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Against Poverty**
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in Localizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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From Grassroot Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) from Nairobi-Kibera Informal Settlement in Localizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Held on Tuesday 5th 2023

WE, the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) of Kibra Constituency, cognizant of the importance of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in addressing global challenges of humanity, would like to take this opportunity to **affirm our commitment** to localization of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by taking action on the third level of 'people action' as identified by the UN- Secretary general as one way of making change in this last decade.

We highlight the need for acceleration of the implementation of the SDGs during this last Decade of Action to attain sustainable development for all. This is amid the climate crisis, economic fluctuations, conflicts and pandemic aftermath experienced all over the world. We note that it will require an assessment of the key blocks hindering progress and identifying solutions to these blocks and actions before the target date.

We recognise the efforts of the Kenyan Government in attaining SDGs by developing certain policies in the country for implementation, however, **we note** that there are key issues derailing effective implementation of SDGs in our country including; low budgetary allocation, slow policy implementation, inadequate localization of the SDGs slowing down the implementation and high turnover of political and administrative leadership every five years leading to change of political interests and priorities.

We therefore make the following demands to the Government of Kenya to hasten the attainment of SDGs.

- On goal 4 (quality education), **we demand** for adequate school infrastructure and deployment of more teachers to meet the international standards ratio of teacher/ student for quality education. Shortage of trained teachers and inadequate teaching materials are frustrating implementation of the competency based curriculum.
- **We stress** the need for the Government to implement affirmative action of the 2/3 gender rule for all to enjoy equal rights and opportunities in social, economic, and political domains of life. This is in line with goal 5 (gender equality).
- **We call on** Government and Non state actors to hasten the localization of all SDGs to ensure practical interventions are made towards their attainment.
- **We demand** an acceleration of measure to specifically attain SDG 1 (No Poverty) and 2 (Zero Hunger) 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), 15 (Life on Land), which have dragged on in their attainment and pose an existential threat to the livelihoods of many.
- Aware of social protection gaps exposed to vulnerable communities especially with health care, **we call** upon the government through the National Health Insurance Fund to streamline access to health care for attainment of universal health care and SDG 3 on good health and wellbeing. **We also demand** that regular medical checkups be enhanced to guarantee early detection, and where possible, early commencement of treatment.
- **We stress** the need for more Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutes especially in the informal settlements in order to build a solid base of human resource who are equipped with skills that will help them to be engaged in gainful employment in the country, in line with goal 4 (quality education).



- **We call on** Government to institutionalize peace education and peace culture in schools by providing programmes that address psychological and physical violence through violence prevention, conflict resolution and mediation this will propel attainment of goal 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions)
- *We call* for more investment and budget allocation in the institutions, policies and strategies including strengthened social protection institutions

For the International community, we ask

- The United Nations and its Organs to redouble its efforts including commitment to earmark resources to actualizations of the SDGs
- The SDG team, to mobilize resources to Capacitate developing nations to fully domesticate the SDGs with national goals towards the full realization of the SDGs
- The United Nations (UN), to offer support in facilitating global partnerships between different stakeholders to build consensus on implementation of SDGs in line with the SDG 17
- **We demand** open platforms that ensure sustained civic engagement for citizens to understand their rights and responsibilities within SDGs
- **We argue** that for the success of SDGs, inclusion, adequate participation of all stakeholders is key, and we therefore in line with goal 17 (partnership for the goals) *ask* for inclusion of all citizens and utilization of grassroots knowledge for sustainability of SDGs.
- **We call** for guaranteed universal social protection from birth to old age to reduce and prevent poverty and that necessary legislative and policy frameworks be enacted to guarantee this. This is in line with goal 1(no poverty) and 3 (good health and well being
- **We stress** the need for the Government to offer humanitarian support for our communities affected by conflicts to ensure not just presence of adequate security personnel, but also offer material and psychosocial sustenance in line with goal 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions).

Organizations represented

1.	Amani Kibera
2.	Amani Women Network
3.	Kibera women for peace and fairness
4.	Memo Reverse Hub
5.	KUZA Trust

6.	Umande Trust
7.	Nguo Inclusive Hub
8.	Africa Grassroots Media Alliance
9.	Maternal and NewBorn Health Association
10.	Dagoretti Greeners Organization

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