005,261</b>	<b>87,320,180</b>

# Strategic allies and partners

## Funding partners

- Embassy of Sweden
- International Labour Organization
- Hewlett Foundation
- Ford Foundation



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# Implementing partners

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