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# List of Abbreviations

1. CSO – Civil Society Organizations
2. ECSR – Economic and Socio Cultural Rights
3. CEDGG – Centre for Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance
4. PBO - Public Benefits Organization
5. DoJ – Department of Justice
6. SRG - Stakeholder Reference Group

# Executive Summary

# Operational Objectives and Relevance

The Civil Society Democratic Governance Facility (*Amkeni Wakenya)* is a flagship civil society strengthening project of UNDP that is supported by a number of development partners. It was established to provide coordinated support to civil society organizations (CSOs) in the democratic governance sector in Kenya to enable them to participate more effectively in reform processes in the country.

Amkeni Wakenya’s new phase (2015- 2018) which is anchored in UNDP’s global policy of engaging civil society as part of its mandate to facilitate dialogue between citizens and governments, UNDP’s Global Strategic Plan (2013-8), UNDP Kenya Country Program Document (CPD 2014-8) and UNDAF (2014-8), in particular, the UNDAF Strategic Result No. 1 on Transformational Governance.

**Overall Objectives and Expected Outcomes**

The overall objective of Amkeni Wakenya is to promote human rights- centered governance in Kenya by empowering civil society organizations working on devolution, human rights and access to justice. It pursues this by providing financial and technical assistance to CSOs, particularly those working in counties and grassroots areas. Through such assistance, the target CSOs are in turn, able to empower citizens to demand their rights and influence public policies, laws and institutions in the thematic areas of focus. Amkeni also seeks to support CSOs in improving their own institutional and financial capacities, as well as advocacy skills.

Amkeni Wakenya is focusing on five (5) outcome areas:

i) Access to Justice and Realization of Human Rights

ii) Promoting people-centered Devolution and Local Governance

iii) Promoting an enabling environment for CSOs

iv) Capacity of civil society to effectively respond to contemporary governance issues enhanced

v) Efficiency and effectiveness of Amkeni Wakenya to provide support to civil society organizations in the Democratic Governance sector in Kenya increased.

Amkeni Wakenya will use Grant Making, Capacity Building, and Knowledge Management methodologies to channel financial and technical support to CSOs

# Beneficiaries and Targeting

## OUTCOME 1: Improved respect, enjoyment and promotion of access to justice, human rights and freedoms for Kenyans

Output 1.1: Enhanced citizen awareness and engagement on human rights awareness using innovative Civil Society Organizations (CSO) approaches

Progress towards result:

There were no funds to implement output 1.1.

Output 1.2: Enhanced Access to justice for the marginalized and vulnerable communities using innovative CSO approaches

Progress towards result:

There were no funds to implement output 1.1.

Output 1.3: Enhanced CSO engagement with national level duty bearers on policy and legislative development as well as enforcement and monitoring of rights and freedoms

Progress towards result:

Indicator: Number of policy and legal changes attributable to CSO engagement

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Planned Result | Actual Achievement | Variance | Comment |
| 2 | 0 | 2 | Slow progress towards achievement of results attributable to lack of Funds. |

Although no policy and legal changes could be attributable to CSO engagement, through collaboration with Kenya National Commission of Human Rights Project, Amkeni participated in the Regional Conference for East Africa Human Rights Institutes held from 7th – 9th December 2015 at the Hilton Hotel, Nairobi. The overall objective of the Conference was to explore potential roles and strategic engagements (nationally, regionally and internationally) for National Human Rights Institutions, individually and collectively with the aim of realizing global security and the rule of law. Through this activity, Rule of Law will be enhanced in Kenya.

## OUTCOME 2: A rights- responsive devolved system of governance entrenched

Output 2.1: Capacity of CSO to engage county governments & duty bearers on planning, budgeting, project management and service delivery using HRBA enhanced and applied

Progress towards result:

There were no funds to implement output 2.1

Output 2.2: Rights responsive county public participation laws, framework and platforms established and institutionalized

Progress towards Result

Indicator: Number of target CSO and county Government staff trained on HRBA approaches

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Planned Result | Actual Achievement | Variance | Comment |
| 700 | 250 | 450 | Good Progress towards achievement of the planned results |

**Support for development of Monitoring and Enforcement of Economic and Socio Cultural Rights (ECSR) Bill**: Amkeni Wakenya supported in the review and subsequent approval of a proposal by the Centre for Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance (CEDGG) which sought to sensitize CSOs in at least 5 counties on the above Bill. After the approval, CEDGG was able to conduct one CSO forum in Machakos. Amkeni provided CEDGG with materials on the Bill.

Indicator: Number of supported CSOs participating in planning and budgeting at the county level

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Planned Result | Actual Achievement | Variance | Comment |
| 14 | 0 | 14 | A civic engagement framework that will include CSO participation in planning and budgeting at the county level was developed in Nyeri County. |

**Technical Support to Nyeri County on development of a framework for civic engagement:** Through the integrated devolution project, Amkeni conducted a total of 42 field interviews in all the 6 subcounties of Nyeri and collected the necessary information to develop the aforementioned framework. After analysis of the information, Amkeni developed draft civic engagement strategy and capacity building frameworks. A validation meeting was held between 22-27th Nov where senior county Government officials and stakeholders discussed the drafts. The draft frameworks will be ready by 1st quarter of 2016. This will enhance civic participation in decision making in Nyeri County.

**National Public Participation Policy Framework Process**: The Capacity Building Specialist made a presentation as a discussant at a forum convened on 2nd December at the Panafric Hotel, by the Department of Justice (DoJ) to critique a draft national public participation policy that was authored by a consultant- Dr. Jill Cottrell. Amkeni is part of the steering committee that is to lead stakeholders in ensuring adequate participation in this process.

Output 2.3: Innovative CSO partnerships with county and national institutions (involved in the devolved government reforms) in enhancing rights and freedoms

Progress towards Result:

There were no funds to implement output 2.3

## OUTCOME 3: Improved organizational performance, sustainability and enabling environment for CSOs in Kenya

Output 3.1: Enabling policy and legal frameworks on civil society adopted and implemented with adequate Public Benefits Organization (PBOs) participation

Progress towards Result:

Indicators:

1. Percentage of supported CSOs participating in policy development discourses

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Planned Result | Actual Achievement | Variance | Comment |
| 25% |  |  |  |

1. Number of laws and policies on PBOs adopted

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Planned Result | Actual Achievement | Variance | Comment |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | Amkeni has supported the PBO Act process. The Act is yet to be implemented. |

**Monitoring the PBO Taskforce** – Amkeni continued to monitor the PBO Act process through the Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) who are members of the CSO Reference Group which filed a petition at the High Court seeking to compel the government to operationalize the PBO Act. The petition is yet to be heard. Once implemented the PBO Act will contribute significantly to an enabling operation environment of the PBOs.

Output 3.2 Capacity of PBO Authority to discharge its mandate to PBO sector enhanced

Progress towards result:

There were no funds to implement output 3.2

Output 3.3 CSO/PBO self-regulation mechanisms established and supported

Progress towards result:

There were no funds to implement output 3.3

Output 3.4 Critical capacities for organizational development, impact and sustainability among CSOs enhanced

Progress towards result:

Indicators

1. % of CSO's fulfilling their contractual obligations to Amkeni

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Planned Result | Actual Achievement | Variance | Comment |
| 100% | 67% |  |  |

1. % of supported CSOs having operational systems in place (e.g. financial, project management, administrative and HR)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Planned Result | Actual Achievement | Variance | Comment |
| 100% |  |  |  |

**Enhancing organizational sustainability capacity of CSOs**: Capacity assessments were carried out for Transparency International as well as Centre for Enhancing Good Governance. Self-assessment questionnaires were administered and verification visits held in late November and early December respectively. The two CSOs were found to have requisite capacity to implement their respective projects. However, CEDGG’s capacity in M&E was identified as an area that requires strengthening. For this reason, Amkeni will provide advisory support to the organization in the first 2 quarters of 2016.

## OUTCOME 4: Effective Civil Society Response to contemporary Governance Issues

Output4.1: Adequate integration of human rights principles in laws, frameworks and operations governing extractive industries with meaningful CSO participation.

Progress towards result:

Output 4.2 Effective citizen participation in electoral processes and political accountability mechanisms using innovative CSO approaches

Progress towards result:

Output 4.3 Integrity and political accountability addressed effectively

Progress towards result:

Amkeni through the Society for International Development (SID) Kenya Dialogues Project undertook a number of activities on integrity an anti-corruption output:

Mjadala VI: Held on Friday October 2, 2015 Shifteye Gallery, Priory Building, Argwings Kodhek Rd, Kilimani, Nairobi under the theme: The Cost of Corruption in Kenya’s Health Sector. The forum was attended by about 100 people and discussions centred around four key issues – What are the major avenues, loopholes for corruption in the health sector? What is corruption, lack of accountability in the health sector costing the economy, citizens? What innovative measures could we adopt to reduce wastage, pilferage and outright corruption? What would it take to achieve Universal Primary Health care in Kenya?

Mjadala VII: Held on Friday 4 December, 2015 at Mageuzi Theater – Pawa254, Africa Alliance of YMCAs Building, State House Crescent, off State House Road, Nairobi under the theme: Re-igniting Hope and Civic Responsibility Ahead of 2016. The discussions centered on the following questions - Which civic and state actions in 2015 should we be most proud of? How can we break through the barriers of collective inertia, fear, apathy and public self-doubt? How can we break through institutional constraints, competing pressures and barriers that make good governance so difficult to achieve? Where could transformational non-conformists focus their energies in 2016?

Presentation and launch of Working Paper no 2: The event took place on Wednesday, November 15, 2015 at Silver Springs Hotel, Nairobi. The Paper highlights 3 case studies which are pointers to the fact that despite th fact that the Constitution of Kenya (2010) entrenched the principles of integrity, accountability, and good governance amongst the core values that bind all public officers in the performance of their duties, and at all times, graft and impunity among state officers is still rampant post-2010. This paper explores the phenomenon of corruption, the citizens’ response to it, outcomes of their response, and the cost of lack of integrity on the citizens. The three cases are: 1. The loss of KES 3.7 billion by Mumias Outgrowers Company (MOCO) to Mumias Sugar Company (MSC); 2. Disputable road works by Machakos County Government, and; 3. Combining online and offline activism to uphold integrity; the case of the Lang’ata Road Primary School playground.

The paper also includes positive examples at national and global levels that demonstrate that there are viable pathways to upholding the constitutional value of integrity.

International Anti-Corruption Day: This took place on Wednesday 9th December 2015, at Central Park, Nairobi. Anchored on the theme “Celebrating Whistle-blowers and Integrity Champions,” the event aimed at inspiring increased citizen action against corruption at all levels of society. In recognition of the power of active citizenship in disrupting corruption and demanding accountability, the public event was a popular citizen-centred moment to inspire increased, direct citizen engagement in the anti-corruption struggles at all levels. The event celebrated and proclaimed whistle-blowers and integrity champions as patriots deserving of national recognition and emulation.

Output 4.4 Internal M&E, reporting and knowledge management processes of Amkeni enhanced

Progress towards result:

 The project team sus

Output 4.5: Visibility and profile of Amkeni as critical actor in Democratic governance enhanced.

Progress towards result:

## OUTCOME 5: Efficiency and Effectiveness of Amkeni Wakenya to provide support to civil society organizations in the Democratic Governance in Kenya enhanced.

Output5.1: Adequate and professional human resources recruited and managed.

Progress towards result:

During the Quarter, the placement of the following Amkeni staff was finalized: Finance Officer and two programme drivers.

Output 5.2: Internal capacity of staff and governance structures of Amkeni enhanced

Progress towards result:

Key personnel were successfully recruited.

Output 5.3: Internal governance processes of Amkeni supported

Progress towards result:

All the SRG and DP meetings were held as scheduled.

Output 5.4: Internal business processes of Amkeni continuously enhanced

Progress towards result:

Amkeni prepared and reported both outcome and output results for the 2015 ROAR including its contribution to integrity and anti-corruption interventions, CSOs active participation and engagement in the review of the proposed amendments to the PBO Act 2013 framework and the development of a legal framework on the enforcement and monitoring of ECOSOC rights at both national and county levels.

Amkeni continued to give support to the UNDP’s Kenya National Commission of Human Rights project: The main activities included-

Presentation of the Draft Evaluation Report to the project stakeholders and finalization of the report

Organizing and coordination of the 4th Quarter Project Steering Committee Meeting held on 14 December 2015.

Overseeing Programme and Financial Reporting by the human rights commissions

During the quarter under review: Amkeni staff were also requested to sit in different interview panels including M&E Officer, Elections project and Associate programme officer, Devolution Project.

Output 5.5: Adequate resources for Amkeni’s work generated in a sustainable manner

**Indicator:**

Ratio of received funds against the AWP budget

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Baseline  | Target  | Actual  | Variance  | Reason for variance  |
| 0.02 | .5 | 0.02 | 80% | Funding continues to be a major issue in the implementation of AWP.  |

**Baselines:**

* 0.02

**Target**

* 1

Funding continues to be a major challenge in the facility

Progress towards result;

UNDP continued to support the fecality though Track Funds. Negations are ongoing with the Embassy of Japan, Royal Netherlands Embassy and European Delegation in Kenya to enter with partnership with the facility.

# Success Stories

# Cross-Cutting Issues

# Lessons Learnt

# Sustainability, Capacity Development

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# Partnership

The main partner during this reporting period was UNDP who continued to fund the fecality under Track Funds. Negotiations are in the final stages for possible partnerships with Embassy of Japan, Royal Netherlands Embassy and the European Delegation in Kenya.

# Conclusion

# Resources