

The **BIG** Picture

A CtGA Publication Highlighting Resource Mobilisation
and Claim Making Success Stories

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Change the Game Academy aims at building the capacities of a broad range of organisations at grassroots level. The programme, a partnership between Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF) and Wilde Ganzen Foundation, supports Community based organisations (CBOs), Self-help groups (SHGs) and Non-Governmental organisations (NGOs) to work towards harnessing and growing their resources as well as securing their basic rights and services from duty bearers.

Dear All,

In today's world, there are many organizations seeking to address various needs in the society. This has led to the competition for grants especially in the developing countries. There has been a culture of looking for aid far away from the borders of the communities that need them. Yet often times, solutions may lie on their door-fronts and all that is needed is training to look within, change the game and find success.

We introduce to you the Change the Game Academy (CtGA) newsletter that tells of the success stories gained through training on Local Fundraising and Mobilising Support here in Kenya. CtGA exists to build the capacities of a broad range of organisations at grassroots level in middle and low income countries across the world.

In this issue, read about an organisation in Western Kenya working with farmers to advocate and lobby for improved nutrition in their community. In the neighboring Nyanza region, community cluster level associations are organizing and Mobilising Support for the girl child, who for a very long time has been disadvantaged in the area. In Nairobi, Cerebral Society of Kenya is fighting for the betterment of children with Cerebral Palsy, specially to access the much needed specialized care. They have been fundraising locally successfully and they tell us their story.

The CtGA pot is being filled, thanks to organisations that are relentlessly changing the narrative of Local Fundraising and Mobilising Support.

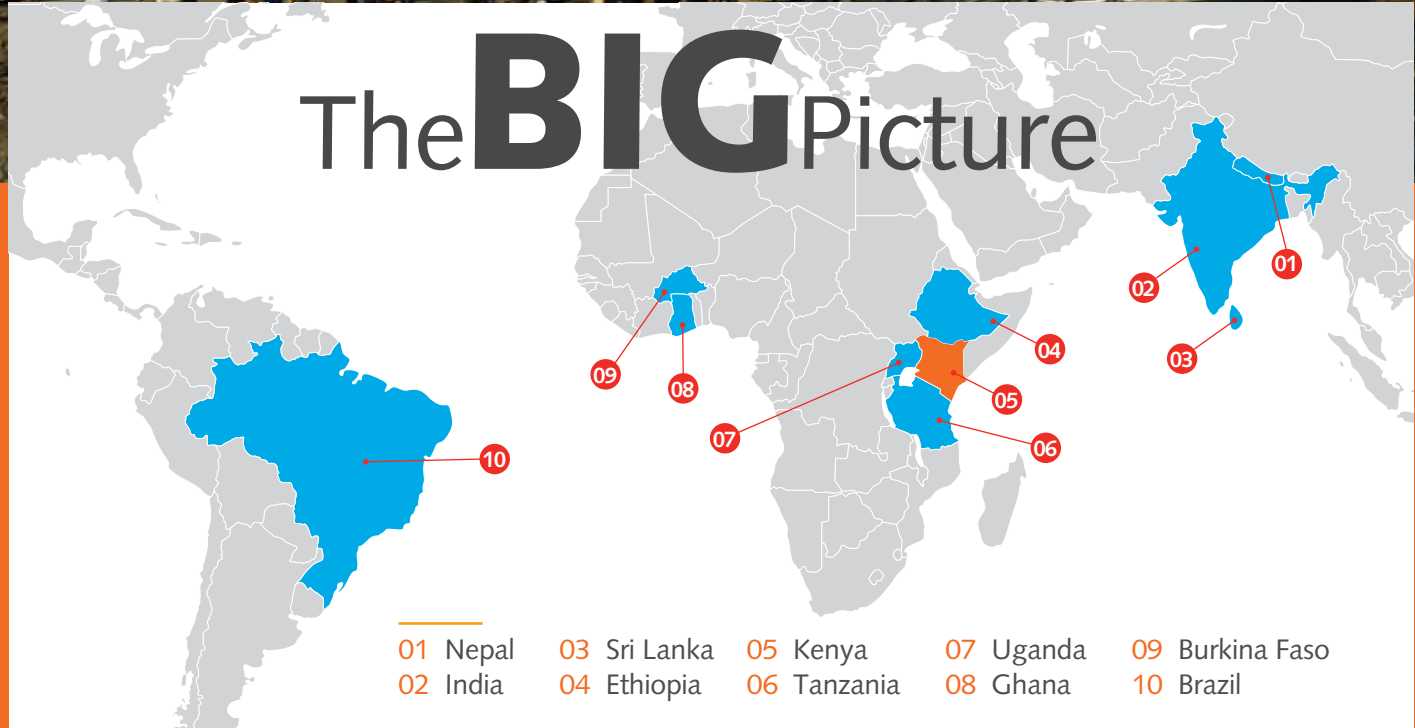
And also, why did we start Change the Game Academy? Read more in our Big Picture story.

We hope that with this first issue of our success stories, you will get more insight as to why Change the Game Academy is in existence.

Enjoy the read.



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Kenya CtGA Numbers

Trained 41
organizations in Mobilising Support.



Trained 71
organisations in Local Fundraising.



The Bigger Picture

While the trainers can be busy implementing their action plans and organizing the trainings, it is good to sometimes take a step back and look at the bigger picture. Why did KCDF and Wilde Ganzen start the Change the Game Academy programme here in Kenya?

Over the past decades, Civil Society Organizations across the globe are increasingly facing challenges that hinder their ability to be effective advocates of social change. While the alarming trend of shrinking civic space demands a strong civil society that can claim its space, many civil society organizations are struggling to even survive.

Foreign donors are reducing their funding, donor priorities are shifting and some donors tend to make fewer, grants (in general not accessible to smaller CSOs). And

although there is considerable economic development in many countries, not all benefit: inequality is growing. This challenging context asks for bottom-up efforts to bring about change. Therefore, through Change the Game Academy we want to strengthen the voices of local CSOs and help them build local constituencies.

As such, we are part of a bigger, global movement of organizations that are looking for ways to empower local civil society from grassroots level up, rethinking power and resources to ensure that people and communities can drive their own development. Multiple conversations are taking place around the globe under the hashtag *#Shift-thePower*, initiated by the Global Fund for Community Foundations.



"The Mobilising Support training offered through the Change the Game Academy has not only changed my perception on advocacy, but instilled in me the belief that change is only sustainable if community members or claim holders identify their real issues and work through it to hold the duty bearers accountable. Before participating in the Change the Game Academy trajectory, I viewed advocacy as a violent strategy, but now I am happy that I have gained valuable skills on how to facilitate communities to identify real policy issues that affect their lives and how to effectively engage different actors including policy makers in a friendlier way."

~ Merab Okwara, Programmes Officer
Undugu Society of Kenya - Mobilising Support alumnus



Mobilising Support to Protect and Educate the Girl Child

The scenic road to Homabay town meanders among hills opening up to Lake Victoria which is a beauty to behold. The roadsides are lined with traders displaying different agricultural produce in a bid to make sale. On the outskirts of the town is Gwasi sub-county from whence the beauty of the lake abounds. At mid-morning the azure sky reflects on it giving it a perfect blue.

Beneath the calmness and beauty of Gwasi though, lies a sad reality; that of the plight of the girl child. A high rate of school drop-outs among the girls, early pregnancies and marriages, has bedeviled the area.

Merab Okwara, a Program Officer at Undugu Society and a Mobilising Support alumnus, paints a grim picture of the situation with tales of a certain primary school in the area which had only two girls sitting the national examinations. The reality is grim. The chances that a girl will complete her education in Gwasi are low. It is at Gwasi that Undugu Society of Kenya (USK) has set up office. USK's presence in the village has to do with these challenges and more.

Among the solutions that USK proffered in Gwasi was lobbying for a once a week mobile court in Magunga centre to address the child abuse cases that were so rampant in the area. They also developed small advocacy groups in 54 villages they work in and initiated a program for mentorship and child champions. Mentorship forums are held during school holidays where different partners including the church, parents, teachers and local mentors are invited to talk to the girls. The forums are organized by cluster level associations which were set up by USK and meet once a month.

Following these initiatives, the community has responded well. Members of the community can now report cases of abuse and last year alone Gwasi saw 26 cases reported. "We strengthen communities to participate in various processes e.g. the budgeting process in the county," says Cliff Ochieng, Director at the USK, Gwasi office. "The child well-being protection policy is now in the final stage and we have been part of it since its inception."

These solutions have given birth to significant change as girls who are in schools in Gwasi now have hope.

Take Diana Auma Oluoch, for instance. She is a girl of conviction. A student at St. Charles Wiga Secondary School in Gwasi, Diana is in school on a scholarship and has beaten all odds to get to form four. 90% the girls in her class are young mothers whose parents chose for them to go back to school rather than get married off. "I want to be a role model to my siblings and other children. I reflect back to my parents' struggles and I know I want to make it out of here and make something out of myself," she says. She is a second born in a family of six and her parents are farmers.

Advocacy plays a huge role in a society such as this. The cluster level associations formed by USK meet once every month and the self-help groups once every week.

Samuel Chwowe, a farmer, is the secretary of a cluster level association in his village of Wiga. He is also an alumnus of Change the Game Academy having taken the Mobilising Support (MS) course courtesy of USK. After the MS training, his association decided on mentorship forums to address the village's challenges. "All the members in the Wiga CLA are parents who understand where

the shoe hurts. The main issue we saw was that there was a majority of girls dropping out of school," he said.

They also sought to find the solutions to the problems that their children were facing by utilizing mobilising support skills and advocacy. "We want a safe environment for our children and we envisage that we can continue this role of advocacy and ensure that the voice of the community is heard," he said. The group also reaches out to the county government through advocacy.

Every Saturday, the mentorship forum takes place under a mango tree in Wiga village at one of the CLA member's home. There, children practice song, dance, and poetry to keep them busy while nurturing their talents.

Before USK's intervention, the girl child's education in the area was really low, and even though there have been improvements, a lot remains to be done. They hope that their efforts on protecting and educating the girl child will bear fruit eventually.



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~ Samuel Chwowe



Looking Beyond Donor Funds

Awasi is an outskirts town located 40km from Kisumu city. Natives typically live a rural life. As such, challenges abound.

Poverty is the bane of Awasi. "We struggle to make money," says Gabriel Ngeso, a resident. "The economy is not as vibrant down here as it is in the city."

Well, Awasi suffers the same poverty as many remote villages in Kenya. But unlike most places, the area bears a heavy HIV & AIDS toll. "The disease has claimed so many lives since two decades ago," Ngeso says.

The virus claimed young adults; the drivers of the economy. This sapped away the area's economic engine.

"The disease left orphans in its wake. I myself took in four children left behind by my elder brother," Ngeso says.

These unique challenges informed the creation of Pamoja Child Foundation (PCF), a non-governmental that operates in the larger Awasi location, expanding into Nyang'oma, in Kisumu County.

"We base our operations on child welfare," says Samuel Otieno, the Operations and Projects Manager at PCF.

The organisation's signature program involves individual student sponsorships. "If you want to see a child through school you can sign up as their sponsor. You will henceforth be remitting funds that will be used to educate them," Samuel explains.

Two of the orphans Ngeso took in have benefitted from the sponsorship program.

Currently PCF has 24 sponsored students in the system. "They were actually many but we are facing out the programme because of donor fatigue," Samuel says.

As a result, the organisation ceased recruitment of children for sponsorship and has now trained its eyes on the wider issues of poverty which arrests families' ability to look after their children.

"Our approach is now broader: so that we help families secure income generating activities. This way we empower them economically and they are able to care for their children," Samuel says.

The more intrinsic problems PCF wants to mitigate are early pregnancies and high school dropout rate. Their work is cut out for them.

Donor fatigue means that Samuel and his team have had to go back to the drawing board to strategise on fund-raising.

It was therefore a pleasant surprise for Samuel and one colleague who were invited for a training on Mobilising Support, organised by Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF), working in conjunction with Change the Game Academy.

"Two of us from PCF attended the training – I and Joan Omolo," Samuel says. "The training opened our eyes

to many opportunities that we just ignore or simply do nothing about.”

Samuel and Joan attended the training for six months: from October 2015 to March 2016.

Janet Mawiyoo, the Executive Director at KCDF says that the NGO fraternity in Kenya will have to look beyond donor funds to continue delivering services to their intended communities.

“Mobilising Support was meant to influence the thinking by organisations that funds can only come from abroad. And Kenya having become a middle income nation we cannot seat on our laurels and assume that it is work as usual. Donors have begun pulling away. Looking for alternative resource mobilisation strategies is therefore imperative,” she says.

Post training PCF has been utilising locally available avenues to get things going.

“For instance, we have managed to get Bamburi Cement, to donate 200 bags of cement, to Nyalenda Girls Secondary School,” Samuel says.

According to Samuel, proper facilities at the school, which is only five years old, would ensure that students’ needs are met, and they can stay in school.

Joyce Otieno, the school’s principal, commends the help PCF has offered to the school, “Because those efforts have contributed to a higher school retention rate.”



The classroom that was supported by Bamburi Cement at Nyalenda Secondary

The school, says Joyce, has so far lost eight girls to early pregnancy.

Samuel is a Board member at the school. Through PCF, he has organised seminars for the students and brought in renowned speakers from around the country to impart knowledge and wisdom for the teenagers as they pursue education.

“There are many other ways people can give for PCF work. We are now approaching corporates; we are asking community members to contribute; and we are seeking partnerships with other like-minded organisations,” Samuel says.

Just recently PCF got 31 computers, which they will be distributing to 31 primary schools in Nyalenda.

“We don’t want to turn down any form of help for our work. It is through mobilisation efforts that such can be achieved,” Samuel says.



Joyce Otieno, School Principal at Nyalenda Girls Secondary School.



Gaining Skills to Raise KES 4 Million

Just before the curtains came down in 2016, Bishop Chabuga Community Foundation (BCCF), in Boyani, Vihiga County raised KES 4 Million for their scholarship fund. The money brought relief as the Foundation had debts running into millions.

“We had not paid fees for close to 250 students that we support,” says Reverend John Keronze, the Director of BCCF. “A good fraction of the money went into clearing the debt.”

BCCF, an affiliate of Africa Divine Church, was able to raise the money by engaging faithful all over the country and from beyond our borders – as far as Uganda. Additionally, BCCF called for various stakeholder meetings with Vihiga ward representative, women representative and various county officials which opened up avenues for resources they had not previously engaged.

“We assessed our debt and projected into the following year. We arrived at the amount we needed to raise. Then

assigned specific amounts to different congregations," Rev. Keronze explains.

Raising funds from local communities, explains Ezakiah Usiah, Country Coordination Officer in charge of Education for ADC church, has great challenges.

He says: "There is a general belief that the Foundation generally has money. The reasoning is that BCCF wouldn't be supporting needy students if our accounts weren't awash with money."

It takes skills to Rev. Keronze, came from a training on fundraise locally and mobilise support organised by KCDF in early 2016.

"The belief that funds can only come from abroad is a false one," says Janet Mawiyoo, the Executive Director at KCDF. "Organisations can raise resources locally: they just need to tap into the myriad of opportunities."

The training on mobilising support and local fundraising, Mawiyoo says, was designed to bring to the surface various methods of resource mobilisation that local organisations ignore.

Two staff members from BCCF were trained. "When they came back from training they imparted in us support mobilisation skills; which then we used to raise the KES. 4 million," Rev. Keronze says.

The organisation mainly depends on well-wishers and donors from Netherlands to fund the scholarship kitty, from which 350 students are currently benefitting.

At the heart of BCCF's operations is the objective to see needy but bright students go to school.

The students, Rev. Keronze says, have to be from poor families – who would find it difficult to pay required fees. But more importantly, beneficiaries must have managed at least 350 marks from KCPE.

"These are students who are likely going to make it into the university: which we believe would be a stepping stone for them to great careers."

One of the scholarship beneficiaries, Subena Faith, got 350 marks in KCPE in 2014 having completed her primary education in Friends School Tigoi.

"I want to be a lawyer," Faith shares. "I would love to fight for human rights – girls' rights being fundamental." Had she not received the scholarship, Faith believes that she would have ended up as a house girl, working to further the interests of children of her employer while her own ambitions stagnated.

"It is what girls who don't go to school do: working as house helps. That is not how I envisioned my life," she says.

Faith is transitioning to Form Four and will be sitting for KCSE in 2018. BCCF has paid her fees since she joined Form One at Musubega High School.

Her father is an unskilled mason and depends on one-off opportunities which seldom come. Her mother is a stay-at-home mum and therefore economically inactive.

"After primary school my ambitions to proceed with education would have surely stalled," Musubega says.

Other beneficiaries, like Phaniel Araga (going to Form Two) and Minange Nikolai (going to Form Four) concur that life wouldn't have been the same if BCCF hadn't come to their help.

In June 2017, Rev. Keronze and Hezekia Osia participated in another training by KCDF. "We were invited for the Local Fundraising training. And we are happy because we built on what our colleagues had learnt in the mobilisation support training," Rev. Keronze says.

BCCF supports students – in high school as well as tertiary institutions – with as little as KES. 15, 000 for day students and as much as KES. 53, 000 for boarding students per year.

"Our yearly budget is about KES. 1.8 Million," Rev. Keronze says. With such financial commitment BCCF couldn't have received better training.



Fundraising to Bless the roots of Education

God Bless You High School (GBYH), an unlikely name for a school, is where three students with different kinds of misfortunes have the fortune of sharing a school and possibly a gateway to a bright future. One, a boy named aptly Nelson Mandela in his late teens, formerly a street child, now adopted and in his last year of high school and another, a girl- 17-year-old Waceke Elizabeth- whose chance at an education almost dwindled after her father lost his job, the family's only source of livelihood. The third is Esther Epetet from Lokori in Turkana, a marginalized community at the center of drought and danger of cattle rustling banditry.

The story of God Bless You High School is one of determination and faith. The school dates back to 2007 having been preceded by the primary school which was founded by the proprietors Bishop Simon Githigi and his wife Beatrice Nderitu. Though part of the school was razed down later that year following the post-election violence, Simon and Beatrice rebuild it the following year. The school now has 111 students while Elim Star Academy, its sister primary school, has 300 students.

Nelson, Elizabeth and Esther are all students of God Bless You High School and as one can tell from their stories, they have nothing to pay their fees with. The other students too come from families that are not too well to do. Some have to pay school fees in kind- bringing firewood, maize and beans. In order to sustain students like Nelson, the school has to raise funds from other sources.

Sophie Wacuka and Mercy Mugendi, both employees of God Bless You High School attended the local fundraising training by Kenya Community Development Foundation

and Change the Game Academy in Nairobi. "It was eye opening and totally changed my attitude towards local fundraising. It also gave us a different perspective since we had been doing local fundraising before but we had a different mindset about it," says Sophie.

After the training, their first local fundraising initiative was to renovate a library and continue the dormitory structure which had stalled for four years. The dormitory needed Kes. 900,000 to complete. They immediately set up a fundraising committee and drew a fundraising plan. They involved students and pupils from their sister primary school, parents, teachers, local business people, their board and local companies. "We were afraid to reach out at first. The community thought we had money and sponsorships and since we had learnt how to raise the question of where the need is, we succeeded in convincing them this time," says Sophie.

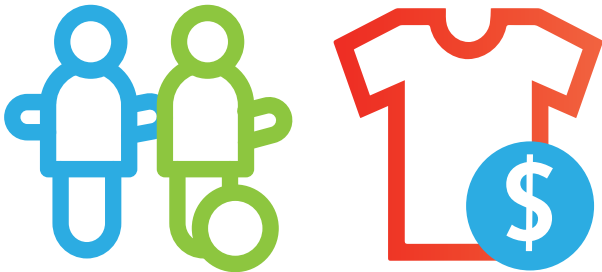
Through a talent search and family day coupled with contribution cards and selling of T-shirts and mugs they raised over Kes. 600,000. They also received services and products in kind. People volunteered their time for free. Work men from the community came to do the work. They got cement and iron sheets from wholesale shops in the town. "The elevator pitch helped us a lot as we approached corporates and business people around. It guided us through the process of approaching people. We went to places where we wouldn't have gone before. We got the courage to ask," says Mercy.

They also utilized materials that were readily available to them and made the most out of it. The students for example used their talent in art to decorate their library. The



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teachers in the school also started contributing monthly to sponsor the education of the needy students.

The structure got completed in less than three months after it had stalled for four years. About 600 people came out for the family day to support in raising funds.

Since the fundraiser, the community is now more aware of the work GBYH does and are more supportive and willing to give.

GBYH is now embarking on building a dining hall for the high school kids as the space they have currently is not enough, forcing students to eat outside. "We want local fundraising to be our culture. I believe with time, we can network and advocate for better, even as we move towards attaining the goals we have set," says Mercy.



Cerebral Palsy Society: Fundraising for better Health Care

Before registering Cerebral Palsy Society of Kenya (CPK) in 1996, a group of parents with children living with cerebral palsy had been meeting regularly in downtown Nairobi. Five years later, they started a clinic to provide occupational, physical and speech therapy to children with cerebral palsy.

It is because of this initiative, a first of its kind in Kenya that Mary Mwikali's daughter Naomi Njoki, can access the requisite care she needs. Mary, 40, a mother of three was abandoned by her husband when she gave birth to Naomi who lives with cerebral palsy.

Mary spoke of the challenges she faces in raising a child with cerebral palsy. "As Naomi grows older and heavier, it becomes difficult to carry her around," she said. "The public is also not fully aware of the condition and we are sometimes subjected to uncomfortable stares and questions," she adds.

Naomi requires her mother's full attention and not being able to afford a caregiver at home means that she has to be there with her all day, every night. This took a toll on her and as she could not give the attention her other two children needed she had to let them go live with her brother back in her rural home so she could devote more care on Naomi.

"I used to take her for therapy sessions at Mama Lucy hospital in Nairobi and it is from there that I was referred to CPSK." She says. Mary would wash clothes around her neighborhood of Soweto, a slum in Nairobi, to sustain their livelihood. After taking Naomi for therapy at CPSK, she decided to ask for a job there and was granted one of a cleaner. She has been working there since 2014 and

with that she gets to earn a living while providing Naomi with the care that she needs. Naomi accesses therapy sessions at the clinic for free.

The therapy sessions have improved Naomi's condition as Mary attests. "Since starting therapy and having access to proper medication, she no longer experiences convulsions which used to disturb me a lot. Her neck balance is also improving," she says.

Cerebral Palsy is a disorder of movement, muscle tone or posture that is caused by damage that occurs to the immature, developing brain, most often before birth. It is not easy to manage and often takes a toll on parents, guardians and caregivers. It is organizations such as CPSK that give them hope of a better tomorrow for their children.

Cerebral palsy requires a multifaceted approach and needs various professionals including therapists, Ears Nose and Throat specialists, general physicians, counselors and nutritionists. Since at the moment CPSK cannot afford to have all these specialists in house, they organize trainings for their staff and parents and call in the specialists, though they would wish to have at least each specialist working for them in the near future.

Part of their mandate is to raise awareness on Cerebral Palsy. They have had their successes with children who have gone up to university. They rehabilitate children with cerebral palsy and offer guidance and counselling to their families. They also have programmes on economic empowerment for guardians and care givers. The children require full time attention and this presents a gap in the area of livelihoods for some parents. This prompt-

ed them to start a self-help initiative where parents are taught a skill and advanced an amount of money to start a business.

It is for parents such as Mary and children such as Naomi that CPSK devotes its time to fundraise locally so as to provide proper services to children with cerebral palsy.

CPSK raises funds through a charity walk every year among other ventures. Recent walk in June, 2018 earned them Kes 3.9 million which will go a long way in helping them run their projects as well as purchase a van for their children. Parents pay a subsidized amount of Kes. 800 per month which is not sufficient to carry out all activities

at the centre, including paying staff members, thus local fundraising efforts come in handy.

“The teamwork amongst our staff members has ensured sustainability in the organisation. They have raised money together with parents and the board and this place wouldn’t run without them,” said George Kakala, the Executive Director.

This Local Fundraising and Mobilising Support alumnus organisation is not stopping any time soon. They deem their work a calling and every day is a reminder of why they do what they do.



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Curbing Stunted Growth in Western Kenya

The Nzoia River in Western Kenya rises from Cheranganyi hills and roars furiously across Mumias town watering farms along its way to Lake Victoria. Evidence of agricultural activity in the region can be seen through all kinds of produce laid along the roads and in markets inside the towns. In Mumias town, it is a buzz of activity as vendors put out their maize and millet to dry as they await customers, while others ready their stalls with different fruits hopeful to make a great sale.

Despite the impressive display of agricultural produce in Mumias and various other markets in Western Kenya, lies the challenge of stunted growth specifically. Bordering Kakamega County to the northwest just fifty Kilometers from Mumias town is Busia County with a population of 743,946 people. Busia is among the counties that have been hardest hit by stunted growth. A 2014 survey by the Kenya health demographic survey found that Busia County had a prevalence of 28.4% occurrences of stunted growth in children.

It is because of the reality of stunted growth in Busia and Kakamega Counties that the Anglican Development Services - Western (ADS-W) set out to reduce the prevalence and possibly eradicate it completely. ADS-W, which is part of the ICCO consortium in Western Kenya, took the Mobilising Support training offered by KCDF and Change the Game Academy. According to Anglican Development Services - Western (ADS-W) officials, the skills they obtained in Mobilising Support have ensured success in how they handle community groups. They have also teamed up with other stakeholders including the county government of Busia to enhance the delivery of their work.

Improving Livelihoods

Its plan was to work with groups in Western Kenya to address food insecurity and economic gaps. For a start,

ADS-W working with various organisations in the region, introduced the soybean plant to the CBO's that they work with. Its approach is that of training various community based organizations in growing of nutritious crops including vegetables, sweet potatoes and various other crops and value-addition with a view of improving their livelihoods.

One such CBO is Okoa CBO in Akites Village in Teso sub-county, composed of men and women farmers. Since the introduction of the Soybean in their village they have not looked back. The group which is registered as a co-operative is composed of 68 registered members. ADS-W offers training sessions to the CBO from time to time.

For 52 year old Rosemary Abook, her life has changed due to her healthy eating since being diagnosed with HIV. "Soya is good food for our children and the elderly amongst us. Actually, it keeps all of us healthy. We know of its nutritious value and that is why we love it around here," she said.

While the soybean plant is not native to Busia County, the way the villagers of Akites in Teso South have mastered it would make one think it is. Intense capacity building sessions with ADS-W have been successful and the farmers know more about Soya.

Ejaikait Philemina of Akites village ensures that her two-year-old grandson, Ryan Akure is fed with Soya porridge every day. "When we first started growing Soya we wanted to improve our economic status but most importantly the health of our children, as instances of stunted growth in children of under 5 years of age were rampant in our area," she said



Members of the Chako ni Chako at one of their farms.

The farmers are no longer reliant on only maize and have other foods to supplement including the Soybean and they hope that the county government will continue to improve policies so they can get better markets and favorable prices for their farm produce.

Championing Rights

Miles away in the village of Sidende is another group called Chako ni Chako. The members farm together having been introduced to kitchen farming using conservation agriculture by ADS-W. They now plant various types of vegetables which include a mixture of vegetables, tomatoes, Soya, groundnuts, maize and pepper to boost nutrition levels in their families. "Our families come first and before we sell the produce, we ensure there is enough to feed the family," said Wycliffe Okinda, a member of the group.

Canon John Peter Mudy the Executive Director of ADS-W said that they have managed to achieve a lot because of

lobbying and advocacy. "We mobilise rural communities to demand for their services from duty bearers. We empower them with knowledge to champion their rights," he said.

ADS-W's foray into Mobilising Support from the county governments has borne fruits through lobbying for legislation that supports their work. "Supporting legislation is important. You cannot succeed without legislation. We are domesticating what fits our county. Since the farm inputs fund was passed as a law, we now want to increase the scope of the subsidy program to go beyond the fertilizer and seed," said Jeremiah Okello, the Chief Officer of Agriculture, livestock, fisheries and cooperatives Kakamega County of Kakamega.

With improved health and a steady source of livelihood for many households in the counties, school enrollment and retention has risen. ADS-W hopes for more, and they continue with their advocacy work relentlessly.



Before attending the Change the Game Academy training, I could not envision a mechanism through which we as an organization could raise funds locally. I saw it as an impossible task. The Local Fundraising course was an eye opener on the many resources available to us locally. The course has changed my outlook and will help us as an organization serve our beneficiaries better.



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