

Uraia Trust Civic Education Program



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The website www.juakatiba.com is an interactive resource for civic educators and citizens created by the Uraia Trust Civic Education Program.

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Activity Locations: Nationwide

Implementing Partner:
Uraia Trust

Key Partners:
The Kenya Institute of Education, Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, and 57 civil-society organizations

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ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

The Uraia Trust Civic Education Program provides quality civic education to help Kenyan citizens pursue their rights under the new Constitution. The program was designed to respond to the hate campaigns that preceded the 2007/2008 post-election violence. The Uraia Trust Civic Education Program supports training and deployment of civic educators and the dissemination of a national civic education curriculum in all 47 counties of Kenya.

Before the 2013 election, the program used a national civic education curriculum, “The Citizen Handbook,” developed in collaboration with the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), to disseminate accurate and timely information on electoral process and system. Three hundred and fifty-nine trained civic educators from 57 civil-society organizations helped disseminate the curriculum. Each civic educator covered at least eight organized groups, such as youth groups and women’s groups in his or her community.

In 2013, Uraia Trust, in partnership with the Kenya Institute of Education, developed an online civic education module for primary and secondary schools. The program is also supporting dissemination of civic education through radio and television programs.

In support of the successful implementation of devolution, the Uraia Trust continues with civic education, with a focus on citizens’ participation in the implementation of devolution, reforms and promoting social accountability at the county level. Topics include an overview of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and what it seeks to achieve, understanding devolution including the units of devolved government and citizen participation.

ACTIVITY GOALS

- Develop a critical mass of informed and empowered voters who are resistant to political manipulation

ACTIVITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS (April - June 2015)

- 76,579 citizens in 19 counties reached with civic education through civic educators and local organizations
- 195 civic educators recruited by implementing partners
- Carried out civic education through radio programs hosted by Nation FM, KBC Radio Taifa, Iqra FM and Hope FM