

Kenya Tuna Uwezo “We have the power”

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Kenya's Independent Electoral and Boundaries (IEBC) Commission in conjunction with USAID's Kenya Tuna Uwezo program disseminated voter education materials to prepare Kenyans to properly mark the six different ballots they would receive at the polls on March 4, 2013.

Funding: \$4.91 million

Duration: February 2012 – April 2016

Activity Locations: Eight informal settlements of Nairobi (Kiambui, Kibera, Korogocho/Babadogo, Mathare, Dandora, Kangemi, Majengo, and Mukuru) and Eastleigh

Implementing Partner:
Global Communities

Key Partners:
Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims, Peace-Net Kenya, The Youth Banner, Youth Arts Entrepreneurship Network, and Kituo Cha Sheria.

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ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Kenya Tuna Uwezo, (Kiswahili for “We have the power!”) uses a “people to people approach” to initiate dialogue on shared concerns. It does this with at-risk groups to build relationships, increase trust and create lines of communication vital to promoting and sustaining peace. The activity helps communities counter violent extremism by addressing the risk factors that drive people toward radicalization, and creating clear, mutually-beneficial action plans for resolution.

The activity works to expand knowledge of the 2010 Constitution to empower marginalized communities to engage their leaders in making informed decisions, including increasing citizens’ understanding of devolution and land reform.

The activity supports community and civil society social networks and promotes collaboration on community issues toward the resolution of grievances. The activity develops the technical, organizational capacity, and social networks of community-based organizations and officials to ensure sustainability of program activities, and trains community leaders and groups to work effectively across ethnic lines.

ACTIVITY GOALS

- Enhance ability of local institutions to lead and implement people-to-people peace building independently
- Reach 150,000 people directly through trainings and community events and 400,000 people indirectly through messaging and public awareness campaigns on civic education
- Strengthen social networks of community members and civil society groups to collaborate productively on community issues and address grievances

ACTIVITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1,706 Kenyans reached directly through public information campaigns and 180,239 indirectly via Radio Jambo, to support peaceful resolution of conflicts
- 403 events, trainings, or activities were supported to encourage peace or reconciliation
- 2,343 at risk groups vulnerable to radicalization were reached with opportunities to engage in constructive dialogue that addresses their frustrations and needs
- 403 young people trained and supported on entrepreneurship, bringing the program total to date to 1,829 (91.45% of the target)
- 40 new trainings or activities held to address violent extremism
- 3,379 people reached through partnership with IRI on civic education activities
- 134 civil society organizations trained in conflict-sensitive programming