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ABBREVIATIONS

ACK	Anglican Church of Kenya
ACT	Action by Churches Together
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ARVS	Antiretrovirals
CDF	Constituency Development Fund
DJPCs	Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission
DOSS	Directorate of Social Services
EPAs	Economic Partnership Agreements
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICT	Information Communication Technology
JPC	Justice and Peace Commission
LATF	Local Authority Trust Fund
NCCK	National Council of Churches of Kenya
PELUM	Participatory Ecological Land Use Management
PRG	Policy Reference Group
PWRDF	Primates World Relief Development Fund
PLWAs	Persons living with AIDS
RCCS	Regional Christian Community Services
VCT	Voluntary Counselling and Testing
STIs	Sexually Transmitted Infections

The vision of the Anglican Church of Kenya

“A strengthened church built on the foundation of the Apostolic faith in Jesus Christ equipping all God’s people to face the challenges of the New Millennium.”

Mission Statement

“To bring all God’s people into a living relationship with God through Jesus Christ by preaching , teaching, healing and social transformation and to enable them to grow in the faith and live life in its fullness.”

The DOSS Vision

“A society that enjoys a wholesome and dignified life.”

DOSS Mission

“To work for the improvement in the quality of life for all Kenyans, through participatory and sustainable approaches, with a view to attaining household self sufficiency, a just society that upholds the rule of law and human rights for a prosperous and stable nation.”



INTRODUCTION

a) The Operating Context of DOSS

The year 2007 was an eventful year for Kenya being the final year of the five-year term of the NARC Government. The political competition started very early and the whole country shifted to an election focus early in the year. Initially the political competition was between those who had voted for or against the referendum on the proposed new constitution. However as the elections approached three distinct political groupings had emerged and solidified.

These are the Party of National Unity (PNU), Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) and Orange Democratic Movement Party of Kenya (ODM-K). Most of the parties had strong tribal or religious inclinations, which greatly polarised the country. The promises given by the political leaders were mainly unrealistic or giving false hopes especially to the youths and landless. Kenyans were divided along tribal lines and different social classes, triggering violence in the Rift Valley and the urban slums respectively.

The political volatility made some people in the church to preoccupy themselves with campaigns for their preferred candidates, while others with efforts to prevent conflict and build peace within the warring communities. As a result most of the planned project activities were affected in one way or the other. A case in point is the training of CCS staff from the various CCS regions in Action Research. During the training the staff were sharply divided along their tribal or voting blocks, which made it challenging for them to assemble for joint meetings organised by DOSS. This scenario made DOSS to redesign the mode of communication and information sharing from joint physical meetings to email and telephone conversation.

After the December 27th elections, the presidential results were disputed leading to nationwide post-election violence. This resulted to the death of over 1000 people and internal displacement of over 500,000 people. The nation was on the verge of total collapse, which deviated the focus of the entire nation from planned routine activities to emergency relief and conflict resolution. Project reporting also became a major casualty of this turn of events.

The economy was severely affected by the post election violence with unprecedented scarcity and increase in the prices of basic commodities. Economic growth prospects have been revised downwards as well as an increase in poverty levels among the poor. Food security has also been greatly undermined by the fact that most of the displaced people from the Rift Valley were farmers who have not been able to go back to their farms.

It is imperative therefore that DOSS and the CCS regions have to redesign their work for the next period to reflect the realities on the ground as a result of the post election interference.

b). Changes within the organisation

There was no change in the Board or any other governance structures.

The internal decision-making structure was changed after the recruitment of an Accountant exclusively for the DOSS projects. The Accountant was hired in December to assist in financial administration and reporting. The DOSS accountant is now fully responsible for DOSS accounts and ensures that funds are spent as per the agreed budget. DOSS bank accounts have also been changed to include the DOSS Director as a signatory.

There were two staff members recruited in December to help diversify the capacity in DOSS to deliver on her project goals. These are the DOSS Accountant and a Research and Documentation Assistant. These

are Mr. Charles Mugo and Miss Joyce Kariuki respectively.

DOSS has remained sensitive to gender issues in the conduct of project activities. This is evidenced by the recruitment indicated above. At the moment there are 7 men and 7 women in the DOSS staff team.

DOSS continues to network with other like-minded organisations in an effort to better the livelihoods of the poor. Networking and collaboration are mainly guided by principal rather religion or denomination. Some of the outstanding networking partners during the year were CCS Regions, NCCK, BEACON and PELUM. TAABCO has continued to offer valuable services to DOSS as the Transfer of Function office for BROT especially through training, advice, and regular bulletins. DOSS is also working other donor partners such as EED, Diakonie Sweden, Christian Aid, Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) and Action by Churches Together International (ACT).

This is a study being undertaken by TAABCO to assess how the development work of ACK through the CCS regions is consistent with the initial philosophy and thinking of the church in this field. The methodology involves interviews with key people who have been involved in development work. The study is supported by EED and should be complete before end of year 2008. The findings of the study will be helpful to inform the way forward in development work.

d) Impact

DOSS has been able to make the following contribution so far:-

- Relationships among ACK Implementing Organs have been strengthened
- There is greater knowledge capacity and enhanced efficiency of RCCS's in their operations.
- DOSS and RCCS systems and structures are running efficiently
- There is constant communication and learning in an efficient development network comprising DOSS, RCCS and the other development partners and collaborators
- Skills have been developed and are being utilised for action research in the development process.

There is proactive and effective participation in poverty alleviation by the organs of ACK.

OSS Director, Eliud Njeru

The design



Training students issues on HIV & AIDS

The church promotes dialogue and listening to achieve the above goal. Creative messages are packaged to effectively address prevention, care and support, stigma reduction and relevant advocacy issues called Behavior Change Communication (BCC) messages.

The youth leaders are encouraged to reach out to their fellow youth within and without the congregation with the BCC messages. The church and community as a whole is challenged to take responsibility of keeping their youth uninfected through their own creative methods.

Additionally, a deliberate move is to advocate for the women's fundamental rights through the pulpit and public forum, and to avail their men counterparts for dialogue on the 'family and HIV/AIDS' through various structured and informal church and community gatherings.

Men are targeted for education and discussion of their critical responsibility in keeping the away the disease from their families by prudently regulating their actions, behavior and resources.

Finally the entire church and community leadership commit it's self to fight stigma, enhance behavior change communication, conduct local advocacy for OVC and infected persons, and to mobilize church and community resources for sustainable HIV/AIDS related interventions.

Delivery method

The project was delivered through the regional Christian Community Services (CCS) organizations which have efficient infrastructures and a wide geographical network. Most of the action however took place at the congregation level where the church leadership played a leading role in facilitating and stirring up its membership and the immediate community into action.

Critical observations

- No program can stand alone –There is need to integrate this program in other pastoral, social and development activities in the congregations
- Motivation for the people doing the work is critical especially the volunteers
- Intentionally integrate the activities in the ongoing parenting program with the mother union
- Mainstream gender in the program as women and girls are more infected than men who hold the 'keys to prevention'.
- Referral system is important in this project and participants build a relationship with the other service giving institutions and groups in the community, especially dispensaries, hospital, VCT centers and youth friendly centers. However there was a feelin that we need to start a program where VCT counselors are trained and even start our own VCT centers where we are offering services.
- On stigma reduction, deliberate effort must be made to develop messages that reduce stigma and involve people living with the virus in the church and the dialogue.

Success stories

Saved life

Family dialogue project has helped Churches to know and influence communities testing at VCT centres. A pastor in Voi (Taita Taveta District) shared how testing before marriage saved his own life when he found that his would be wife was HIV positive. He has since encouraged his church members to be tested.

Friends of the Youth (Kenya, PCCS)

Friends of the youth are an ACK project implemented by Pwani Christian community services. It started with the youth outreach project and scaled up with the family dialogue project. The project has now grown and has attracted support from Family Health International that supported the National youth outreach project. Orphan's program

ACK Gichiche in Embu diocese has an active orphan program which started with the church members contributing for the upkeep of the children and the guardians. They have ensures the children meet their basic needs like shelter, medical food staff and education. The programme started with 25 children and has since registered as a faith based sponsored project. Registration has helped the program to get more financial assistance and able to care for more orphans. It is currently supporting seven orphans in the area.

Results

The general performance of the project was commended (scoring about 80%). This was based on planned activities, the targeted groups, congregations and the outcome of those trainings. Congregations were stirred up to start reaching out to their members and neighborhood, attending to the affected and infected. The youth on the other hand reached out to their respective learning institutions. The groups that were trained earlier on puppetry were not only useful to their peers but also mobilized the community for the family dialogue road shows and community theatre. The provincial administrators and social workers invited the youth to perform during public meetings like launching of a



Educational community theatre in Malindi

VCT in Mt Kenya Hospital Kerugoya, World AIDS day celebrations and national functions like Madaraka Day. This and this gave them a greater audience and motivation.

The overall benefits of this project lies in strengthening the congregation and community, helping them to realize their potential, mobilizing them and challenging them to act on their sexuality and reach out to their neighbors. Skills for behavior change have been imparted thus more caution on decision- making.

Our church engagement in interventions to reduce discrimination has helped many who thought they were dying mainly due to self-stigma or community stigma to accept the reality and live.

Report by

Project Coordinator (Health, HIV and AIDS) – Joseph Wangai

Project Officer (Health, HIV and AIDS) – Rhoda Luvuno

Creating awareness on social- economic justice

The issue of Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) between the European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (ACP) are trade agreements that are designed to create Free Trade Areas. This means that the developing countries of the ACP region including Kenya will be obliged to open up their markets to EU goods and likely even services without paying duty, and with no restrictions on quantities. Since the independence years, the ACP countries have been granted duty free access to the European markets with no obligation on the part of the ACP countries to grant the same market access to the EU. The situation is therefore set to change from non-reciprocity to reciprocity in trade. This change has been precipitated by World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules.

EPA touches on both Human Rights and Socio-economic Justice. This is because of the perceived loss of livelihoods that is predicted to be one of the most devastating outcomes should the agreements be signed and implemented as they are. EPAs do not uphold the human right to a reasonable and dignified livelihood. It is also quite clear that Kenyans are being denied the right to determine their economic destiny through the narrowing of policy space and outright refusal of the opportunity to pursue more viable alternatives.

The government will most certainly earn less revenue due to the reduction in earnings from import duties and tariffs. This will either translate in cuts in government spending on social services and infrastructure or a heavier tax burden for Kenyans.

The project to create awareness on EPAs and other Economic Injustices was implemented at the national and regional (RCCS) level in a series of forums. These forums were attended by church leadership, RCCS staff and Diocesan Justice & Peace Committees as well. Participation at the national forums also included members of the public.

Raising awareness among senior church leadership on Economics and how they affect the way Kenyans live availed us the opportunity to provide information and exposure to current and emerging Economic issues that are perpetuating socio-economic injustices. i.e. reaching the grassroots for mass education and mobilisation in order that they are equipped to create an agenda and strategies on how to make their wishes known through favourable policy reforms/formulation and how to communicate this to policy makers.

Whereas the deadline by which Kenya should have signed an EPA with the EU was 31st December 2007, there was no clear and determined indication from the negotiators that Kenya was not going to sign the agreement. This is in spite of all the concerns that were raised and the concerted Africa-wide anti-EPAs campaigns.

However, dialogue in the public domain increased through the many forums and awareness raising meetings held both by the ACK and other likeminded organisations. The media also made crucial contributions by making efforts to highlight the negotiations.

Kenya's National parliament was dissolved on 22nd October 2007 thereby dimming all hope that the issue of signing an EPA would be debated since it is a binding international agreement. For Kenya, this was going to create an opportunity for the supreme legislative organ to understand and interrogate this agreement. Parliament would have been in a position to reject the agreement and/or put forward their recommendations that would have made this more favourable for Kenya.

Members of the public had the rare opportunity of taking the Trade Permanent Secretary to task over the government's stand on EPAs during one of the public forums. Led by His Grace the Archbishop, they argued that the government needs to think in the long term in terms of sustainable development of its agricultural sector since it forms the backbone of Kenya's economy.

At the regional forums, members of the Diocesan Justice & Peace Committees (DJPCs) from all the dioceses of the ACK were similarly urged to engage their local members of parliament on how they will work towards the improvement of the livelihoods of their constituents. E.g. In Kajiado and Eldoret CCS, they promised to have a meeting with the then sitting Members of parliament (MP's) with the aim of making EPA an election issue during political campaigns.

Mobilization for subsequent meetings to take the messages further were enhanced by use of T-shirts, printed traditional *khangas* and caps bearing messages urging the government to **'put people before profits, say no to EPAs'** in both English and Kiswahili. Booklets and fliers talking about EPAs in simple, non-technical language were also useful in reaching people.

The voice of the church in the fight against EPAs became more visible and subsequently, the Ministry of Trade started paying more attention to the Anglican Church of Kenya and other church organisations thus regularly updated the Archbishop of Kenya on the latest happenings in the negotiations.

Most important, ordinary Kenyans started talking about global economic systems and agreements that have had great impact on their livelihoods and in areas like Mt. Kenya East CCS, locally organised protest marches and campaigns were effective in creating awareness and solidarity.



ACK staff during the Trade week of Action 19th October 2007

Special interest groups especially farmers were able to link the prevailing economic regimes with their earnings from what they produce. Some farmers mobilized in joint efforts with other like-minded organisations participated in the 'Stop EPAs day' (September 27th 2007) where the objective was to present a petition to the EU delegation in Kenya.

This project was implemented with support from Diakonia Sweden.

We also received technical support from the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA).

We worked very closely with a network of Ecumenical partners who together were able to mobilise a bigger target group in addition to our specific targets. This Ecumenical group drew membership from the Catholic Secretariat, Justice and Peace Commission, All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), Organisation of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) and the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK). Other members were Building Eastern Africa Community Network (BEACON) and Norwegian Church Aid (NCA). Cooperation with Civil Society Organisations included Oxfam GB, Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM), **The Agency for Co-operation & Research in Development (ACORD International)**, ActionAid, ECONeWS Africa, Southern & Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiation Institute (SEATINI) etc especially in technical support on Trade Research and Information and for mobilisation for the Stop EPAs day held on 27th September 2007.

Our hope is that this cooperation at both levels will continue due to the nature of the issues; Economic Justice goes beyond EPAs and therefore there are still common points of action that will need to be undertaken.

Challenges

Economic and Trade related issues are very technical. Accessing materials and information in a form that is both simple and understandable to the majority of our target groups was not easy. We were however able to partner with organisations like SEATINI to produce simply worded documents.

Lessons learned

Economic Justice needs to be built on the foundation of basic ongoing education on economics and development awareness in as far as they affect the everyday lives of Kenyans. This background information forms a solid basis as people are better able to understand EPAs and any other global economic policies through building on the knowledge they already have.

Future activities

Our proposed future activities will build on the foundation of the project on Creating Awareness on Socio-economic Justice.

Report by– June Muniu

Advocacy– Project Officer

Introduction

This is the programme which addresses the components of justice and peace as social injustices of human rights and fair trade through effective communications in the mass media, documentation and archives.

The communications unit was involved in documenting of enthronement and consecrations of various Bishops and coverage of the provincial office functions such as the Standing Committee of the Provincial synod. The unit was also involved in compiling press statements on topical issues which were used by the Archbishop during press conferences..One of the statements was a pastoral letter for the Archbishop which was sent to all the Bishops articulating the church stand on various political issues just before the 27th December general elections.

Consecration and enthronement

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- Covered the consecration and enthronement of new Katakwa Diocesan Bishop Dr Zakayo Epusi who succeeded Bishop Eliud Okiring after his retirement.
- Covered the consecration of suffragan Bishops Bill Atwood and Bill Murdock the two Americans mandated to oversee the Anglican church in United States of America.
- Consecration of two other suffragan bishops Rt Rev David Mutisya for Garissa Missionary Area and Rt Rev Cleti Ogeto incharge of Lodwar Missionary Area.
- The recent coverage was the consecration of Rev Robert Martin as suffragan bishop of Marsabit

Highlights of Provincial activities covered

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- Anglican church of Kenya bishops and their wives five-day retreat at the ACK guest house Mombasa.
- The Provincial standing committee of the synod meeting held at the All Saints Cathedral between June 27 to 29
- A party which was organized for partners/donors at the guest house.
- Archbishops pastoral visit to Mt Kenya central diocese where he viewed development projects in the diocese.The climax of his tour was presiding over the celebration of 100 years of Anglican church of Kenya St Pauls Kiruri IN Muranga. The Archbishop was accompanied by among others diocesan bishop Isaac Maina Nganga
- Workshop in Nairobi for administrative secretaries from all the dioceses
- Archbishops pastoral visit of Bondo diocese where he fellowshipped with Christians, and toured development projects. He was accompanied by among others Bondo diocesan bishop Johannes Angela other clergy and faithful
- A major fundraising meeting at Kutus in Kirinyaga diocese presided over by Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi assisted by the diocesan bishop Daniel Ngoru. The chief guest was Mr S.K.Macharia, the proprietor of Royal Media, owners of Citizen TV and radio. Over Kss 5.6 million was raised for the construction of diocesan offices.
- First anniversary of Bishop William Waqo

Newsletter

The doss monthly newsletter which was basically on the church internal matters has been improved tremendously to feature updates and development articles from the Regional Christian Community Services (RCCS). The general layout has improved and it comes out on time. The articles appearing in the newsletter are regularly posted on the ACK website which has been revitalized and updated regularly.

Video

In the course of the year, DOSS acquired two still and two video cameras respectively which were and are used in the documentation of various activities.

Video documentaries will be produced to promote certain themes as well as present particular aspects of the church development work.

Challenges

One of the main challenges has been lack of an editing unit which has forced us to always hire cameramen to shoot and edit for us. This is definitely an expensive venture. We hope and pray that in due course, we will acquire an editing unit.

Way Forward

As indicated in our five-year strategic plan, the advocacy and communications desk plans to be more involved in the production of documentaries on various development issues on the church, and produce media features for mobilizing the public to express views on particular current views. We are grateful that a few months ago, we teamed with a new member of staff who previously worked with the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation, and is doing a lot in communication and documentation. We have already witnessed her potential in this field.

Report by– Job Githinji

Communication and Advocacy Coordinator

Our Purpose

To provide quality, timely and cost effective IT Support Services to ACK Provincial Office, Dioceses and other Anglican institutions in the country.

- To Build IT Skills for computer users in the Provincial Office and Dioceses.
- To serve as information reference point for the Anglican Church of Kenya.
- To initiate income generating projects to sustain the desk's operations as well as supporting DOSS Activities.

Activities for 2007

Current Activities

Research

We continued to update the social development profile of the Anglican Church of Kenya. This involved collecting updated information of activities taking place in the 9 regions of the Anglican Church of Kenya Christian Community Services, and the Impact the activities are bringing to the society. We have also continued to update the statistic of the Anglican Church of Kenya. Details of our production are reflected in both the Anglican Church of Kenya Website www.ackkenya.org and the ACK DOSS Website www.ackdoss.org.

In December 2007, we organised an Action Research Workshop for both the DOSS and CCS Staff, with an aim of building the staff's capacity in carrying out research. The training was attended by 24 participants drawn 7 CCSs and DOSS Office.



Action Research Training in Progress

Information Communication Technology (ICT) Consultancy Services

We reliably supported a Local Area Network that is providing services that include internal and external messaging, information and other resources sharing and Internet access to DOSS office, the ACK Provincial Office, Language School and the ACK Guesthouse Nairobi. We also provide other IT related support services to the above offices. IT, Research and Sustainability Desk also provided IT Support to

various Dioceses and Church institutions. In year 2007, the desk provided IT Consultancy Services to the following Dioceses and Church institutions:

*Diocese of Nairobi

*Diocese of Machakos

*Diocese of Nakuru

*Diocese of Kitale

*Diocese of Katakwa

*Diocese of Kitui

*Diocese of Meru

*Diocese of Taita Taveta

*Diocese of All Saints

*CCS Mt. Kenya

*St. Julian Centre

*ACK Guesthouse Mombasa

*ACK Guesthouse Nairobi

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Training sessions - accountants' workshop

We also conducted training for ACK Accountants on application of QuickBooks Software in accounts. The course was attended by accountants from 12 Dioceses and 6 CCS Region. As a result of the training, Dioceses and CCS Offices have started computerising their accounts.

Sustainability

These activities are geared towards raising funds to sustain the IT/Research activities, and also generate income to support some of the ACK DOSS activities. The activities include;

- Computer training
- Cyber café and related bureau services
- Internet Subscription Services
- IT Consultancy Services
- Other Consultancy Services
- Water sale services

In year 2007, the above activities were able to generate **shs. 2,001,065**

Challenges

- IT and Research Desk activities are not donor funded hence the staff at the desk spend most of their time on the income generating activities hence to not effectively embark on the other desk's key objectives.
- CT Consultancy Services are rendered at a minimum fee, and most of Dioceses take so long before making the payments once invoiced. This slows down the desk's ability to visit other Dioceses that require similar services.
- Personnel constrain –IT needs are increasingly becoming overwhelming to the Desk Coordinator who also serves as the solution provider.

Way Forward

We need to raise funds to capacity build computers users in Dioceses and other Anglican Church of Kenya institutions. This will empower them with skills to handle most of the error messages generated by their computers hence saving costs as well as freein the technician time to concentrate on other desk's priorities.

Report by– Robert Kilonzo
IT, Research and Sustainability

DMP had a number of projects running through the year.

1. ENHANCING ACK CAPACITY FOR DISASTER RESPONSE

1.1 Introduction

The project aimed at reducing people's vulnerability to emergencies by enhancing their preparedness and the RCCS's capacity to respond to emergencies. The objectives of this project were:

i) It identified disaster capacity gaps within the church through meeting with Disaster staff from regions to develop disaster capacity assessment tool kit. 17 staff from the 9 Regional CCS form the key DRT members

-The main disasters identified in these areas are droughts, famine, floods, tribal clashes, land slides etc. The team is setting up effective response structures and mechanisms which can be triggered in case of disasters.

The project held two Regional CCS planning/reporting workshops for Executive Directors and project coordinators in the three clusters. 1 meeting was held and projects work plan were developed. 30 Disaster response teams (DRT) were trained in three sessions.

-6 training were held, 2 in each cluster. 43 DRT members were trained in total.

To supporting communities for Environmental stewardship and climate change, awareness was done as a measure for disaster mitigation. 60 parish leaders were trained in climate change and Environmental Stewardship. 50 participants from the 29 dioceses attended, including the 17 DRT members. The training was conducted through panel presentations, video shows, group discussions, question and answer sessions etc. The participants planted 50 indigenous trees at Jumuia County and Conference Centre.

2.0: Challenges

1. The actual activities after the training were not funded, hence not easy to implement them – that is the risk reduction activities like onsite trainings and data collection, establishment of tree nurseries etc.

2. The implementation period was short, hence the monitoring after each training was not carried out, and it was also not easy to roll out the planned activities between the trainings.

3.0: Lessons Learnt



School feeding program in Kajiado

1. From the assessments it came out well that the communities have capacities and resources that need to be mobilized to reduce their vulnerabilities to recurring disasters.

2. During the two trainings there were a lot of experiences sharing among the participants. We gathered that ACK has a lot of knowledge/information that is scattered in most parts with only a few individuals. The next project will have emphasis on documentation of such cases.

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of the county and some with only a few individuals. The next project will have emphasis on documentation of such information in such cases.

3. As we interacted with the three communities – Eldoret, Pwani and Mt. Kenya East, during the practical data collection and gathered that communities have a lot of knowledge on disasters and how to mitigate them, but they will need to be facilitated to utilize the resources they have to reduce the impacts of these disasters.

4. Ukamba, Mt. Kenya East, Pwani, Western and Nyanza are regions with ongoing emergency and rehabilitation projects. The staff will incorporate some of the learning's in their interventions. Ukamba and Mt. Kenya East are currently conducting community trainings on disaster related issues in their Disaster Programmes.

4.0: Analysis

1. The assessment reports from the two communities in Mt. Kenya East and Eldoret will be used by the regions as they plan for their activities.

2. Ukamba was able to incorporate the materials and skills gained in organizing district disaster trainings.

3. After the environmental training, Nyanza Region in Nyando zone organized environmental stewardship training for Nyando disaster committees and church leaders. The aim was to incorporate environmental concerns in their disaster planning.

4. Some of the staff have integrated the skills and knowledge gained in their community trainings.

5. Mt. Kenya East, has developed 2 proposals incorporating the issues that were discussed during the trainings.

6. The Mt. Kenya East community who the DRT conducted needs assessment have being mobilized and put together their resources to address some of the water and health issues through clearing the canals.

5.0: Way Forward

Plans for a one year project strengthening disaster prone communities' response mechanisms the project will mainly collect document and disseminate information on identified disaster prone communities' capacities, vulnerabilities, resources that can be used in case a disaster occurs. This is the current project 2007-2008.

2. EMERGENCY RESPONSE

1.0 Introduction

The other project under emergency was the AFKE 71 - Response to floods in Kenya and Somalia, which started from January to August 2007

Its goal was to contribute towards reducing the impact of floods to people affected in Western, Nyanza and Pwani regions within 6 months.

In this project we provided for the basic/emergency needs of the displaced populations in flood affected areas during the post flooding period.

1. The project purchase and distributed shelter materials-Tarpaulin, blankets, utensils Purchase Water tanks for people in camps.

2. It supported communities to strengthen capacities in flood management and disaster preparedness.

3. It also build farmers capacity by training farmer groups, counsellors, on flood management and economic empowerment.

4. Assorted certified seeds were distributed to enable the communities to replace the seeds they lost during

the floods

5. Communities were organized to construct drainages and water conservation structures through food for work arrangement. Dams were reconstructed with gunny bags and tree nurseries established

6. Treated mosquito nets to the most vulnerable households were provided. 400 treated mosquito nets were distributed.

7. Provision of essential drugs and organizing mobile medical services in collaboration with the ministry of health. Ailments treated included; malaria, dysentery, diarrhoea, malnutrition, Skin-diseases and typhoid.

8. The project also advocated and lobbied with government for long term solutions to the flood disasters. By organizing meetings to lobby and influence government policy to reconstruct permanent dams along the rivers and strengthen dyke embankments.

9. Two Meetings with Government leaders, DO, Chiefs and Assistants were held in Budalangi. Among the issues discussed was the need for collaboration, the need for database. Scaling up Advocacy Campaigns and the need for continuous monitoring and evaluation and strengthening early warning systems.

The project provided psychosocial support to the displaced people by offering counselling and giving necessary support to those affected by floods. There were refresher training courses offered to people trained earlier by ACK and had gaps.

10. Communities in Bamba (PCCS) were equipped with soil and water conservation skills which will enable them to control soil erosion in their farm and water pan catchments.

2.0: Challenges

1. There was a delay in funding reaching DOSS and the implementing partners delayed the implementation thus we could not meet the planned end of project target month.

2. More rains continued to pour; delaying implementation on the ground due to impassable roads so the project was extended for 2months and people had to stay in camps for longer periods.

3.0: Lessons Learnt

1. Responses to disaster need to be fast otherwise implementation becomes hard and effects increase.

2. There is need to develop information sharing networks on the re-occurring disasters in these areas.

3. Poor farming methods e.g. use of traditional hoe in land preparation has led to land degradation; hence a lot of soil erosion leading to flooding in areas that never used to flood before.

3. Other projects under DMP were;

i): **Increasing access to water in Makueni District**, Ukamba Christian Community Services (UCCS) Supported by Lutheran World Relief running from September, to December 2007

ii). Disaster Projects in the context of Climate Change (DPCCC)

These projects are to be implemented in two regions – Pwani and Eldoret with funding from Diakonie Humanitarian Aid.

a). **Pwani (Coast) RCCS** - Developed proposal and has received project approval for three years and the first installment funding has been received. This project will include planting mangrove trees and fish farming in ponds.

b). **Eldoret RCCS** are working with supported consultancy services to develop their proposal.

Report by– Rose Muthama

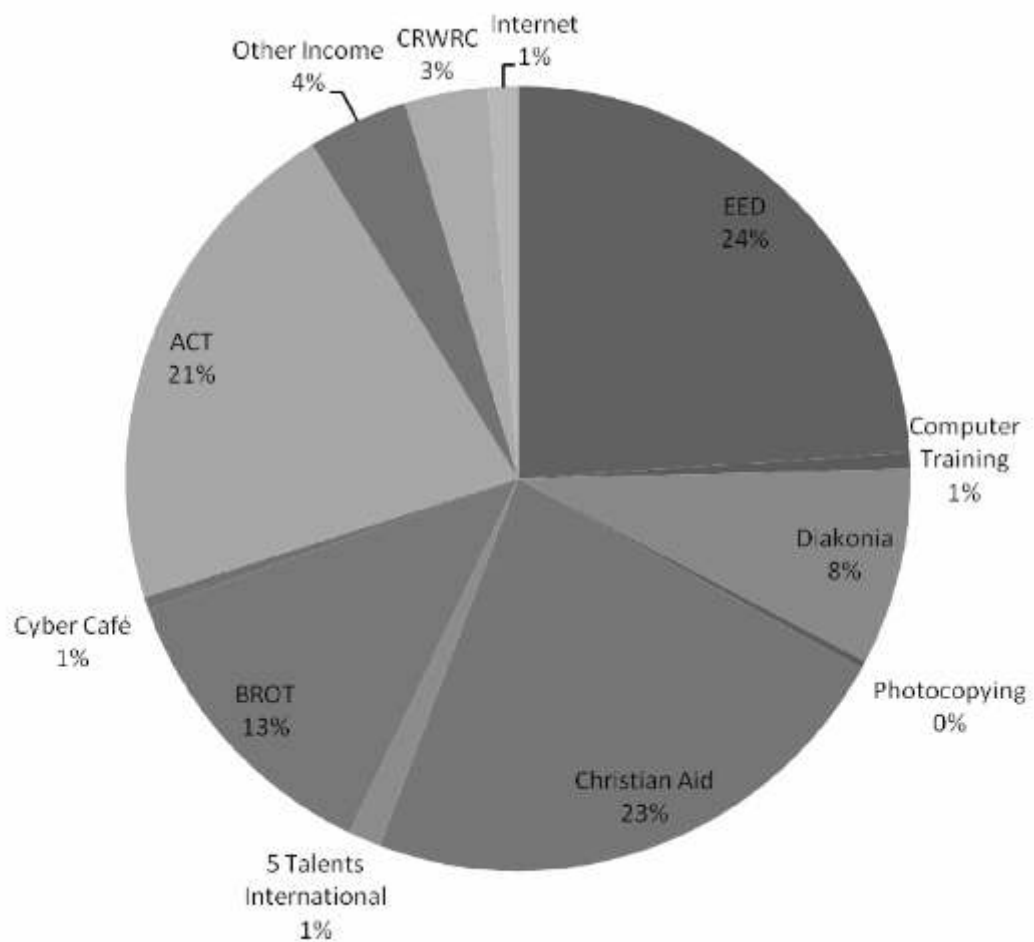
Project Officer- Disaster Mitigation and Preparedness

FINANCE

This segment comes with an establishment of a newly created office of a programme accountant within the Directorate of social services in December 2007. The new programme accountant is tasked with the responsibility of giving focused attention to work planning and budgeting, financial reporting, and overseeing DOSS enterprises. The new office is also expected to enhance financial controls and improve financial accountability to both the church and the development partners.

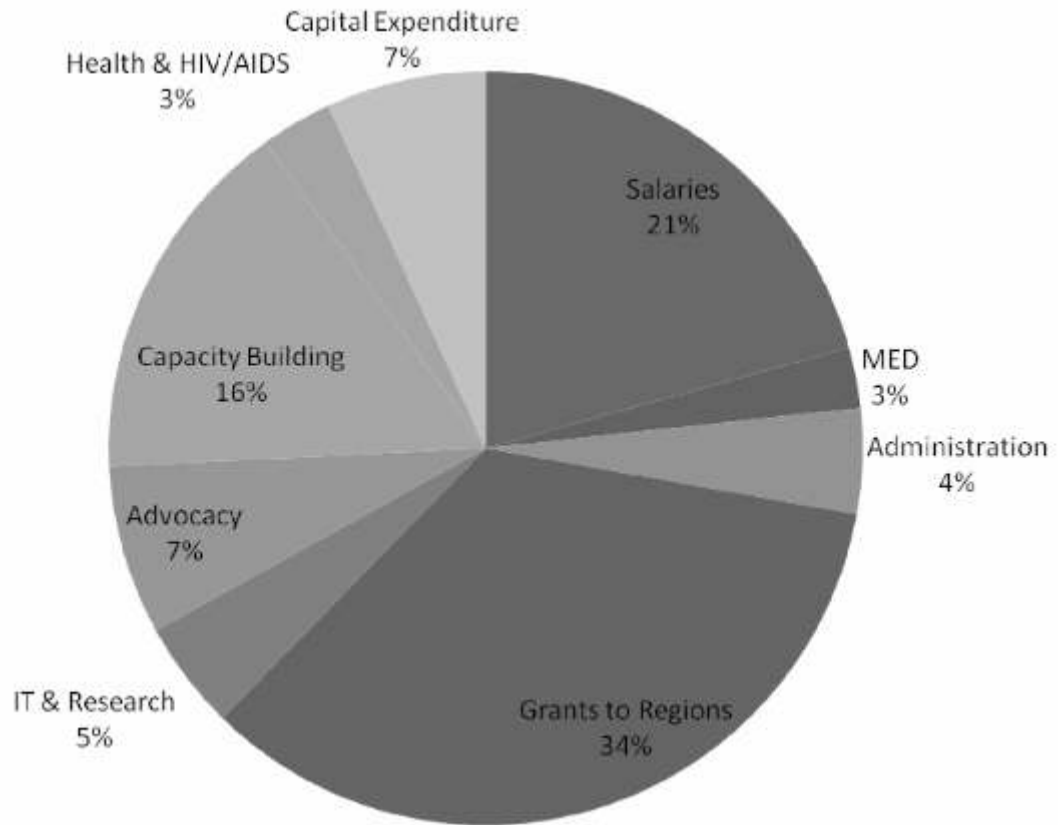
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Total Amount Kshs. 47,961,761.00



FINANCE

DOSS Funds Allocation 2007



DOSS PARTNERS

The ACK – DOSS retained a working relationship with most of its key development partners.

In the last financial year 2007, ACK – DOSS attracted funding to a tune of Kshs. 47,961,761.00 Million. The figure compares less favorably with a similar period of 2006 when DOSS was able to attract funding to an estimated Kshs. 442,994,050 Million. This was equivalent to 89.2% decline in funding. The sharp decline in funding could be attributed to less relief activities that DOSS had to undertake in the last financial year given the favorable climate and political goodwill that the country was experiencing then.

In the last financial year, these partners are grouped into two mainly the short term financiers who in most cases helps DOSS respond to emergencies and the long term financiers whose projects last more than one calendar year. It is in the short term funding for emergencies that DOSS didn't have much activity in the last financial year. We are however grateful to all our development partners for the roles they have played in helping us achieve the goal of social transformation in the church.

Of special mention however is Brot fur de welt, Diakonia Sweden, Diakonie Emergency Aid, EED, Primates World Relief, and Christian aid, the ACT Forum.

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Formation

The Regional Christian Community Services (RCCS) are carved from the regional geographic locations to effectively reach to the communities. It incorporates the dioceses within the respective regions.

ACK DOSS office serves as a coordinating office for the CCS.

1. Pwani Christian Community Services (PCCS)
 - Mombasa Diocese
 - Taita Taveta Diocese
2. Ukambani Christian Community Services (UCCS)
 - Machakos Diocese
 - Kitui Diocese
3. Nairobi, Kajiado (MRTC) & All Saints Christian Community Services (NAIKA)
 - Nairobi Diocese
 - All Saints Diocese
 - Kajiado Diocese
4. Christian Community Services Mt. Kenya Region (CCS MT. KENYA)
 - Mt. Kenya South Diocese
 - Mt. Kenya Central Diocese
 - Thika Diocese
 - Mt. Kenya West Diocese
5. Christian Community Services Mt. Kenya East (CCSMKE)
 - Kirinyaga Diocese
 - Meru Diocese
 - Embu Diocese
 - Mbeere Diocese
6. Nakuru Region Interdiocesan Christian Community Services (NRIDCCS)
 - Nakuru Diocese
 - Nyahururu Diocese
7. Eldoret Region Company (ELRECO)
 - Eldoret Diocese
 - Kitale Diocese
8. Pwani Christian Community Services (IDCCS- Nyanza)
 - Maseno South Diocese
 - Maseno West Diocese
 - Bondo Diocese
 - Southern Nyanza Diocese
9. Western Region Christian Community Services (WRCCS)
 - Bungoma Diocese
 - Butere Diocese
 - Katakwa Diocese
 - Maseno North Diocese
 - Mumias Diocese
 - Nambale Diocese