

RESULTS & ACHIEVEMENTS



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Women from Urban Informal Settlements (Slums) and remote locations, EMPOWERED with Conflict Transformation Skills and Peacebuilding Techniques

Women Empowerment Results and Achievements, 2023, in Numbers

- **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-SCCRR 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**.

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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 dire human security. Shalom-SCCRR peace, development and women empowerment interventions, are expanding in these locations.



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.** [Click Here to Read More...](#)



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.

Significant Outcomes/Results Achieved through SEC in 2023

- 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**, leadership roles, and as **empowered decision makers**.
- Shalom empowered women advocating for the **needs** and **rights** of women in their communities.

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