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for sustainable  
development**





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## **ForumCiv annual report 2022**

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A full-length portrait of a Black man with a short beard and mustache, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a teal blazer over a light blue patterned button-down shirt, light beige trousers, and dark brown shoes. His hands are in his pockets. The background is a light gray gradient. On the far left, there is a vertical yellow bar with a white diagonal line pattern.

# 2022 in review

Accountable democracy, respect for human rights, gender equality, and adverse effects of climate change have been heavily felt in the past year and as you can imagine, geopolitical realignments and disruptions affecting the global value chains due to the interconnectedness of the global economy. The war in Ukraine has had negative impacts globally and more so for sub-Saharan Africa, which has seen reduced importation of grain and redirecting of financial support to Ukraine.

Recovering from the effects of Covid-19, Russian attack on Ukraine, the world indeed encountered crises in 2022. In the face of these new development, donor priorities shifted, and funding cuts were experienced, and resources were redirected to support the humanitarian crisis and military support to Ukraine thus reducing funding for development in the region and the world at large. It is during these periods that, strategic partnerships matter, and priorities realigned.

Throughout this report, you'll read incredible stories of change from our work and the work of our partners, new programmes, and projects. Our key achievements in 2022 includes the signing of new programmes; Wajibu Wetu; Jumuika, Sikika! and Strengthen Agency for Social Accountability (SASA) funded by Embassy of Sweden in Nairobi and Hewlett Foundation respectively.

The impact made during this year, summarized on the pages to come, was enabled not only by the implementing partners but through strategic support of our donors; Embassy of Sweden in Nairobi, Make A Difference (MAD) Sweden supported by Vinnova, and Hewlett Foundation and having a strong culture of collaboration. A unique articulation of the values shared by the entire regional team and their commitments resulted in successful results achieved in the year. The new partnerships and new programmes



that started last year and with the new team on board is a demonstration that every move the organization makes tell the story of how strong we are as a regional team. This is made possible with support from the Head Office and the Kenyan board, and in having meaningful partnerships that flourishes through mutual trust.

We see these strategic partnerships growing and now we have Hewlett Foundation on board supporting work in Kenya and Tanzania.

## **Employee engagement and good governance.**

Our employees drive everything we do, and we are committed to making extraordinary efforts to provide our them with a world class, inclusive work environment to deliver on their full potential.

To keep our commitments to our partners, we also recognize that talent recruitment and retention are essential to our success even as we implement timebound programmes and projects. We had staff transitions as we concluded one of the anchor programmes; Wajibu Wetu in 2022 but at the same time, we brought on board amazing talents with new energy and insights for continuity.

Recognizing the important role of feedback, we were pleased with the participation and quality of feedback we received in our 2022 staff survey, indicating that employee engagement is positive. Based on this feedback, we aim to continuously improve our employees' journey and create an optimal workplace teeming with the power of possibility. To build an even stronger workforce, and create an optimal employee experience, we will continue to emphasize professional development, open feedback, and succession planning to ensure leadership continuity and a strong legacy.

In this regard, good governance is essential to support the success and sustainability of our regional office as it fosters world class practices while focusing on consistency and long-term impact. It also promotes a culture of sound decision-making, accountability, and effective risk management. Good governance begins in the boardroom and extends to all levels of the operations of the regional office. Our board supports a positive culture in which equal treatment, diversity, and inclusion are prioritized.

## **Looking ahead**

As we look to the year ahead and beyond, we see tremendous potential and growth of our work in the region.

Finally, we appreciate the support from our strategic partners and donors and in trusting us with resources to support marginalized communities and create a just and sustainable work, where everyone has power to effect change and thus leaving no one behind. Further a big call out to the incredible people who make up the ForumCiv regional office for Eastern and Southern Africa succeed. The stellar performance is attributed to the determination and support of our members of staff.

Thank you all!

Jackson Obare  
Regional Manager, ESA



# This is ForumCiv



ForumCiv is the largest civil society platform in Sweden. Our members are Swedish organizations. We have offices in six different countries and support civil society in over 70 countries.

We work towards a just and sustainable world where all people have the power to effect change.

Our work centres on enabling people to organize to claim their rights and take control of their lives; for it is only then that democracy can grow, resources can be distributed more fairly, and poverty can be reduced.

## Our Vision

A just and sustainable world where all people have the power to effect change.

## Our Purpose

Strengthen marginalised people around the world who organize to claim their rights. Advocate for changes that contribute to a just and sustainable world.

## ForumCiv's areas of work

Our head office is in Stockholm, Sweden. We also have regional and country offices with staff in Colombia, Cambodia, Kenya, Liberia, and Lithuania through which we provide direct support to local organizations on the ground.

We mediate grants from Sida (the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency) to Swedish organizations cooperating with local partners in 70 countries.

ForumCiv also advocates for just and sustainable development. By enhancing knowledge and advocating on critical issues, ForumCiv works to change the global structures that create poverty and violate human rights. ForumCiv keeps an active dialogue with decision makers to influence Sweden's and EU's policies.

Within our capacity development framework, we have several kinds of learning methods, such as online courses, workshops, conferences, and seminars.



**Advocate**



**Capacity Developer**



**Grant administrator**



**Development actor**

# Our development perspectives

We believe in the vital role of civil society in contributing to the fulfilment of human rights, particularly by focusing on non-discrimination and active popular participation that makes democracy possible.



**Conflict and Do-No-Harm**



**Environment and climate  
change**



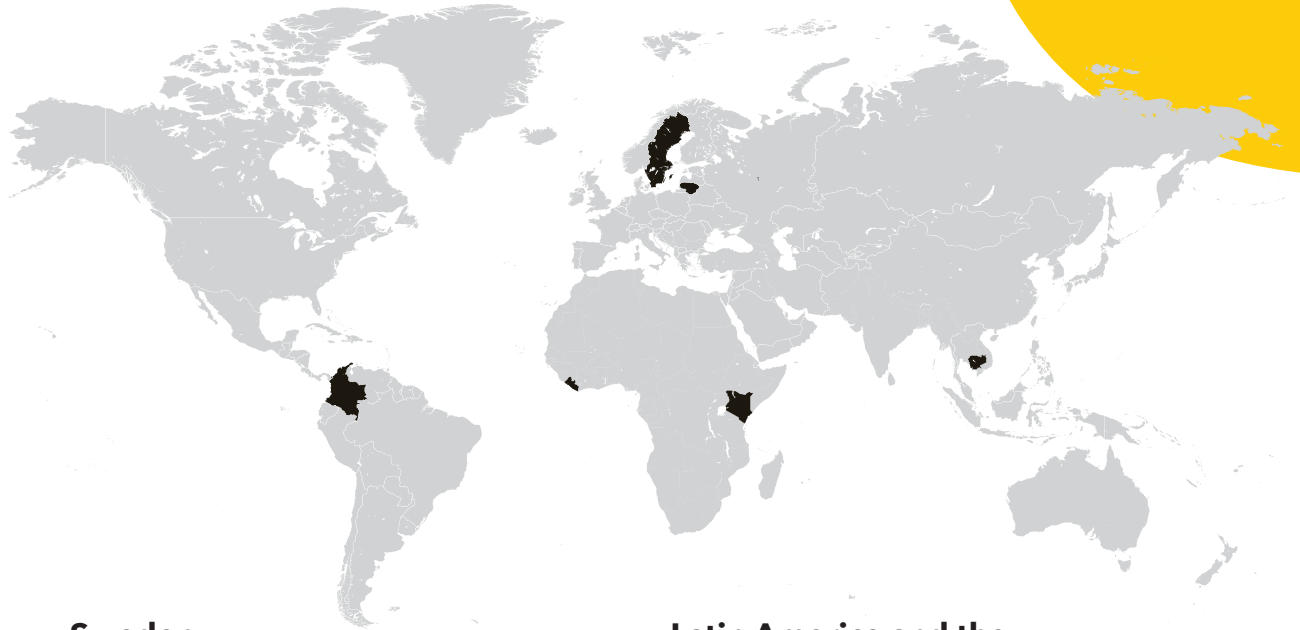
**Gender equality**



# How we create change



## What we do in different countries and regions



### Sweden

ForumCiv's head office is in Stockholm. The office in Sweden works with member coordination, advocacy, project funding and support to the other offices of ForumCiv.

### Cambodia

ForumCiv has worked in Cambodia since 1994 to promote human rights, democracy and sustainable development. ForumCiv's Cambodia programme focus on the sustainable use of natural resources, democracy, gender equality and climate change.

### Eastern Europe

ForumCiv has been active in Belarus since 1998 with support to the work of Swedish member organizations as well as with its own programmes. Since 2012, ForumCiv operates an office for Eastern Europe, based in Lithuania. The office is responsible for projects in Belarus.

### Latin America and the Caribbean

ForumCiv's regional office, located in Colombia, operates as the sub-granting administrator of programmes and projects implemented by diverse Swedish civil society organizations with presence in different countries of the region. ForumCiv also have joint projects with local partners, through our own Colombia country programme.

### Liberia

Years of research, consultations and deliberations have led to ForumCiv extending support to civil society in Liberia. The programme focuses on supporting the growth of a donor independent civil society and pays extra attention to land rights.

### Eastern and Southern Africa

ForumCiv regional office for Eastern and Southern Africa region (ESA), coordinates sub-granting in the region as well as lead development of new partnerships, innovative programmes and local engagement with donors.

The ESA regional office is based in Kenya.

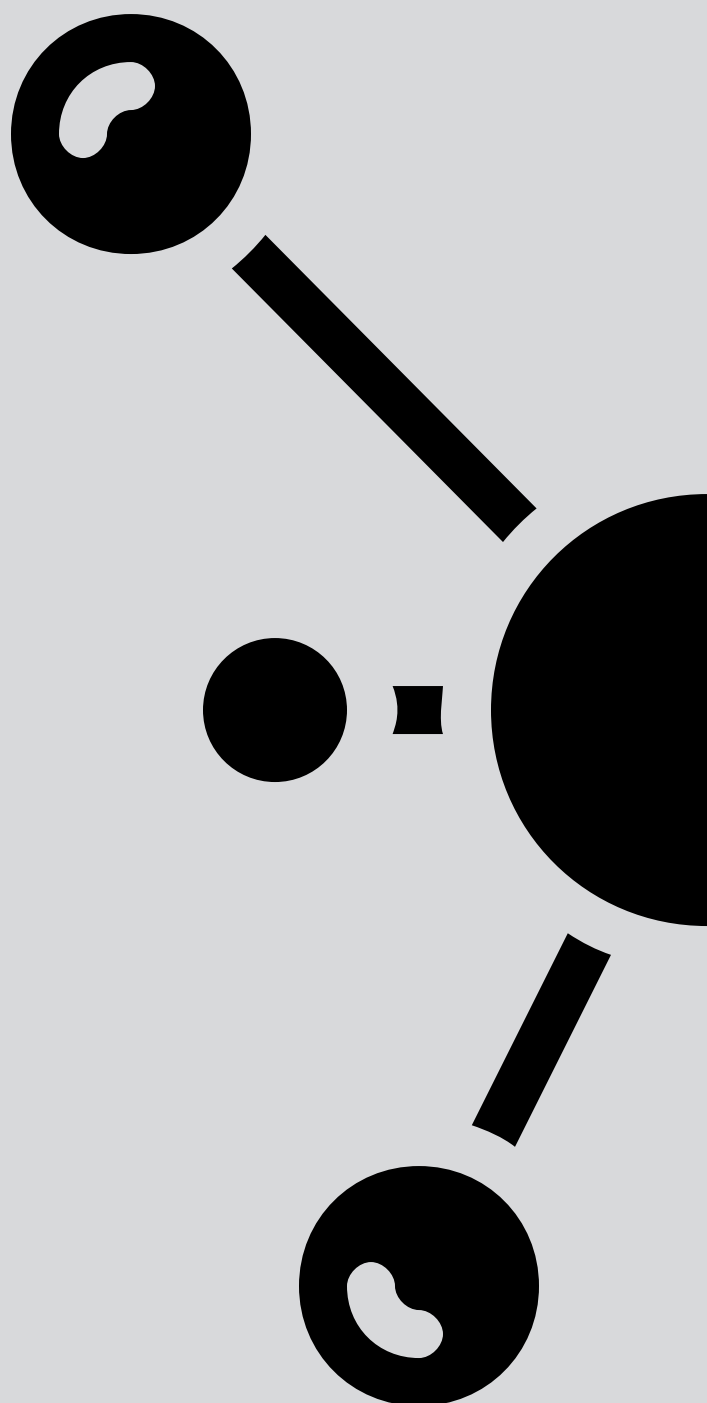


# Regional office Eastern and Southern Africa structure

ForumCiv has been present in East Africa since the 1990s. But it was not until 2008 that the office in Nairobi was formally established and served as the focal point ForumCiv operations in the East Africa region. The office later transformed and operated as the Kenya Country Office between 2012 and 2016.

Beginning January 2017, the “Going Glocal” restructuring process led to the transformation of ForumCiv Kenya from a Country Office-Kenya into a regional office for Eastern and Southern Africa region (ESA), with the mandate to provide and administer sub-grants, as well as to develop new innovative programmes, new partnerships and engagement with donors in the region.

In 2022, the ESA office implemented the Wajibu Wetu II Programme and launched the third phase of the programme, Wajibu Wetu; Jumui-ka, Sikika! The office also implemented the Inclusive Growth through Decent Work in the Great Rift Valley, popularly known as the Public Private Development Partnership (PPDP) Project, the Paid to Poop Project in Uganda, and launched the pilot programme Strengthen Agency for Social Accountability (SASA) in Kenya and Tanzania.



## ESA board



**Magnus Lindell**  
Board Chairperson



**Elizabeth Mwangi**  
Board Treasurer



**Jackson Obare**  
Regional Manager, Board  
Secretary



**Jody Henderson**  
Board Member



**Daniel Mwaniki**  
Board Member



**Lucy Njigua**  
Board Member







# Fundraising and partnerships

At ForumCiv we firmly believe that partnerships are purposeful relationships based on mutual trust, equality and learning, which engage the complementary strengths of all those involved to achieve greater impact together than we could achieve alone. As such, in 2022, the regional office for Eastern and Southern Africa, signed new agreements for two programmes, Wajibu Wetu; Jumuika, Sikika! funded by the Swedish Embassy Nairobi for 4 years at SEK 56.7M and with Hewlett Foundation for Strengthen Agency for Social Accountability (SASA) for 2 years at USD\$-1million. We are in pursuit of other innovative fundraising opportunities and partnerships with other strategic donors and partners and looking forward to a fruitful 2023.



# Soaring to new heights with the pilot SASA programme



The ForumCiv Regional Office of Eastern and Southern Africa is extremely excited to introduce the Strengthen Agency for Social Accountability (SASA) programme funded by the Hewlett Foundation. Through this programme, we have formerly entered Tanzania and has opened doors to new donors.

SASA a 2- year pilot programme implemented in Kenya and Tanzania. The programme's goal is to support empowering communities to build accountable and responsive governance structures and processes in Kenya and Tanzania. The goal is to be realized through four result areas:

- Promoting inclusive governance and human rights
- Strengthening agency toward gender equality
- Enhancing CSO networking, solidarity, and movement building
- Capacity development of diverse civil society actors.

The programme targets partnerships with; strategic grassroots CSOs, underserved women and youth, duty bearers, sexual and gender minorities, human rights defenders, and individual change makers.

The programme's geo-focus in Kenya is marginalized counties and northern frontier while in Tanzania is within Zanzibar Island and Dar-es-Salaam. The Program supports 5 partners in Kenya and 5 Partners in Tanzania.

SASA programme works to ensure the under-represented are empowered to take up leadership, they can directly participate in the decision-making process to prioritize their needs. In addition, communities benefit from the support of strong, well-structured, and resourced civil society organizations and social movements working collaboratively and coordinating collective action to enable an open, inclusive, and democratic space.



The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation is a nonpartisan, private charitable foundation that advances ideas and supports institutions to promote a better world. Their grants help to expand women's reproductive and economic choices; increase governments' responsiveness to the people they serve; and improve policy-making through the effective use of evidence with a focus on Sub-Saharan Africa, Mexico, and the U.S.



This milestone programme was officially launched on December 8, 2022, in Nairobi. This milestone programme formerly began in October 2022



# Capacity development



## Capacity development for Wajibu Wetu II Programme

Capacity development was a result area 5 under the Wajibu Wetu II Programme. This result area targeted the improvement of partner organizational capacity and deepening their knowledge of human rights, democratic culture, and gender equality for effective programming. The programme modelled its capacity response initiatives around the partners' needs and priorities, ensuring utmost relevance and highest quality.

This response involved examining the various partners' individual and collective capac-

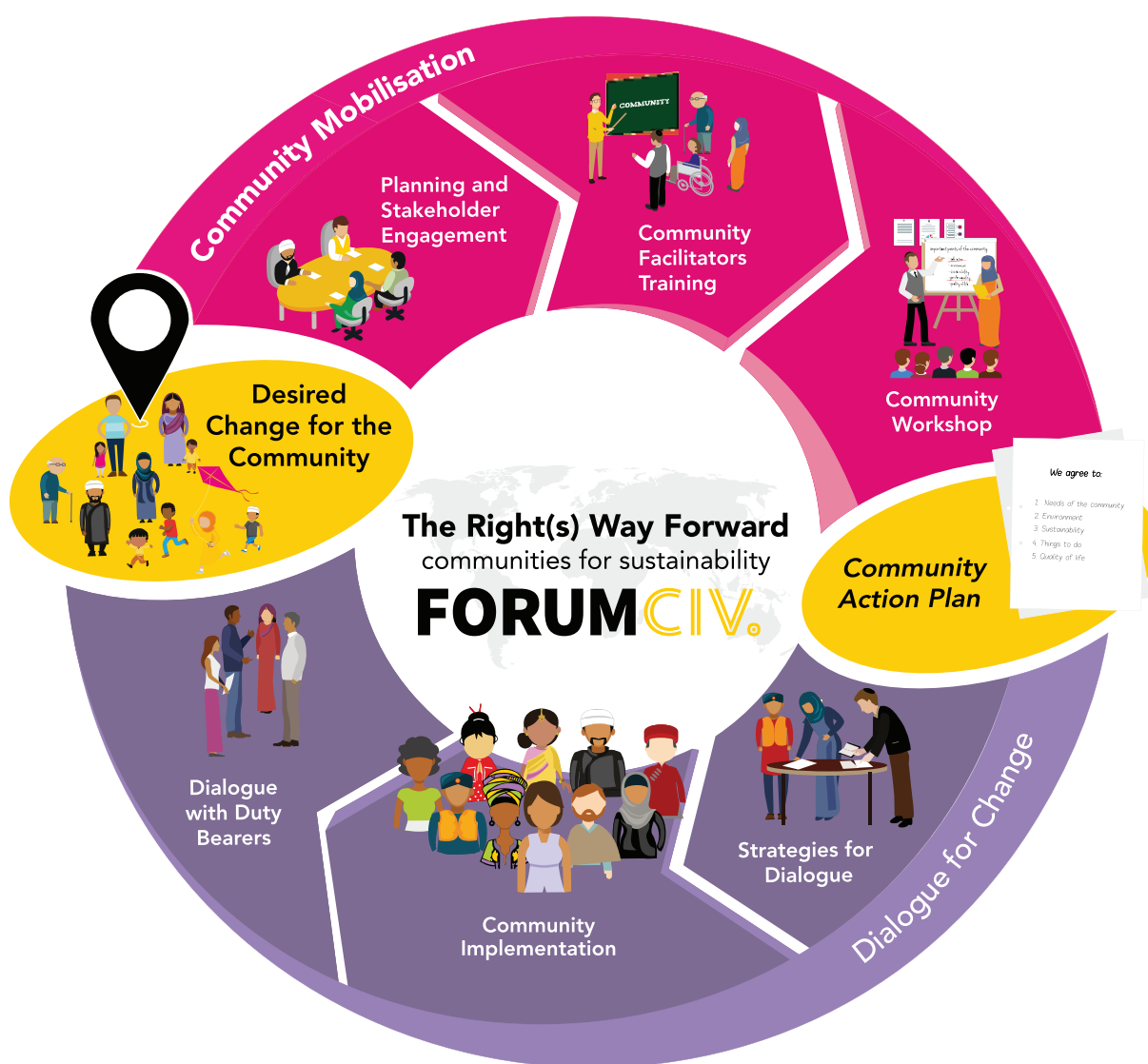
ity needs, emphasizing changes in skills, behaviours, attitudes, organizational structures, and the operating environment.

Initiatives under this area included training on project reporting, result harvesting, Right(s) Way Forward methodology, social media for impact and analysis, and implementing different organizational specific learning and development plans. Wajibu Wetu II further bolstered the partner and staff capacity by conducting a gender needs assessment, training on gender mainstreaming in programming, and studying the effectiveness of approaches on countering violent extremism.



## Right(s) Way Forward

Wajibu Wetu II Programme invested time and resources in developing the capacities of the partners and the communities to formulate, advocate and claim their rights for sustainable development through the Right(s) Way Forward methodology. The tool helped create a space for dialogue between 28 rights-holders and duty-bearers to address different community concerns collaboratively. In the course of the Wajibu Wetu II programme, sixteen (16) partner organizations were supported to implement the methodology directly and another four (4) were supported to integrate part of the methodology into their existing programmes.



# Networking, collaboration, and advocacy

In line with our networking, collaboration, and advocacy work, the following events were held in 2022:

## International Women's Day

On March 8th 2022, ForumCiv, together with partners and stakeholders, celebrated the International Women's Day at Rowallan Scouts Camp under the campaign theme #BreaktheBias. ForumCiv organized speaker and plenary sessions and art and culture activities that were aligned with the theme.

The International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day to celebrate women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements while also making a call to action for strengthening gender equality and accelerating women's empowerment. International Women's Day offers a strategic opportunity to celebrate the significance of women and many of the contributions and achievements of women throughout history. It is also a day for reflection that serves as a call to action for greater gender justice in the world.



**There is no  
Democracy  
without civil society**

## International Day of Democracy

International Day of Democracy is an annual day of observation whose key purpose is to review the state of democracy in the world and uphold and promote democracy and its principles. Each year the Wajibu Wetu Programme organizes a week-long series of activities bringing together a vibrant mix of civil society practitioners, art and cultural actors, young and emerging activists, as well as influential policy practitioners to commemorate this day. This highly interactive format allowed participants to exchange views on this hugely important issue and reflect on people, power, and change.

The objective of this event was to provide a platform for sharing of experiences, lessons learned, and reflections on actualizing the role of people in a democracy. To highlight the importance of finding new ways and platforms to foster greater public involvement and civic engagement in democratic space, and finally to highlight opportunities and spaces for safeguarding democracy ideals. The format of these events was a combination of plenary deliberations, speaker sessions, art, and culture.

## Voices in Spaces

Each year, the Wajibu Wetu Programme organizes the Voices in Spaces, an event that brings together stakeholders from the different regions to deliberate on issues affecting them. It is a series of interactive and engaging advocacy forums under the Bi-Annual Human Rights forum activity. Voices in Spaces endeavours to extend democracy and human rights conversations to the grassroots, emphatically targeting grassroots communities in rural and peri-urban dwellings.

The objective of the Voices in Spaces forums is to amplify voices of change at the grassroots and provide a platform for diverse voices, mapping and exploring alternatives, and building cross-sectoral synergies. It was also meant to enhance communities' understanding and engagement through diverse art and cultural advocacy mechanisms for them to influence development and governance issues and to advocate the involvement of the public.



## Artivism Fellowship 2022

The Artivism Fellowship programme was delivered over a period of 4 weeks as a combination of in-person, group, and individual sessions. The mentorship consisted of two networking events, at the start and the end of the programme, and seven virtual sessions culminating in a graduation.

This Fellowship provided several areas of support for the creatives including:

- Personal development (how to overcome deep-seated perceptions)
- Branding (individual vs company)
- Networking and collaborations
- Resource mobilization and financial health
- Growing audiences and markets which helped the mentees create their own vision for a successful life.

The sessions were hands-on, and the 14 (9M,5F) mentees were guided to conceptualize

tangible projects that they should implement by the end of the fellowship and to put in place weekly plans to implement them with a paired fellow successfully. This not only built the ability of the mentees to plan and implement but also invoked their networks and helped them be accountable to their partners. The projects were diverse and included, recording spoken word poems, recording songs, producing videos, and podcasts, developing pitch decks and fundraising proposals, and marketing their videos, documentary films, and music.

Most significant achievement of this fellowship was the commitment by one of the mentees to start mentorship for his fellow artists in the key areas he had acquired from the fellowship. His mentorship classes started in July 2022.





# **Beneficiaries of the Activism Fellowship 2022**



## Sitawa: POET, PERFORMING ARTIST, MENTOR OF THE FELLOWSHIP

*My take home is that Kenya has got amazing artistic talent and one of the things that that this talent needs is support, such as this mentoring.*

Sitawa.

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“It was exciting to participate in the Artivism Fellowship Programme as the lead mentor.

I am a performing artist and I have worked in the development sector for many years. This combination together with my experience made me a suitable candidate to become the lead mentor at this fellowship.

The reason that I wanted it to be very practical (in the mentorship) is that you really get to test yourself and you see that am I able to produce something in such a short period of time.

They had an opportunity to learn about financial health, personal development, and the importance of networking. I set out to get 100% and I believe I got about 80% and I'm happy with that. Young people can be equipped with the skill and the ability to manage themselves.”





**Apesi Mnyama Mkali: ARTIST, VOCALIST,  
SONGWRITER, ARTIVIST**



*Thanks to the Activism Fellowship programme, I've performed at various events including democratic events and had time to network with other artists.*

*Apesi Mnyama Mkali.*



“Before this mentorship I didn’t know about a lot of things. I didn’t know about financial health, collaboration with other artists, intellectual property, and how to protect my art.

From the mentorship I got to learn the importance of budgeting to achieve better financial health. My key highlight is that I was able to collaborate with other artists and poets and get a better understanding of myself and my art. I got to see the importance of maintaining relationships with other artists because through them we get other gigs. Through music, I’ve spoken on social issues in Kisumu and mentored other artists to become activists.”

**Bulimo Chole: WRITER,  
SPOKEN WORD ARTIST,  
ACTOR**

*I find the programme  
unique as it's intentional  
and well thought out.*

Bulimo Chole.



“The one-on-one sessions with our mentor Sitawa were really empowering as this is an artist I look up to and have always wanted to work with. I love the fact that I was challenged to plan and analyze my spending for my finances. Based on the training I will have a well laid out financial plan and focus on creating my art.”



**Dophan: POET**

*Through the Activism  
Fellowship, I was able  
to learn how to be  
more accountable not  
just to my mentors  
but to myself and in  
my art.*

Dophan.



“Through the programme I learnt good negotiation skills and financial health and now I am in a better position to manage my finances wisely.

More than being an artist, more than being an activist I'm a human being, right? So, my contribution towards art and my contribution towards activism relies on a lot of my well-being as a person. This mentorship has empowered me and provided me the tools to make sure that I am able to succeed in my craft.”



## Fanisi Band: AFRO-FUSION BAND



*As a band, when we started out, things were tough, but through the programme, we were able to find a new sense of direction.*

Fanisi Band.

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“Most of the things we considered difficult in the past have now become easy to accomplish. The programme also enlightened us on how to best collaborate and network with other artists.

We didn't know how to manage our finances well and therefore were not able to fully accomplish our goals. However, through the mentorship, we were guided on how to best manage our finances and invest to be in a better position to accomplish our goals as a band.”

## Joshua (Tear Drop): SPOKEN WORD ARTIST

*It has been an amazing experience learning from my fellow artist and learning from people who are more professional and more educated than I.*

Joshua (Tear Drop).

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“The last one month has been very impactful in terms of how I'm managing my time because I realise that we all have the same 24 hours and in the 24 hours, it depends on how much time you want to divide that time.



If you have 24 hours, the people who wake up at 3:00 AM and by 10:00 AM they are done with their work and they can do something else compared to the person who wakes up at 10:00 AM. Apart from everything else, it's just about me managing my time, managing myself. If I want to change someone else, I'll tell them my work time; my time works like this, and it works for me. And if it's working for me, it will work for you.”



**Musafa Kibet:  
PERFORMING POET,  
AUTHOR**

*The Artivism Fellowship opened my networks and at the same time I got to be this person who can execute, before that I used to only think about things that I can do, but now I want to implement things.*

Musafa Kibet.

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“Procrastination has been a challenge for a while now but because of the accountability and someone being there every other time, checking up you, asking you where you are now and what you are doing now, what’s the challenge, it (the mentorship) helped me improve on that.

The other thing is structuring myself, to fit the goals I want to achieve. It has been just four weeks, but I can say that it has shaped me. Basically, as an artist many times we don’t do budgeting, but this is one thing that has opened my eyes. The other thing is looking at my resources as both financially and my network, in a network capacity there is much more that I can do in terms of involving other people.”



## **Rabian Sharon Atieno: PERFORMING ARTISTS, SPOKEN WORD**

*I was a bit relaxed in terms of how I managed myself, how I handled my finances and how I negotiated with other people but through the mentorship I learned the importance of building networks and just being able to work with what I have and make sure I get the best from what I have.*

*Rabian Sharon Atieno.*

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“I loved the facilitators from Sitawa, Greg and everyone that was involved in training us. Mostly it was about how they gave themselves to us and their vulnerability, it gave me a feeling that I could also be vulnerable and learn a lot.

I learnt a lot, but my key takeaways were financial health and negotiation. I loved the mentee-mentor sessions by Sitawa, she kept reminding us that if there is something that must be done, you are the one to do it.

I see Rabian as a mentor and force to reckon not only performing for entertainment but to advocate for change in the society through the skills I have learnt from the academy.”





## Rachel Stephanie Akinyi (Spontaneous the poet): SPOKEN WORD ARTIST



*I feel like the  
mentorship centred  
on helping me focus  
and strategize for  
my own brand.*

Rachel Stephanie Akinyi  
(Spontaneous the poet).

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“I have so many key highlights, but I feel like intellectual property stood out for me. Secondly, I would say the business canvas model and finally how to be firm in my approach of doing things.

And yes, at the beginning of the year I kept saying I want to be a mentor, but I knew nothing about mentorship but by just attending the 1 month training it has shown me that if I think I don't have the time, I have enough time to change someone's life in a span on four weeks. I wouldn't have had it any other way with this mentorship. Thank you ForumCiv for making this possible. We salute you.”



## Sharon Liboi: AFRICAN CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

*The mentorship programme was amazing, eye-opening, challenging, and fun. I learnt that in networking and collaboration you must be very intentional with it.*

Sharon Liboi.

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“You don’t just collaborate with anyone, just because this person sounds good, it goes beyond that. The fellowship covered various topics but what stood out for me is the business canvas model and financial health.

I used to handle my finances differently, I haven’t been sitting down and budgeting my finances or planning my finances. The business canvas model was very useful, I found myself going back to the drawing board and asking myself who am I? What am I doing? And do the people I work with also see what I see?

I will keep on reviewing the business canvas model because the people I work with now are not the same people I will be working with in the future.”



**Shikanga Shiboka:**  
**SPOKEN WORD ARTIST,**  
**PRODUCER, DJ**

*This mentorship for me as an artist was realizing the place where you are at, realizing your strengths and optimising on your strengths. Realizing your weaknesses and how you can work on your weaknesses so that you can have the best result.*

Shikanga Shiboka.

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“The lesson on financial health and business model canva stood out for me. I think it was very eye-opening. Going through that process was very insightful because I’m able to really see what I’ve been doing so far. The networks I have created are astounding.”







## Willy Oeba: **EXPRESSIONIST, POET, AUTHOR**

*ForumCiv has really gone a long way in supporting Willie Oeba as an artist, as a person, and also as a brand.*

*Willie Oeba.*

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“I used to procrastinate in the sense that I have so much to do. I plan, but I don’t execute. However, after the mentorship session from when we started, there was an accountability mechanism. We have forms that we plan out and you must execute what you’ve planned. It has really gone a long way just to show me how much I can do.

And most of the time we look at the financial support and we neglect everything else. We neglect our networks, we neglect our peers and what they say, our network is our net worth. It’s not just a cliché, it is true.

Because of the mentorship programme, right now I am accountable.”





# **Our success stories in 2022**







## Paid to Poop: Modeling a sustainable approach to sanitation uptake in Uganda

ForumCiv, being a coordinator of the community cluster within the Paid to Poop Project has taken initiatives in ensuring that the community in Bwaise slum within Kampala have capacity and knowledge to take lead in community sanitation and advocacy activities. This capacity development process has been done through various activities including the following:

- Supporting the community in the selection process of fourteen community facilitators who have taken lead as champions in implementation of the Right(s) Way Forward (RWF) process in the project.
- Orientation training session to enable the partner organization (SSPP) to understand how the RWF methodology works. This was essential to enable the partners to be in a good position to continue supporting the community in the RWF process towards developing and implementing Community Action Plans (CAPs).
- Training selected community facilitators in the RWF methodology to allow them take lead in the process in their own communities.
- Organizing and supporting community facilitators in the implementation of community workshop and eventually development of CAPs
- Supporting community facilitators in planning and organizing multistakeholder dialogue process with diverse stakeholders/authorities from the government.

Through these processes, training, and other community advocacy initiatives using the RWF process facilitated by ForumCiv, the community from Bwaise slum area has been able to organize themselves and move forward to reg-

istering a cooperative society called Kawempe Waste Recyclers. This is a cooperative society which was formed towards the end of 2022 after the community had been trained on how to lobby and undertake advocacy work as well as engaging duty bearers with decision making mandate, influencers, and other stakeholders.

Community representatives from Bwaise used knowledge obtained through the RWF methodology to collaborate with SSPP with support from ForumCiv to successfully engage the Minister of State for Trade Industry and Co-operative Hon Harriet Ntabazi who attended the multistakeholder dialogue event as guest of honour. Through skillful presentations and negotiations, the minister committed to support the community in their entire process of registering the cooperative society. This was a result of her satisfaction with the levels shown by the community representatives in terms of their commitment and ability to drive their agenda.

Successful negotiations in the dialogue process are directly attributed by several skills obtained by the community through the RWF process. These ranges from planning and stakeholder engagement to evidence-based advocacy using tools such as star analysis and stakeholder analysis to effective communication and teamwork. Skills, knowledge, and capacity of the community facilitators team and other community members in Bwaise to engage with diverse actors/stakeholders has been highly strengthened. This has to a larger extent helped to influence these actors to support the implementation of community priorities which are documented as CAPs.















## How our PPDP Project strengthened community engagement with duty bearers in Suswa and Rapland

Marginalization has for a long time subjected vulnerable communities to unequal development. The occupants of Suswa and Rapland communities in Narok and Nakuru counties have lacked a chance to take part in the county planning and budgeting meetings for development initiatives due to high illiteracy levels, retrogressive culture, remote location, lack of access to information and the inability of duty bearers to be accountable by undertaking their responsibilities including enacting of County Public Participation Acts.

The two communities are far away from the county headquarters which has contributed to their marginalization with a lack to access information and key services from duty bearers. As a result, their right to participation in county governance, development planning and budgeting meetings was being violated because of

high illiteracy levels and patriarchal nature of their society with men wielding absolute power over women.

Such has been the case despite the introduction of devolved governance structure in 2013 anchored on people's participation and determination of their key development priorities. The two communities have been unable to involve themselves in public participation forums, county planning and budgeting meetings which has affected service delivery as their voices have remained un-represented in such crucial forums. Illiteracy levels, lack of access to information and the counties' inability to operationalize public participation policies and laws have even made it worse for the two communities to enjoy their right to public participation.



*Earlier on we never knew anything to do with public participation as we were not represented and nothing in terms of development was coming our way.*

Suswa community member.

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## What changed and how?

There is an increased illiteracy levels through adult education program that has empowered community members in Suswa and Rapland to engage in county public participation forums including presenting their community development needs for inclusion during county planning and budgeting forums. Through D4C champions, civic education on individual and community rights and entitlements has contributed to increase engagement with duty bearers as members can now read, write and interrogate development plans and budgets to ensure their unique needs are included. The two communities have developed Community Action Plans detailing their priorities which they have since presented to respective county offices for inclusion in the Counties' Annual Development Plans.

The county governments of (Nakuru and Narok) local administrators currently provide information and invite community leaders to different development forums where they meet and interact with different county officers to advance their community development priorities. For instance, Rapland community in Nakuru has compelled KenGen to fulfill their CSR through education scholarship and offering jobs and putting in place key infrastructural amenities.

The PPDP Outcome 3 has played an instrumental role to mobilize the two marginalized communities, training community change champions, and facilitating the entire change process to sensitize members on their rights, advocacy skills, developing community action plans and enhancing their literacy skills to engage the county duty bearers in pursuit of community interest. Men, women and youth currently work

together as a community to engage duty bearers at different levels unlike before where women's voice was never represented in development forums.

Due to increased literacy levels, with more community members being able to read and write, this has made it possible for members of Suswa and Rapland to engage duty bearers to advocate for their rights to service delivery.

For instance, the Rapland community has managed to compel KenGen to sponsor access to vocational training with about 25 students from the community benefiting from undertaking different courses (certificate and diploma). They are currently advocating for decent jobs which will see some of their community members with qualifications get absorbed into different departments other than the lower cadre security and cleaning jobs they currently occupy.

In Suswa, the community has managed to lobby for the establishment of a health center to offer health services. The facility is finished, fully stocked with medical supplies and the health personnel have been posted there to offer services. Suswa equally has benefited on a water project through collaboration of the Narok county government and ForumCiv which was actualized after intensive lobbying and advocacy by community leaders.



## How communities in Suswa and Rapland are accessing clean water as a result of our community lobbying and advocacy efforts



*Before, our women used to walk for over 20KM to look for water. Today, water is easily accessible courtesy of this project. Health services are equally easily accessed after lobbying for a health center at Suswa town center.*

*Water committee member,  
Suswa community.*

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The communities in Suswa and Rapland for a long time have been denied their right to access clean and safe water for household consumption. This was attributed to their ignorance on their rights and high illiteracy levels which hampered them to engage the duty bearers (county governments of Narok and Nakuru). As a result, women could walk for long distances in search of water which was time consuming and tiresome. In drought spells, accessing water was made even more difficult as one needed to cover several kilometers in search of water.

The acute shortage of water in these communities has been a critical cause of human conflict as men would take their animals by force to other areas to access water resulting to inter-communal conflict. Given the communities are pastoralists, water is not only an essential commodity for household use but also to the animals. The communities for a long time have relied on natural sources of water which dry up during dry seasons resulting in some animals dying due to lack of water.



## What changed and how?

ForumCiv has invested in empowering Rapland and Suswa communities with advocacy skills and rights awareness. As a result, the two communities have had delegations to the county governments of Narok and Nakuru to lobby for putting up of water projects.

Courtesy of their effort, county government of Narok has put up a community water project in collaboration with ForumCiv which now enables women to easily access water within their neighborhood saving on time and energy that would be spent to cover long distance in search of the commodity.

Through rights awareness, the communities currently persist in engaging duty bearers at different levels for more development projects in lines of health, roads etc. unlike before. The Rapland community equally has approached Nakuru county government to partner with ForumCiv in putting up a water project and the county committed to partially avail resources for the project. The two communities through the C4D champions have been educated on rights and advocacy which they currently continue applying to engage different duty bearers for enhanced service delivery.

The PPDP Outcome 3 interventions supported through capacity building on advocacy skills and civic rights awareness of community leaders which enabled them to engage in lobbying and advocacy for the water project. Suswa community has in place a water committee fully trained and whose role is to manage the project. This was initiated through formulation of community action plans in which community development priorities were outlined which informed their advocacy.

ForumCiv trained community for change champions who massively offered civic edu-

cation to community members on their rights as a people and community and their duty to engage in public participation forums. Local administration and county government department of water and environment were involved in the project as key stakeholders. Access to basic rights including clean and safe water for communities remains a mandate of the government to ensure communities lead a life of dignity. Therefore, the participation of the county government was because of fulfilling their constitutional mandate.

The two communities have formulated their community action plans that guide their advocacy. Among the notable issues in the action plans include education, health, sanitation, water, decent jobs, infrastructural development, and gender equality.

Suswa has already a water project in place serving its residents as members can easily access piped water and through tanks installed in strategic places within the community while Rapland is still waiting on county government of Nakuru to honor their pledge of adding to the amount donated by Forum Civ for commencement of construction of their water project.

Women in Suswa no longer cover long distances to look for water and instead utilize the time to engage in business for income generation.

A health center at Suswa has been constructed and is operational after the community's intensive lobbying. A number of roads in Suswa have been maintained by the Narok County government which was part of issues highlighted in the Community Action Plan. Households in Suswa have access to clean and safe water for household consumption and for their livestock. Availability of water in Suswa has limited migration of families in search of water for their livestock as they can easily access the commodity.

## **Supporting women with enterprise skills in highly patriarchal societies**

In Rapland and Suswa communities, men are traditionally the providers to their families and the role of women is taking care of the home. Similarly, decision-making and leadership in the community is dominated by the council of elders, composed of men. Women are relegated to household chores and attending to young children and largely considered part of the husband's property. As a result, they were not engaged in any decision-making activity both at community and household level.

The rights of women for a long time in these communities have not been respected as they have lacked opportunities to express their voice, engage in business and earn income. According to key informants, women were there to be seen, not heard, and were not even allowed to run small and micro-enterprises as income generating activities. Such had left women dependent on men for everything which contributed to high poverty levels in the two communities.





## What changed and how?

Women have been sensitized on their rights and trained on entrepreneurial skills to manage small-scale business as an avenue to generate income and supplement incomes in their respective households. The literacy training as empowered women with ability to read, write and even operate mobile phones. Importantly, a reasonable number of women currently can operate Mpesa and save their earnings on phone.

Currently women are occupying key leadership positions in community development forums as well as running businesses in nearby shopping centers. The contribution of women and their voice in development matters in the community is currently respected as men have come to understanding that women equally have same rights as theirs. Their voice is equally represented in development forums unlike before where they were not allowed to contribute and participate in such forums. They had no capacity to run small-scale businesses either and currently they have initiated businesses which is their source of income. This has reduced on their dependency on men to provide at the household levels and for their individual needs.

The PPDP Outcome 3 interventions have had strong gender objectives. Against the heavy patriarchy, the project has integrated gender equality and reduction of gender-based violence as key elements of community empowerment. It supported deliberate inclusion of women and youth into project activities and community sensitization on women empowerment and detriments of violence against women and girls. Such has been achieved by sensitizing the community members on their rights and duties where men and women have been taught about gender equality.

The training of C4D champions remains as a sustainability plan to ensure continuity of community sensitization. PPDP outcome 1 and 2 activities have also supported women in skilling and business start-up activities. This has enabled women to earn their income through business which has reduced on dependency syndrome. Currently, women through their income supplement on what their spouses bring to the household. This move has since contributed to reducing poverty levels as the earlier vulnerable women can now engage in business to earn income.

The participation of women in community development initiatives has increased as some hold leadership positions in such committees. Evidence of increased women voice and representation is readily available from the project progress reports and community-based organizations where women make up most of the membership. Women also make up the majority of the community facilitators, acting as role models in lifting fellow women in the society. The formation of a CBO has helped to bring together different community groups to practice table banking and saving schemes for capital accumulation. Members can easily access small loans for initiating businesses which they pay with lower interest rates.





## Ending Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Suswa Ward, Narok County



ForumCiv is working in partnership with AfyAfrika, a local civil society organization, to accelerate the abandonment of harmful practice of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and early marriage among young girls and women through improved responsiveness by duty bearers and communities. The Galvanize Project is a community-led initiative premised on strong engagement between the duty bearers (county government of Narok) and FGM practicing communities in Suswa, Narok County.

Since it began in 2021, the Galvanize project initiative has supported interventions in FGM practicing communities located in Suswa ward, Narok East sub-county in the greater County of Narok.

ForumCiv's PPDP in collaboration with AfyAfrika, supported community engagement with then Member of County Assembly of Narok

and religious and community leaders on FGM. It also supported legal awareness, media-based advocacy campaigns, school-based interventions, and community engagement among female and male adolescents, women and men, reformed cutters, survivors, traditional and religious leaders, and others. Part of this work involves using community-led approaches such as dialogues among adolescents and the use of role models to make a declaration against FGM. Community-to-community conversations through community platforms were also undertaken to build understanding about how to put an end to FGM.

One aspect of this latter work is the establishment and adoption of Alternative Rites of Passage for those trying to stop the practice. This initiative is the 'promising practice' that is profiled on the following section of this report.

## Promising approaches to combatting FGM

Notwithstanding Kenya's comprehensive laws and policies, significant challenges remain in the implementation and enforcement of laws against FGM in general. One widely identified area requiring improvement is awareness creation, coordination of activities and initiatives, and referral services for girls and women who are at risk of, or need support after, undergoing FGM.

With support from PPDP Outcome 3, a new county-level anti-FGM policy and a community centered alternative rites passage have been developed and adopted to anchor community efforts to combat FGM. These new community-led initiatives have provided more focused coordination and advocacy and lobbying mechanism about fight against FGM at the local level. Identified key pillars to the initiatives include:

- The community recognition of importance of a strong rights-based approach and high-level advocacy: human rights, women's rights, children's rights, and county policy and legislation.
- Leveraging and maximizing the role of religious and community leaders through sensitization and mentorships.
- Addressing the medicalization of FGM and capitalizing on the role of public and community health workers in the provision, prevention and treatment of FGM.
- Enhancement of community education, awareness raising and engagement to change social norms and practices.

During the period of project implementation, community dialogue platforms were used to create awareness about alternative rights passage for young girls in the community. Through the platforms, the project engaged in community sensitization with the aim of empowering and support communities to tackle GBV by

changing individual behaviours, collective practices and widely held beliefs that contribute to violence against women and girls and limit the ability of survivors to seek support and assistance. The project was able to build critical mass of women with the women at the forefront of championing dialogue forums related to campaigns to end FGM.

Over a 12-months period of implementation of the Galvanize project, trained local facilitators (ToTs) have managed to rally together diverse groups of community members of all ages and gender, such as community and religious elders, youths and the old, to discuss and reflect on their shared values, beliefs and aspirations.

Central to this approach was the provision of a platform for communities including other civil society organizations to create critical community voices for alternative rite of passage and support lobbying for the enactment of the Narok County anti-FGM bill in mirroring the National Anti-FGM Act.









# The Wajibu Wetu II programme

The Wajibu Wetu II Programme was implemented between July 2018 to June 2022 at a budget of 78,455,154 SEK from the Swedish Embassy, Nairobi. This programme was initially planned to end in December 2021 but was granted a non-cost extension of 6 months allowing it to end in June 2022. The programme was implemented through a sub-granting model, that saw 56 local partners funded to implement projects in 21 Counties in Kenya. The partners granted were a diverse mix consisting of grass-root based organizations, strategic conventional civil society organizations, creative actor organizations, individual grantees, and non-traditional media organizations. Most of the partner projects granted had a two-and-a-half project life span and were categorized into tiers depending on how much funding the partner would receive and partner capacity needs.

The goal of this programme was to contribute to respect for and fulfilment of human rights, deepening democracy, and realization of gender equality in Kenya. The programme's objective, on the other hand, sort to improve attitudes and behaviours of right holders and duty bearers for upholding and defending human rights, democratic culture, and gender equality in Kenya.

The goal and the objective were achieved through 5 results areas;

**1. Human rights;** 25 partner projects were aligned towards right holders demanding respect for human rights and young women, men, and communities resisting extremist ideologies.

**2. Democratic culture;** 16 partner projects focussed on Right holders demanding accountability on public service delivery and also demanding for an enabling environment for public participation at county and national government levels.

**3. Gender equality,** 15 partner projects focussed on Right holders (women and men) preventing and responding to gender-based violence against women and men and Women engaging in economic and leadership processes and structures.

Result area 4 on **networking and collaboration** and result area 5 on **capacity development** were strategic result areas that were directly implemented by ForumCiv. Result area 4 offered platforms for networking and collaborations through the various events and forums that were organized in the life of the programme. The forums offered opportunities for right holders to meet and engage on issues that were affecting them and finding solutions to these problems. Duty bearers and other stakeholders were also part of these forums to get to understand the communities they were serving and offer solutions.

Under result area 5 the programme supported partners through capacity development initiatives. Partners received training both internally and externally through consultants, technical and equipment support and Rights Way Forward (RWFs) methodology to enable them to implement projects successfully. Through this, a couple of results were realized including grass-roots organizations that had never received funding being funded by other donors, partnerships were built among partners leading to the formulation of policies and frameworks that continue to influence their work.



# Financial highlights

## Statement of income and expenditure

Year ended 31 December			
	Notes	2022 KES	2021 KES
Grant income	2	144,112,383	306,068,097
Other income	3	4,128,904	4,975,341
		<b>148,241,287</b>	<b>311,043,438</b>
Personnel costs	4	76,993,190	109,558,607
Operational costs	5	48,192,885	54,555,741
Office costs	6	24,217,016	31,426,928
Sub granting	7	(1,161,804)	115,502,162
		<b>148,241,287</b>	<b>311,043,438</b>
<b>Surplus/ (deficit) for the year</b>		-	-

## Statement of financial position

	Notes	2022 KES	At 31 December 2021 KES
<b>Current assets</b>			
Receivables	8	2,266,800	2,266,800
Intercompany receivables	9	19,575,674	15,040,848
Prepayments	10	4,836,440	5,007,695
Cash and cash equivalents	11	87,320,180	27,887,897
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>113,999,094</b>	<b>50,203,240</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Intercompany liability	12	110,378,552	43,214,320
Accruals and other payables	13	3,620,542	6,988,920
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>113,999,094</b>	<b>50,203,240</b>

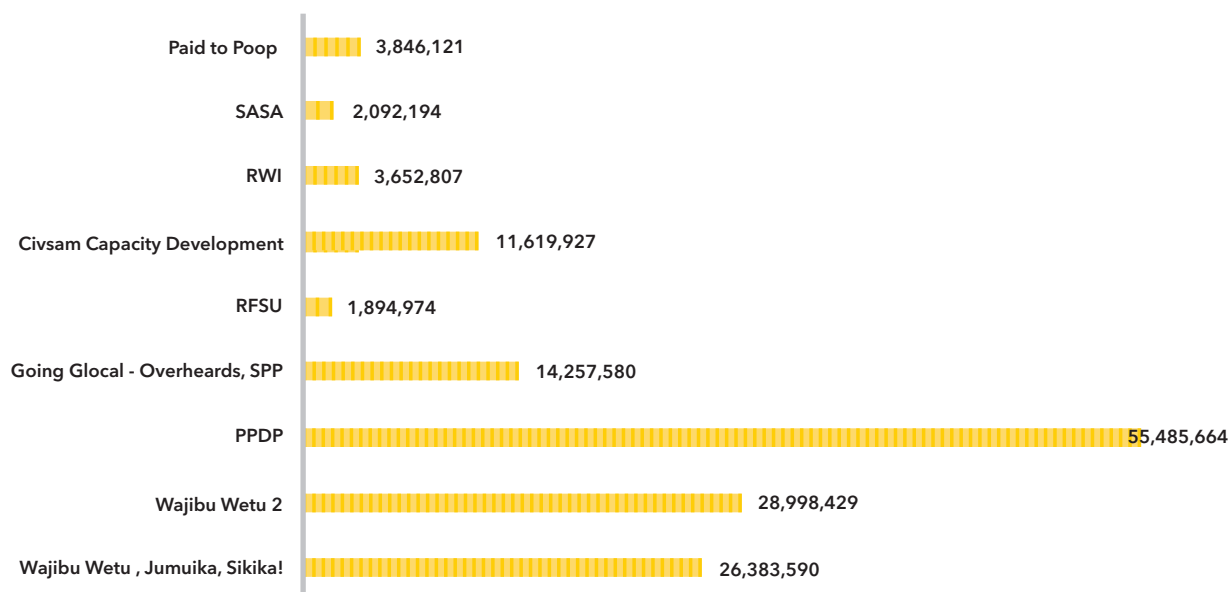
# Statement of cashflows

Year ended 31 December			
	Notes	2022 KES	2021 KES
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		-	-
Non-cash adjustments:		-	-
<b>Changes in working capital:</b>			
(Increase) in intercompany receivable and prepayments		(4,363,571)	(5,896,840)
Increase/ (decrease) in intercompany payable, accruals and other payables		63,795,854	(25,491,347)
<b>Net cash generated from/ (used in) operating activities</b>		<b>59,432,283</b>	<b>(30,954,987)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		-	-
<b>Increase/ (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>59,432,283</b>	<b>(30,954,987)</b>
<b>Movement in cash and cash equivalents</b>			
At start of year		27,887,897	20,393,137
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		59,432,283	7,494,760
<b>At end of year</b>	11	<b>87,320,180</b>	<b>27,887,897</b>

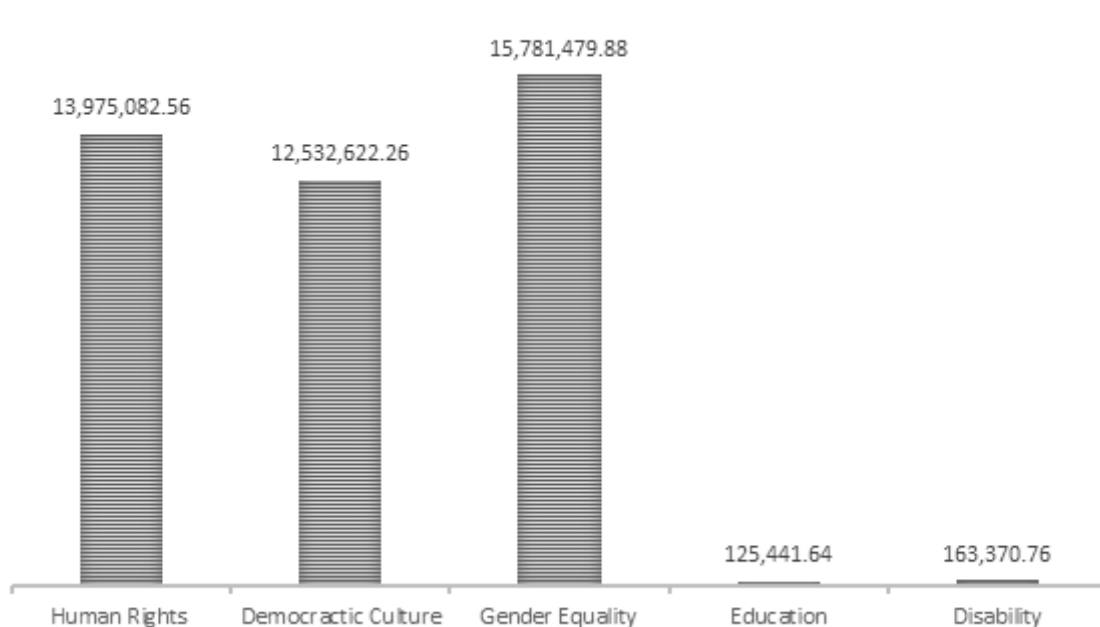


## Income distribution

### Income distribution by programmes (KES)



### Thematic distribution 2018-2022 (SEK)



# Notes on financial presentations

In year 2022 main focus was effective project closure of our Sub-grantees hence;

- No disbursement was made in Wajibu Wetu II, we mostly received refunds from our sub-grantees.
- Personnel costs were higher than programme costs because staff engaged on project close-out of Wajibu Wetu II and proposal development for Wajibu Wetu; Jumuika, Sikika!

## Key financial achievements

- Managed on-boarding of 32 partners, 22 under the Wajibu Wetu; Jumuika, Sikika! programme and 10 from SASA.
- Managed effective closure of 57 partners in Wajibu Wetu II.
- Got new grants, 56.7 M SEK in the Wajibu Wetu programme funded by Sida, 1M USD funded by Hewlett Foundation.

## Strategic allies and partners

### Funding partners

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



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Sverige



International  
Labour  
Organization



WILLIAM + FLORA  
Hewlett Foundation











# Implementing partners

Action Network for the Disabled (ANDY) • Africa Uncensored • African Social Development Focus (ASDEF) • Afyafrika • Akili Dada • Akirachix • Androse Disability Organization Tanzania (ADOT) • Association of NGOs of Zanzibar (ANGOZA) • Buni Media • Council Of Imams & Preachers of Kenya • Creative Spills • Centre for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW) • CSO Network • Coalition for Grassroot human rights defenders (CGHRD) • Collaboration for Women in Development (CWID) • Dandelion Africa • Disability Resource and Information Centre (DRIC) • ENVIROCARE • Ewang'an Olosho Suswa CBO • HAKI Africa • HEVA Fund • InformAction • Initiatives for Progressive Change (IFPC) • Isiolo Sub-county Gender Watch • Kijabe Environment Volunteers • Kilifi Citizen Forum • Kisumu Progressive Youth • Kwacha Africa • Manyatta Youth Entertainment CBO (MAYE) • Marsabit Women Advocacy and Development Organization • Murwa Girl Child Education Programme • Pastrolist Integrated Support Program • Pawa254 • Playmakers Theatre CBO • Rona Foundation • Saku Accountability Forum • Siasa Place • Talanta Africa • Tanzania Youth Vision Association (TYVA) • The Nest • This Ability • Twaweza Communications • Universal Peer Review Kenya • Wajir Community Radio • Wajir Peace and Development Agency (WPDA) • Wangu Kanja • Zanzibar Fighting Against Youth Challenges Organization (ZAFAYCO)

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