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## STRATEGIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

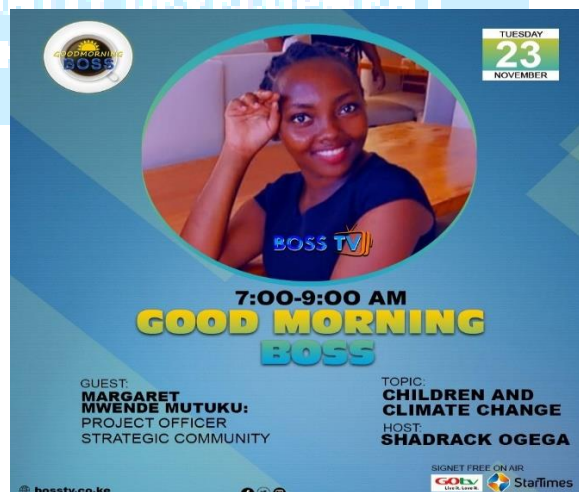


SCD Team Leader  
at the Mombasa  
County Woman  
Representative  
during one of the  
consultative and  
Mentorship  
programs

Working with policy makers to seek implementation and enactment of policies on children, youth and women as well creating spaces for young Girls and Women in decision making spaces

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Climate  
change is in  
the heart of  
our  
programming



## 2021 ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

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# **REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION PROGRAMS.**

**JANUARY – DECEMBER 2021**

## **GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS**

SCDO	- Strategic Community Development Organization
CYW	- Children, Youth and Women
GYW	- Girls and Young Women
CR	- Child Rights
CRC	- Child Rights Club
CC	- Climate Change
COP 26	- Conference OF Parties 26
CBOs	- Community Based Organizations
MCCRN	- Mombasa County Children Rights Network
GBV	- Gender Based Violence
DAC	- Day OF The African Child
GCE	- Girl Child Education
COVID 19	- Corona Virus Disease

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**SENSITIZATION OF COMMUNITY LEADERS ON CHILD VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION**

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## **DETAILED SCDO 2021 NARRATIVE REPORT.**

SCDO implemented the activities aimed at protecting the Rights of Children, Youth and Women (CYW) in the society through enhancing CYW empowerment on self-reliance, resiliency and social/economic advancement and improved advocacy on child rights/ well-being protection.

The primary strategic pillars of this implementation plan are;

### **1. CHILDREN**

To improve community involvement and responsiveness in Child Rights and child protection issues through positive parenting with a focus on youth mothers.

### **2. YOUTH**

To improve youth's self-reliance and independency by mentoring them to boost their career pathways and steer them to the right career based on their skills and also promoting collaborative learning in the community.

### **3. GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN**

To enhance leadership and governance through increased women and girl's participation in vetting of leaders and providing an enabling environment for youth contribution in the governance.

### **4. RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY**

To enhance strategic partnership and networking with like-minded organizations in matters regarding child protection and women empowerment.

## **STRATEGIC PILLAR 1: TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND RESPONSIVENESS IN CHILD RIGHTS AND CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES THROUGH POSITIVE PARENTING WITH A FOCUS ON YOUTH MOTHERS.**

### **1.1 Child rights club formation**

During a visit at the Borstal Prison, Shanzu, Mombasa SCDO was able to train 10 boys on their rights /responsibilities and child abuse. A child rights club was formed during the interactive session and it was later on made known to the organization that more children had grown interest and joined the club.

SCDO was privileged to train 4 teachers, 3 females and 1 male at a local public school in Kanamai, Kilifi county on the rights of children during a situational analysis on child abuse by Tulinde Watoto Cluster. The teachers used the knowledge acquired to form a child rights club in the school with 20 pupils active, 11 females and 9male.

### **1.2 Children and Climate Change**

SCDO being a diverse organization on matters dealing with CYW, participated in the Conference of Parties (COP 26) in a local media station, Boss TV. During the session, SCDO was able to air views on child involvement in Climate change (CC) mitigation that is the role that the future generation can actively play to curb this demise, CC effects to the born and unborn and the importance of environmental conservation in schools. SCDO was also privileged to present some recommendations on the matter which included provision of climate education in schools and child involvement in climate policy and action just to mention a few.

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### 1.3 Child participation in International Children Days

SCDO in collaboration with other CBOs like the Pwani Youth Network, managed to gather over 100 children at a local church in Mikindani, Mombasa on the Day of the African Child (DAC), June 16<sup>th</sup> 2021. The children actively participated by raising their voices through presentation in dancing, skit playing, poetry and art. SCD also supported girls to participate in the International Day of the Girl Child



Children in Child Rights Clubs giving their views on policy matters and issues affecting them

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## **STRATEGIC PILLAR 2: TO IMPROVE YOUTH'S SELF-RELIANCE AND INDEPENDENCY BY MENTORING THEM TO BOOST THEIR CAREER PATHWAYS AND STEER THEM TO THE RIGHT CAREER BASED ON THEIR SKILLS AND ALSO PROMOTING COLLABORATIVE LEARNING IN THE COMMUNITY.**

### **2.1 Media advocacy**

SCDO's team leader accompanied by two other youth, 1 male 1 female were privileged to attend a session at Boss TV on Youth and Peer Pressure. About 100 young people actively participated virtually on the show, asking questions and commenting where necessary. The main matters discussed were the effects of peer pressure and how to handle peer pressure.

### **2.2 Mentorship**

SCDO working in the civic space saw it good to mentor the youth on the importance of accessing their rights. Following the up-coming elections, two mentorship sessions were held at the office on the importance of voting as a young person. During the sessions which both had 6 females and 4 male participating, knowledge was passed that changed the voting mentality of some youth and through interaction later on, SCDO discovered that 5 of them had actually taken the initiative to acquire their voter cards.

## **STRATEGIC PILLAR 3: TO ENHANCE LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE THROUGH INCREASED WOMEN AND GIRL'S PARTICIPATION IN VETTING OF LEADERS AND PROVIDING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR GIRL'S CONTRIBUTION IN THE GOVERNANCE.**

### **3.1 Safe Circle discussions**

20 GYW's attended and participated in the safe circle discussions that were held in the office. 5 of these GYW's are teen mothers, 1 out of the 5 has continued with her education. They were mentored on positive parenting, understanding the importance of parent- child relationship and the importance of school continuation.

The GYW's were also trained on the rights and responsibilities of children, the importance of promoting and protecting child rights.

### **3.2 Leadership**

SCDO's team leader was privileged to attend and participate in a Girls and Young Women mentorship empowerment at the Mombasa woman representative's office. During the sessions, which are still in progress, the GYW's are trained on leadership skills, public speaking, effective and assertive communication, networking and self-advocacy and goal setting. The team leader was also encouraged by the Mombasa County **Woman Representative to take up political leadership and rally other young people to take up leadership positions,**

During the Tulinde Watoto Cluster, situational analysis, SCDO represented by the project officer and a volunteer were privileged to attend dialogue sessions with the community leaders that lasted 3 days. They were empowered on true leadership at community level and roles played by different leaders in

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relation to child rights and youth empowerment. SCDO vowed to work together with the leaders to create a society whose GYW's are self-resilient and independent through mentorship.



**Youth and leadership (Team Leader and Project officer at different youth leadership forums**

### 3.3 Media advocacy.

SCDO represented by the team leader and 2 teen mothers, attended a BOSS TV show on the importance of girl child education, how Girl Child Education (GCE) Improves women's survival rates and delays early marriages and pregnancies. The girls got to share their stories and encouraged other GYW's experiencing similar issues not to give up but get back to school. The session had an active virtual public participation of about 200 youth, most GYW's. From the feedback, it was evident that the information shared had really impacted many in their lives and the station invited SCDO for more sessions.

#### 3.3.1 Online protection

SCDO trained 10 girls on online protection during a safe circle discussion following a deep concern on the rise of sexual exploitation, both child and adult related raised by the GYW's. They were trained on the responsible use of social media and how to respond and report any suspected exploitation. Also they were trained on the different types of online child sexual abuse giving them knowledge on how to deal them, report and protect themselves



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## Training on social media use to advocate positive gender norms and girls rights

### 3.4 Collaboration

SCD in collaboration with the local church, supported 15 Girls and Young Women to attend Girls Movement called GIRLWISE, which is a charitable organization for women that seeks to empower girls to discover their beauty and purpose in life and mentorship. The event held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December at Glory Tabernacle church, Nyali was a success with an audience of over 300 girls. The GYW's were privileged to participate in the event by performing a dance on the importance of a women-led society. After the event, each GYW received a gift pack courtesy of the movement and were encouraged to support the girl child empowerment through theatre and art.



Participating in the Girl Wise event held by our local Church Glory Tabernacle Church

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## **STRATEGIC PILLAR 4: TO ENHANCE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND NETWORKING WITH LIKE-MINDED ORGANIZATIONS IN MATTERS REGARDING CHILD PROTECTION AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT.**

### **4.1 Participatory monitoring of Child Rights implementation**

SCDO worked through Mombasa County Child Rights Network (MCCRN) to encourage and mobilize the community members to participate in public participations meetings on child rights protection and promotion.

MCCRN continues to raise concern on the lack of awareness on children's rights and urged SCDO among Other CBOs to create more empowerment and advocacy sessions on child rights.

### **4.2 Children, Youth and Women (CYW)online protection**

SCDO was privileged to have 3 staff members, the team leader, program manager and a policy advocacy volunteer participate in a paralegal's training by the legal advice center on gender-based violence (GBV) and child rights (CR) online protection.

The policy and Advocacy officer sensitized teachers from various schools in Mombasa on the Online Children Sexual Exploitation and strategies on how to combat it

### **Challenges during the period**

1. The covid-19 slowed down some activities scheduled for the mid and last quarter of the year by preventing access to communities especially pregnant teens and youth mothers due to health precautions.
2. Being a young organization, SCDO fully relies on grants. Project implementation was hampered due to less funding making it hard to cover core costs.

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### **Major achievements**

1. SCDO collaborated with organizations with similar goals like Candle light and KAACR and as a result were privileged to contribute in the SHE-LEADS program.
2. Successful online protection trainings of girls out of which 5 girls are now TOTs.
3. Rising interest of participation and volunteer presented by young people through our media platforms as a result of SCDO media advocacy especially in BOSS TV.
4. 1 out of 5 teen mothers has resumed her secondary studies after safe circle discussions impacting others positively.

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**Community leadership session in collaboration with our partners in the SHE LEADS Program**



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Community  
Dialogue



Girls and Young Women holding group discussions

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