

2022 SHALOM-SCCRR RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Shalom Empowerment Center (SEC) Addressing Violence against Women and Children

Mary and Joseph Life Center (MJLC)

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Shalom Empowerment Center (SEC) Addressing Violence against Women and Children Achievements 2022

- **760** Women from informal urban settlements (slums) Empowered with analytical skills and Peacebuilding techniques, for Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation.
- More women (**43%** in Shalom-SCCRR Peacebuilding projects) are active negotiators in peace processes at the grassroots level within their traditional ethnic communities and in the Urban Informal Settlements.
- **Shalom-SCCRR Empowerment Center (SEC)** participants predominantly come from the informal urban settlements (slums) located around Nairobi (Riruta; Waithaka; Dagoretti; Kibera; Mathare; Kariobangi; Korogocho; Kangemi; Mtego; Kawangware; and Huruma), as well as in marginalized conflict regions in the semi-arid terrains where Kenya interfaces with Ethiopia, South Sudan and Uganda.

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- **1,628** Women living in acute conflict situations/Slums, engaged in **86** Training Workshops, Empowered with Holistic Livelihood Resilience Capacity.

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[Shalom-SCCRR. \(2022\). Shalom Empowerment Center \(SEC\) Addressing Violence against Women and Children: Concept Document.](#)

Two thirds of women in the urban informal settlements have been impacted by violence against women mainly in their families or communities: twice the global average. Marginalized, discriminated against and victims of physical and psychological violence, the situation of these women and girls is further aggravated by the difficulty of accessing formal justice and obtaining reparation. Contributing factors include limited knowledge of their rights; difficulty in accessing public services; improper conduct by security officers-police; personal fear – for example, of the perpetrator; and taboos and social traditions surrounding the issues. In most cases, violence against women is deeply rooted in systemic discrimination, including social and cultural norms that tolerate it and fail to provide support to women and to victims.

In **Nairobi's urban informal settlements** -(**Riruta; Waithaka; Dagoretti; Kibera; Mathare; Kariobangi; Korogocho; Kangemi; Mtego; Kawangware; and Huruma**), as well as in marginalized conflict regions in the semiarid terrains where **Kenya** interfaces with **Ethiopia, South Sudan and Uganda**, violence against women and children is a complex social problem. Exposure to various forms of harm and living in fear prevents women from fully realizing their potentials, violates their rights and dignity, reduces their wellbeing, and also reducing their contribution to the development of society.

In the past thirteen months, the Shalom Empowerment Center (SEC), has been attending to violence against women and children in these areas. **SEC has been providing training on conflict transformation skills, peacebuilding techniques, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) healing approaches, and other relevant interventions to women and children** suffering from violence through women opinion shapers and coordinated community groups that have driven meaningful change at the community level. The trainings have seen women empowered with analytical skills and peacebuilding techniques, for conflict transformation and reconciliation.

Since the launch of **Shalom Empowerment Center (SEC) in January, 2022**, **more women**, (**43%**, in Shalom-SCCRR Peacebuilding projects) are taking active roles as negotiators in peace processes at the grassroots level within their traditional ethnic communities and in the urban informal settlements, within contexts where peace processes have been a preserve of the male-folk.

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Shalom-SCCRR's Ilhan Ali Salah BA (MA Candidate), guiding women from Riruta urban informal settlement in an interactive group discussion on the existing frameworks for conflict prevention in their areas.



Esther Kibe MA, Shalom-SCCRR Project Officer on the ground with women from marginalized communities in Northern Kenya



Shalom-SCCRR's Godfrey Okoth MA (PhD Candidate), facilitating a training session with women from Kawangware urban informal settlements on their role in peacebuilding.



Shalom-SCCRR's Project Officer for Women and Children Program, Judith Akedi MA (left), during a field visit in Kibera, one of the Nairobi informal Settlements/slums. Life in the slums is characterized by extreme poverty, tenure insecurity, informal housing, overcrowding, violent crime, domestic and sexual violence, religious ideological extremism. Populations in these slums are living on less than 1 USD a day.

Impacts of Shalom-SCCRR, 2022

- Increased number of local peace actors and youths empowered with analytical skills in conflict transformation and peacebuilding.
- Active participation of the communities at the grassroots level in all peace processes leading to local ownership and sustainability of the collaborative peace product, and the resultant peace dividends.
- Strengthened social and economic structures stemming from the mutual intercommunal peace initiatives.
- Bolstered intercommunal social and cultural relationships; consequently, providing a favourable environment for local trade and farming activities.
- Increased safety for socio-economic infrastructures such as schools (including over **90%** uninterrupted learning from violent conflict), health centers and markets where Shalom-SCCRR is implementing Conflict transformation and peacebuilding projects.
- Schools in conflict and marginalized locations experiencing inadequate and dilapidated infrastructures benefiting from the Shalom-SCCRR schools/ educational projects which include construction of standard classrooms, sanitation and hygiene facilities, water supply systems, Solar Lighting systems, teaching and learning materials etc. This has improved: sitting ratios where 1 desk was shared by 4 to 5 learners to 1:1, health of pupils and students and conducive rooms for teaching and learning among other outcomes.
- Enhanced culture of peace in schools through establishment of Peace Clubs whose Patrons and Members have been trained on Shalom-SCCRR peace education syllabus championing for change of attitudes and behavior from violence to coexistence, tolerance and harmonious inter-communal development.
- More women (**43%** in Shalom-SCCRR Peacebuilding projects) are active negotiators in peace processes at the grassroots level within their traditional ethnic communities and in the Urban Informal Settlements.
- Changed attitudes, perceptions and behavior between rival ethnic communities leading to improved levels of trust, cooperation and collaboration, resulting to mutually shared development in areas such as education and livelihood activities.
- Increased capacity of key local influential opinion shapers to prevent the increasing threat of youth radicalization and religious ideological extremism.
- Launched the **Prof Wanakayi. K. Omoka Library** at the Shalom-SCCRR Eastern Africa Headquarters at Karinde, Nairobi, Kenya.

In 2022, Lectures and Modules presented by Rev. Dr. Patrick Devine: Harvard Kennedy School, USA; Stellenbosch University, South Africa; and at the National Justice & Peace Network (NJPN) Conference, UK.

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- Reduction of inter-ethnic based violent conflict incidents by an average of **67%** in Shalom-SCCRR engaged project areas.
- Operational and effective locally developed and sustained Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanisms preventing more than **60%** of looming conflicts.
- More women participation as negotiators in peace processes among traditional ethnic communities (**43%** participation) in contexts where peace processes have been a preserve of the male-folk.
- Improved peace and security by **58%** in areas where Shalom-SCCRR is intervening based on the monthly conflict incidents tracking. Thus, creating a supportive environment for development of local economy, stable and safe human settlement, health centers, and other social facilities.
- **90%** success of uninterrupted learning in schools where Shalom-SCCRR is implementing conflict transformation and peacebuilding projects.
- Improved levels of trust, cooperation and collaboration between rival ethnic communities leading to joint development in areas such as: education, and livelihood activities.
- Prevented youth radicalization and religious ideological extremism in the urban slums through broad stakeholder engagement and capacity building trainings to local communities' key influential opinion shapers, religious leaders, local government administrators and civil society actors.

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