

2023 SHALOM-SCCRR RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Conflict Transformation, Peacebuilding and Development Interventions

School/Educational Development & Peace Education

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

3,753 Influential Local Peace Actors **EMPOWERED** with Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding Techniques

130 Training Workshops in Conflict Transformation, Peacebuilding and Women Empowerment

64 School/Educational Development Projects and Peace Education

Interventions in **51**, Institutions benefiting

15,844 Pupils and Students

4,112 Women from Urban Informal Settlements (Slums) **EMPOWERED** with Conflict Transformation Skills, Peacebuilding Techniques & Holistic Livelihood Resilience Capacity

Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding Achievements

- **130 Conflict transformation and Peacebuilding training workshops** for **36** significant **Shalom-SCCRR Peace Groups** of influential opinion shapers in the urban **informal settlement** conflict hotspots, marginalized areas of northern Kenya and at the Kenya-Ethiopia-South Sudan-Uganda interface.
- **3,753 Members** of Shalom-SCCRR Peace groups empowered with conflict analytical skills for designing and implementation of locally driven and sustained conflict transformation and peacebuilding initiatives.
- **8 Training Workshops** on prevention of **Religious Ideological Extremism** in **4** project areas located in Nairobi and Mombasa informal settlements/slums in Kenya.
- **Shalom-SCCRR has an MoU with Tangaza University College in Kenya** (Constituent College of The Catholic University of Eastern Africa). Rev. Dr Patrick Devine is the current vice-chairman of the university council. The [MoU](#) addresses Research and Course Development on educational factors of Conflict Transformation Skills and Peacebuilding Techniques, countering issues of violence such as **Inter-ethnic Conflict, Religious Ideological Extremism, Violence Against Women and Children, Marginalization** among others. Shalom provided a course there for **13 yrs** and is exploring participation in a **new Degree on Peace**.

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

- **2,239 Women** from informal urban settlements (slums) and remote and marginalized conflict environments in northern Kenya, **Empowered** with analytical skills and Peacebuilding techniques, for Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation.
- **1,873 Women** empowered through **56 Workshops** with Holistic Livelihood Resilience Capacity, Life skills, and other relevant courses and interventions, essential for resolving all forms of **manifest** and **structural violence**.
- **60% Women active involvement in Shalom-SCCRR local peacebuilding initiatives, a 17% increase** compared to 2022 statistics.

School/Educational Development & Peace Education Achievements

- **64 School/Educational Development Projects completed in 51 Institutions**, emerging from **Conflict Transformation interventions**.
- **15,844 Pupils and Students** benefiting from Shalom-SCCRR funded projects: **Classrooms, Accommodation facilities, Solar lighting systems, Gender sanitary items, Books, Desks, School Water systems, Science Laboratory Equipment** etc.
- **18,113 Pupils and Students** benefiting from Shalom-SCCRR **Peace Education Syllabus** implemented in primary and secondary Schools located in violent conflict zones.

Conflict Transformation & Peacebuilding Achievements 2023

Outlined above are the **key 2023 Shalom-SCCRR, Outputs/Results** achieved in **36 conflict locations** where the organisation is engaged is implementing **Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding; Schools/Educational Development; Women Empowerment** and; **Humanitarian interventions**.

The **metrics of success** in our projects product delivery are espoused in the transformative impact we have consistently had on communities.

In 2023, Shalom-SCCRR interventions **focused on ending manifest and structural violent conflict**, transforming attitudes and behaviors; inculcating tolerance and inclusivity and; strengthening local/indigenous conflict management structures. These **interventions have empowered grassroots communities** in these violent conflict and marginalized locations to progressively become architects of their own inter-dependent future.

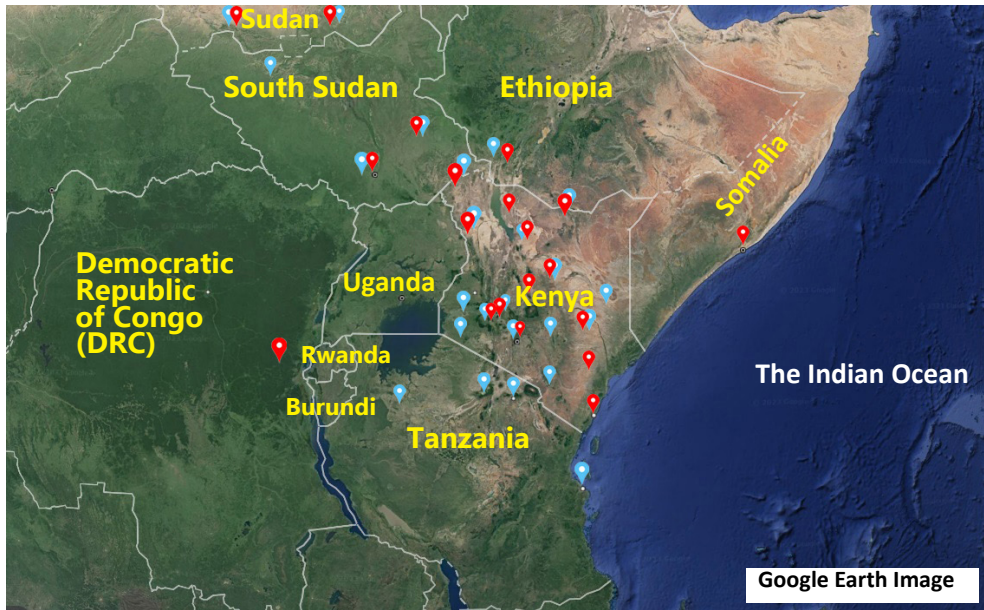
From the Results and Impact of our Peace work, springs the Schools/Educational Development projects which benefit some of the most marginalized children in the world, disadvantaged by extreme poverty and violent conflict.

These projects are the **Peace Dividends** of Shalom-SCCRR's conflict transformation and peacebuilding interventions.



The Executive Director, Fr. Oliver Noonan MA (PhD Candidate), Shalom-SCCRR engaging Shalom Peace Group on the progress of peacebuilding, school/educational development and other community-based projects that Shalom has been implementing in Samburu County, northern Kenya.

Map of Shalom-SCCRR Humanitarian-Peace-Development Context & Interventions in Eastern Africa (2009-2023)



📍 Violent Conflict Environments
 📍 School/Educational Development Projects



Rev. Dr. Patrick Devine, Shalom-SCCRR International Chairman, attending a meeting at the United Nations (UN). Shalom-SCCRR has a **formal accreditation with UN Department of Global Communications**. With this accreditation Shalom-SCCRR networks with other UN departments, plus the established UN-associated NGOs and academic institutions aiming to create a more peaceful, equal and sustainable world.



Shalom-SCCRR's Senior Project Officer, Mr. Godfrey Okoth MA and Ms. Ilhan Ali BA (MA Candidate), facilitating group discussion with local key opinion leaders, to map the best intervention strategies for addressing inter-ethnic and inter-religious conflict in several locations of Likoni constituency, Mombasa County.



Shalom-SCCRR's Mr. John Kennedy Akoko MA, facilitating a training workshop for **Security personnel** (police) at Marti in Samburu County, northern Kenya. Shalom-SCCRR is implementing various conflict transformation, peacebuilding and school/educational development projects in this volatile area.



Mr. Moses Osiro MA, from Shalom-SCRR, facilitated a session on the Fundamental Elements of Reconciliation to key influential members of the Dassenach Community during a training workshop held in the Ilemi Triangle located along the Kenya-South Sudan-Ethiopia border interface.



Shalom-SCRR Team with Shalom trained local peace actors along the Turkana/West Pokot borderline, Kenya, **celebrating a successful Peacebuilding intervention**. These empowered Peace actors will continue implementing peace work by applying knowledge, skills and techniques imparted by Shalom-SCRR.



Mr. Austin Ngacha MA, Project Officer, at the Kenya-Ethiopia interface engaging the Dassenach community leaders (living at the Kenya-Ethiopia interface) for a Conflict Transformation framework with the neighbouring Turkana community in Kenya.



Shalom-SCRR team and Shalom empowered Peace actors **celebrating a successful Peacebuilding intervention** along the Kisumu-Nandi border in Muhoroni-Tinderet settlement areas. These empowered local peace actors will carry on peace work in the absence of Shalom. ***Shalom will remain a friend and mentor – ever available to support the communities on their path to peace if need be***



Shalom-SCRR's Mrs. Judith Akedi MA, and Mr. Andres Oviedo MA, Shalom-SCRR's **International Volunteer Consultant** and UN affiliate, during a community engagement activity with women from Kibera Slums.



Ms. Paula Soumaya Domit, a Master's in Public Policy Candidate at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, during her internship at Shalom, with the organisation's team members facilitating a community conversation forum on conflict transformation at Loreng'kipi, Turkana County, northern Kenya. [Click to Read More: Independent Catholic News](#)



Shalom-SCRR team led by Mr. John Kennedy Akoko MA, project officer, facilitating a conflict transformation training workshop in Marti (a volatile area) in Samburu County, northern Kenya.



Mr. Arthur Magero MA, Shalom-SCRR Project Officer, facilitating conflict analysis session with key community leaders towards identifying the underlying root causes of conflict between the Pokot, Tugen and Marakwet in Kinyach Baringo County, northern Kenya.



Fr. Patrick after presenting at Harvard Kennedy School with some attendees.

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Rev. Dr. Tembo facilitating a Shalom-SCRR Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding Workshops in the volatile Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), He engaged local leaders and peace actors in the planning of peace and development interventions in the area.



Ms. Jacinta Kimani BA (MA Candidate) and Mr. Salomon Ajua BA (MA Candidate), from the **Democratic Republic of Congo**, during their **internship**, with Shalom, facilitating a workshop for a youth group. Shalom-SCRR has been empowering youth from the urban informal settlements on techniques of **preventing and countering radicalization into ideological violent extremism.**



Shalom-SCRR Monitoring, Evaluation, Research & Learning and Project Implementation teams, conducting a consultative forum with local government administrators in the conflict-prone Kerio Valley, northern Kenya. The forum aimed at identifying best strategies for conflict transformation/peacebuilding and sustainable development.

64 School/ Educational Development Projects & Peace Education Achievements 2023

The **development of school infrastructure** is crucial in promoting peace and stability in communities that face protracted conflicts. Access to quality education and opportunities for learning not only contribute to individual growth and development but also has a positive impact on social cohesion thus making education a long-term dividend for peacebuilding. **Shalom-SCRR's School/Educational Development Projects** coupled with the **Peace Education Syllabus** have motivated the emergence of **inter-ethnic and inter-religious schools** which are serving as important centers for social interaction, inculcating a culture of understanding and tolerance between young people coming from ethnic identities that often manifest very adversarial relationships. This helps to **create a culture of peace** and reduce the likelihood of conflicts arising based on differences in ethnicity, economy, and religion.

The provision of safe and secure schools in conflict-prone areas has been instrumental in the restoration of a sense of security and normalcy in communities thus promoting increased enrollment rates, especially among children facing the risk of recruitment into extremist and radicalized groups. This can also have a positive impact on the mental and emotional well-being of students and teachers, who are often deeply affected by conflict.

Moreover, **Shalom-SCRR's approach to education development continues to play a powerful role in promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls**, who are often marginalized and excluded from education opportunities in conflict-affected areas. **Access to quality education** has broken down gender-based barriers, promoting equality, and contributing to the transformation of deep-seated cultural practices that have traditionally trivialized women's role in the socioeconomic and political progression of society.



Rev. Dr. Patrick Devine, Shalom-SCRR, in August 2023, indicating the foundational beacon for a **Shalom-SCRR funded school construction in Turkana County Kenya** to help counter the effects of violent conflict, climate change while nurturing socio-economic development. Pupils in Kokuro offloading school/educational materials (desks, books etc.) funded by Shalom.



A delivery of **lockers and other items** to Nyiro Girls Secondary school, in Samburu County, northern Kenya. This support is meant to enhance the comfort of learners, provide safe space for storage of books and other learning materials.



Fr. Oliver Noonan MA (PhD Candidate) and Mr. Arthur Magero MA, project officer, **assessing a fence installation and other construction projects for schools/educational development** in a remote area at the **Kenya-Ethiopia volatile border**.



A delivery of lockers at Ushirika School Center located in **Kibera informal settlements (slums)** in Nairobi, Kenya.



Rev. Dr. Patrick Devine, Shalom-SCRR International Chairman, joined Ms. Paula Soumaya Domit, a Master's in Public Policy Candidate at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, witnessing a delivery of school materials funded by Shalom-SCRR, to Enkusero Sampu Primary & Junior Sec. School, located in the semi-arid pastoral area mostly inhabited by the Masai Community, in Kajiado County, Kenya.



St. Peter's Lorgum pupils in Turkana County, northern Kenya, receiving books and other learning materials.



Shalom-SCRR logistics team Delivering Beds, Mattresses and other live-in items to Sasak Primary School in West Pokot, northern Kenya. This support will help these pupils to board in the school thus enhancing their focus to studies. Their focus to learning has often times been hampered by livestock herding duties assigned to them and also by the nomadic lifestyle of the herders of moving place to place in search of pasture and water.



Shalom-SCRR's Ms. Ilhan Ali (MA Candidate), and Mr. Moses Osiro MA, with pupils from Valley Bridge Primary School [located at the interface of Mathare and Kariobangi Slums], facilitating a participatory session to establish conflict causes and the corresponding manifestations within school and community.

Shalom Empowerment Center (SEC) Addressing Violence Against Women and Children Achievements 2023

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 semi-arid 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.

Since the inception of the Shalom Empowerment Center (SEC), in January, 2022, over **2,000** have been empowered with **conflict transformation skills, peacebuilding techniques, livelihood resilience capacities, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) healing approaches** and other relevant **life skills** courses.

In **2023**, **women participation** was remarkably high, that is, **60% of all beneficiaries in Shalom-SCCRR Conflict transformation, Peacebuilding and Development interventions.** This was a **17% increase** from last year's results.

Through these consistent and strategic Shalom-SCCRR empowerment interventions, women are now able to participate in peace negotiations, community decision making, and to benefit from the local socio-economic opportunities.



A Kenyan Turkana woman migrating to a safer settlement. She lives in an environment threatened by insecurity, and lack of basic human needs. Shalom-SCCRR peace, development and women empowerment interventions, are expanding in these locations.

- **105 Training Workshops** completed in **15** conflict environments in urban informal settlements and remote impoverished marginalized locations.
- **2,239 Women** from these conflict environments, **Empowered** with Analytical Skills and Peacebuilding Techniques, for Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation.
- **1,873 Women** empowered with Holistic Livelihood Resilience Capacity-Life skills, and other relevant courses and interventions, essential for resolving all forms of **manifest** and **structural violence**.
- **60% Women active involvement in Shalom-SCRR local peacebuilding initiatives, a 17% increase** compared to 2022 statistics.
- **217** victims of acute violence and consequently suffering from depression, mental health issues, unstable family relationships, physical and psychological trauma, and substance abuse, engaged in **holistic** and **intensive Counseling**.



Mrs. Judith Akedi MA, Shalom-SCRR Women, and Children’s Project Officer, empowering women with conflict transformation skills in Lorgum, Turkana County.



Rev. Dr. Patrick Devine, Shalom-SCRR’s International Chairman welcoming, **Ms. Paula Soumaya Domit, a Master’s in Public Policy Candidate at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, during her internship at Shalom-SCRR Nairobi, Kenya**



Shalom’s Mr. Ciaran King and Mr. Caomhan McMenamin, interacting with women in the impoverished conflict environments within the urban informal settlements (slums) in Nairobi, Kenya.



Mrs. Josephine Hawo, Shalom-SCRR trained Community Resource Person (CRP) facilitating a women forum in Arapal, Marsabit County, northern Kenya.



Ms. Esther Kibe MA, from Shalom-SCRR interacts with women from Barambate, North Horr Constituency in Marsabit County (Northern Kenya), who were trained on Conflict Transformation.



Rev. Dr. Patrick Devine, and Mrs. Judy Akedi MA, Women Project Officer, presenting Shalom-SCRR's conflict transformation-peacebuilding-development nexus, and women empowerment interventions framework, to key influential women leaders from the urban informal settlements (Slums). The workshops are conducted at the Shalom Empowerment Center in Nairobi, Kenya.



Shalom-SCRR's Mrs. Judy Akedi MA, Women Project Officer, Ms. Esther Kibe MA and Ms. Ilhan Ali BA (MA Candidate), interacting with women in Mathare informal settlements (Slums) during the implementation of inter-ethnic peacebuilding community-based forums.

- Increased **knowledge, skills and techniques** for analyzing conflict and developing conflict transformation and conflict resolution strategies for intervening in conflict situations within the local contexts.
- **Women** enhanced capacity to deal with all **forms of manifest and structural violence, inter-ethnic, inter-religious, domestic violence and sexual violence** etc.
- **SEC** continuous engagement with social protection systems and formation institutions promoting gender equality and **empowerment** of women and girls.
- More than **1,800** women in conflict situations, empowered with **livelihood skills**; enabling **entrepreneurial** activities to begin and progress.
- Through **holistic counseling**, victims-survivors, who have suffered from domestic and sexual violence, **empowered** with **coping skills** to effectively overcome negative experiences, developing positive **self-development**.
- Effective engagement with men (family heads), influential community leaders and community groups, as a strategic approach for ensuring **collective responsibility**, that is required for addressing domestic and sexual violence the **10** urban informal settlements and remote locations.
- Ongoing engagement with **grassroots structures** in the **urban informal settlements** to address the scourge of **human and organ trafficking**.
- **Women** becoming **activists for peace and positive change** in their communities through awareness raising and promotion of increased **women's participation in peacebuilding**, taking leadership roles, and being **empowered decision makers**.
- Shalom empowered women advocating for the **needs and rights** of women in their communities.

- 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 inter-communal peace initiatives.
- Bolstered inter-communal 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 **to1:1**, 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 behaviour from violence to coexistence, tolerance and harmonious inter-communal development**.
- More **women (60%** 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**.

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- Communities **resolving violent conflict** through **peaceful means** in Shalom-SCCRR engaged areas.
- Operational and effective locally developed and **sustained Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanisms** established in volatile areas to support conflict prevention and mitigation, thus effectively preventing deadly inter-ethnic violent incidents, with a success rate of at least **73%**.
- **60% Women** engaged and benefiting from Shalom-SCCRR's Conflict Transformation, Peacebuilding and Livelihood programs (an average of **4%** yearly increase over the past 14 years).
- More **women participation as negotiators in peace processes** among traditional ethnic communities in contexts where peace processes have been a preserve of the male-folk.
- Shalom-SCCRR empowered Community/grassroots Peace Resource Persons effectively and competently handling local conflicts with a success rate of about **58%**.
- **Sustained peace and security** in areas where Shalom-SCCRR is intervening, thus creating a supportive environment for **growing of local economies**, stable and **safe human settlements**, and **development of health centers**, and other social infrastructures.
- **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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