

DEEPENING DEMOCRACY PROGRAMME (DDP)



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1. CONTEXT ANALYSIS

Political alignment of the youth made some loose objectivity of the project particularly at the initial stages, for instance youths aligned to the current regime within the county felt it was their role to defend the status quo as opposed to embracing dialogue objectively and coming up with solutions to their current challenges in collaboration with their leadership. Similarly at this phase some county official who had not conceptualized the objectives of the KAIP project did show opposition to the youth leader's strategy and planning meeting viewing them as a political sessions rather than avenues to engage with youth to accelerate development agenda in the county.

In Busia County, there was a lack of public participation framework; they only relied on the existing laws such as Public Finance Management Act 2012. Absence of a structured county framework denied youth an opportunity to meaningfully engage the government. For instance, annual development plan (ADP) for Busia County was developed and approved by county assembly without public involvement, which denied youth an opportunity to give their views.

The County officers were reluctant in sharing information with the public. The residents can access with ease only information on public domain such as Annual Development Plan and County Integrated Development plans which are posted on the county website, other key documents such as project approved budgets, status reports, designs and BOQS for the project and contacts for the contractors are hardly provided by the respective offices when requested. This frustrated youth efforts in accessing information and following-up on the key priority issues they had identified during county level planning and strategy meetings.

Additionally the County Government of Busia conducted public participation for the county fiscal strategy paper for the financial year 2019/2020 at the ward levels in March 2019. This gave youth and citizens an opportunity to engage county government on budget matters. This created a chance for the KAIP beneficiary youth leaders to attend and contribute on the key priority areas they had identified during planning and strategy meeting for inclusion in county planning and budget.

Further, Busia County released the final draft of County Fiscal strategy paper for the FY 2019/2020 in May 2019, which provided an opportunity for the youth to analyse the document to find if the county government incorporated their views as they shared during public participation meeting held across different constituencies within the county.

The threats from county officials had great influence on the youth ability and the will to engage the county government. Some youth avoided seeking information and holding leaders accountable in fear of victimization by some officials who were threatening them directly via phone calls and word of mouth. This environment hindered the project to achieve maximum output because intimidated youth stopped to engage county government.

Finally, County officers out of engagement with youth embraced the importance of public participation in development programs. For instance, ward administrator's offices across different constituencies involved citizens in public projects such as road construction, tractor ploughing services and bursary disbursement processes, which gave youth an opportunity to air out views for consideration.

2. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Constituency Level Monthly meetings

Table: Cumulative Number of youth leaders trained during monthly meetings											
Constituency	Activity Title	Age (<35years)			Age (35+years)			Totals		PWD	Grand total
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F		
Teso south	Monthly Constituency Level Youth planning and strategy Meeting	35	24	59	6	5	11	41	29	0	70
Nambale	Monthly Constituency Level Youth planning and strategy Meeting	40	41	81	2	3	5	42	44	0	86
Butula	Monthly Constituency Level Youth planning and strategy Meeting	42	39	81	-	-	0	42	39	2	81
Teso North	Monthly Constituency Level Youth planning and strategy Meeting	39	57	96	1	-	1	40	57	0	97
Matayos	Monthly Constituency Level Youth planning and strategy Meeting	50	34	84	2	2	4	52	36	0	88
Funyula	Monthly Constituency Level Youth planning and strategy Meeting	49	32	81	5	1	6	54	33	0	87
Budalangi	Monthly Constituency Level Youth planning and strategy Meeting	36	46	82	-	-	0	36	46	1	82
		291	273	564	16	11	27	307	284	3	591

Siasa place held Monthly constituency level meetings in the month (October-November) 2018, January, February, April and May 2019. Each monthly meeting consisted of 7 meetings in all the constituencies within Busia County. The cumulative total of 564 youth who participated were 291 (Male) and 273 (Female). Also a total of 27 participants; 16(Male) and 11(Female) beyond youth age bracket participated as shown in the above table. The objective of the meetings was to provide a place for youth to learn about existing opportunities for engagement with their local governments and further develop their public participation skills.

Youth were trained on important of engaging the county government for the better service delivery and their responsibilities as citizens to hold leaders accountable. The key areas of the training were the budget cycle and the entry points for public participation, how to interrogate county integrated development plan (CIDP) and Annual development plan (ADP) in relation to the county budget process to identify areas for lobbying and advocacy at the time of public participation forums and methods of holding leaders accountable such as writing letters, petitions, memorandum as well as conducting social audit. Very few number of youth had knowledge on the budget process and important of public participation which caused low participation by youth in past years as it was narrated by some county officials and youth testimonies during monthly meetings. Methods such as writing letters were known by many youth but memorandum and petitions were less familiar to majority while social audit was new approach and youth had never been involved in the process before. Youth paid keen attention to the trainings aiming to get new knowledge and skills for engaging county government to realize positive development progress at their local villages.

Several issues emerged during the training sessions: Youths are ignorant of the planning process and its importance in their lives. It was realised that Youths fail to attend county public participation forums because; Date and venue are not clear and very few of them bother to visit the county website to access such information, Youths lack confidence to speak during Public participation forums, Some view public participation in regards to the CIDP as having no benefit since their contribution is often ignored, expectation of monetary compensation during such discussions contribute to failure by the youths to attend public participation forums and Preference is given to youths associated with area leaders/perceived to be friendly to the ruling class. Similarly, CIDP documents are presented late to the public and county government making it difficult to have in-depth review. Also, very few copies of CIDP documents are

provided during county public participation forums. Additionally, participants sign attendance documents at the end of public participation forums as a form of ratifying that they agree with whatever views presented and are often lured with (Soda & bread) Finally, CIDP documents are written in English and in some cases, presentation is done in the same language making it difficult for local residents to understand. All these issues resulted to low participation in the county budget making process in the past years, the project attempted to address these issues through training youth and it resulted to increased youth participation in the Busia county Fiscal strategy paper for the financial year 2019/2020 Public participation forums.

With the new knowledge and skills, Busia county youth discussed and identified their key priority area which emerged to be water. Youth needed water to venture into agri-business and brick making business. Similarly Women and school girls trek for long distances looking for water which has a negative impact on their health and education. Other issues across the 7 constituencies included health, roads, education and unemployment, in that order. Several other constituency specific priorities were also identified including lack electricity and poor sanitation among others *(for more information see attached annex I, a table with the specific priorities raised in each constituency)* At this point it was established that youth had different priorities conflicting with the county set precedence for the young people. These mismatch priorities were as a result of low interaction and engagement between county government and youth during needs identification, which necessitated engagement between two parties.

Based on key priority areas youth identified various stalled projects within their local areas and strategized on how to hold leaders accountable through writing letters, memoranda and conducting social audit. This approach encouraged engagement between youth and county officers especially ward administrators. Some of the submitted memoranda were responded to resulting to county service improvement for example restoration of Odidi solar water project in Funyula constituency and allocation of Ksh 1,000,000 for the operationalization of Igula dispensary in Butula constituency. The writing form of engagement provided means of follow-up as opposed to the verbal approached youth had been applying in the past years.

It came out that youth were not aware of the different roles of county offices especially office of the members of the county assembly and the ward administrator manager office. The training also touched on key role of each office to make it clear to the youth on where to visit if

they need certain information or submit letters, memoranda and petitions. In the past years youth have been visiting wrong offices to seek information and when referred to the right offices they view it as failure by officers to provide information hence creating conflict between youth and county. With identification of basic roles of each office youth were able to channel issues to the right offices which resulted in higher number of responses and commitments both verbal and written. Youth acknowledged that when they visit the right office the chances of getting service is high as opposed to earlier approach of visiting offices without knowledge of what service is offered or information held by the office.

In addition youth lacked organized structures that could be used while channelling their concerns to county. Young people realized during meeting discussions that they don't have any organized formation for them to identify priorities at ward and constituency levels for engagement with county. Lack of such important structure has denied youth element of having collective voice in Busia County. The KAIP project facilitated the establishment of structures through the formation of steering committee to coordinate advocacy activities throughout the county, which resulted in organized ways for channelling youth issues at public participation forums.

County officers particularly ward administrators were invited to attend youth strategy and planning meetings as a way of building relationships and creating exchange opportunities between county and young people. This enabled youth and leaders to directly discuss issues facing respective wards and appropriate measure to put in place to address them. When youth and leaders converge together strong relationship is developed and youth issues can be addressed with ease because leaders don't view them as antagonist. Leaders also appreciated the approach and were able to commit to youth needs such sharing information on time especially on matters related to bursary disbursement and sports.

Youth leaders and planning meetings were the best approach of bringing youth of different cultures and ideas together to discuss and have harmonized priorities for collective advocacy and lobbying. The training sessions acted as a catalyst to the long awaited youth vision of engaging county government, which resulted in increased engagement between county and youth generation. Such meetings offered avenues for youth to strategize on formal ways of addressing their issues.



Patrick Wabwire Siasa place staff leading Teso South Constituency youths discussion on Public Participation on CIDP at Swit Wotas Hotel Nambale town-23rd October 2018



Participants in budalangi engaging in discussions on the need for provision of clean water supply to residence in the area-20th November 2018

Steering Committee Formation, Meetings and Performance

Table: Steering committee meetings						
			Age (<35years)			
Venue/Hotel	Activity Title	Date	M	F	Total	PWD
Breeze hotel	Steering committee meeting to conduct election and plan for monthly meetings	6th December 2018	5	7	12	-
Breeze hotel	Capacity building steering committee on leadership and governance and plan monthly meetings	(10th-11th) January 2019	8	7	15	-
Breeze hotel	Steering committee meeting to discuss county planning documents, CIDP & ADP and plan for monthly meetings	14th March 2019	8	7	15	-
Breeze hotel	Steering committee meeting to share ideas , experiences and lessons learnt with aim of improving their advocacy strategies	10 th May 2019	8	7	15	-

In response to the youth need of having structures for effective advocacy Siasa place facilitated formation of a steering committee consisting of 15 youth (2 representatives (1 Male & 1 Female) from each of the 7 sub counties) elected by youth and tasked to coordinate advocacy activities at sub-county level. Each sub-county leader coordinated other elected leaders at ward level to ensure youth plans and strategies are implemented successfully.

The committee members on December 2018 elected the chair, vice chair and the secretary to represent them on any engagements with relevant stakeholders' especially county government. The steering committee youth members were leading and coordinating the processes of writing and submitting petitions and memorandums to the ward administrators and elected MCAs in an effort to solve issues in their respective constituencies and Busia County.

The committee members were trained on effective communication means, advocacy strategies, Social media usage, county planning documents County integrated development plan (CIDP), Annual development plan and budget process. For this period the committee has been using WhatsApp as the main social media platform for communication and giving updates on work

progress as well as reporting results. The committee members have been educating other youth on the need to take advantage of social media platforms such as Facebook and twitter to engage county government and getting information. The social media approach worked well with youth managing to mobilize others via WhatsApp groups to attend public participation on county fiscal strategy paper for the financial year 2019/2020 which was held on March 2019.

The steering committee formation guaranteed engagement of county government through dialogue, writing letters, memorandum, and petitions which yielded excellent results including, completion of well water point at Busianda C village in Butula constituency, allocation of KES 1,000,000 for Igula Dispensary operationalization in FY 2019/2020 after submission of memorandum on 21st January 2019 by youth, formation and registration of two community based organization in Budalangi and Butula constituency as initiative by youth to share what they learned from the project with others at the grassroots level, hundreds of youth were employed during construction of various murrum roads across the county as a result of advocating for the same during public participation forums and some wards like Marachi Central Ward have started collecting residents data during public forums to form database which will be used for bulk SMS approach of disseminating information as a result of youth engaging area member of county assembly..

Even after KAIP project the committee will continue with the work of coordinating other youth with the aim of reaching more youth and sharing advocacy knowledge. This will guarantee continuity of the campaigns to achieve development changes at ward levels particularly engaging ward administrators. The coordination roles of committee also played a great role in the formation of *MACEKI youth group* in Butula constituency and *Bunyala youth advocate & civic Educators* in Budalangi constituency both groups with vision of ensuring increase in level of youth participation in budget making through offering civic education at grassroots levels.

With organized structures youth can engage meaningfully with county government and long-term solutions can be achieved. These structures are also used by leaders as an easy ways to reach and communicate with young people which has improved relationship between youth and county.



Grayson Marwa Siasa place staff counting votes after the steering committee voted to elect their chair - 6th December 2018

Capacity Building of the County Youth Legislators

Table: Capacity building of the county youth legislators													
				Age (<35years)			Age (35+years)			Totals			
Venue/ Hotel	Constituency	Activity Title	Date	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	P W D	Grand total
Sentrim Elementaita hotel		Capacity building of the county youth legislators and caucuses	(29 th -30 th) March 2019	20	15	35	-	-	-	20	15	-	35

The training was held at Sentrim Elementaita on (28th-30th) March 2019. The meeting was attended by a total of 35 participants from Busia, Tharaka-nithi and Transzoia counties; 20(males) and 15(Female). From Busia county we had 7 participants in total; 4 (Male) and 3(Female). Out of 7 participants 4 were MCAs; 3(Male) and 1(Female), while 3 were youth leaders; 1(Male) and 3 (Female). The objective of the training was to equip the youth MCAs with the necessary knowledge and skills to enhance oversight on the CIDP annual process and establish or enhance youth caucuses to represent the need and demand of their constituents. The training focused on 4 key areas budget cycle, public participation as a tool for oversight, engagement between the youths and the young MCAs and caucus formation. MCAs were urged to be very keen when interrogating the county planning and budget documents to ensure they are youth responsive while taking key notes on the timelines given. The young MCAs were further trained on how to prepare Ward strategic Plan that outlines the key projects that need to be addressed for residents and was aimed at giving them an upper hand in terms of engaging with the CEC on the priorities of their wards. During the two-day session, youth leaders and MCAs interacted which gave them an opportunity to exchange ideas on challenges they have been facing and means of addressing them. The youth requested the young MCAs to support them in their vision to capacity build colleagues in their respective counties.

Busia County discussed on their success in civic education in that through one of their youth members of county assembly hon Casper Juma they had begun the process of drafting a framework to enable true public participation where the citizen influences the outcome in decision making in the county. They had also tabled a motion seeking youth inclusivity in choosing of county assembly leadership and they up bit about its approval. In addition, they had already formed a youth caucus. The interaction enabled the MCAs engage the youth at the county level and even open their doors for more consultation.

Busia county youth MCAs have reported benefits of working in caucus and interacting with youth. Through training and engagement with youth from various constituencies within Busia County Hon. Nancy Okademi was able to develop and sponsor two motions; County youth service bill and Access to information” Establishment of big digital screen for information sharing” the ideas to develop these important motions was fuelled by youth ideas and thoughts after interacting with them through Siasa place platforms and as such the aim was to

ensure every need of Busia county residents is addressed via establishing the appropriate policies” Hon. Nancy, chair of the MCAs youth Caucus narrated. *For more information on this read success story with heading “KAIP trained youth MCA in Busia county shining in leadership & governance”*

Social Audit Training, Data Collection and Report

Table: Social Audit Activity data Activity data													
Venue/ Hotel	Constituency	Activity Title	Date	Age (<35years)			Age (35+years)			Totals		PWD	Grand total
				M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F		
Breeze hotel		Training of Social Auditors and assigning duties and projects areas	(7th- 8th) Feb 2019	12	8	20	-	-	-	12	8	-	20
Within Busia county for the selected water & health projects		Social Audit data collection	(12th - 16th) Feb 2019	12	8	20	-	-	-	12	8	-	20

One of the main KAIP project activities was social audit with the aim of assessing level of inclusion of youth in county in the CIDP process and establishing implementation status of the projects prioritized by the youths. Youth during monthly meetings identified water and health as their key priority sectors of concern and this informed selection of projects for the social audit exercise. 14 projects were identified by youth for auditing (2 projects (1 water project & 1 health) from each of the seven constituencies within Busia County)

The process started by identifying 20 social auditors who were youth leaders who had participated in monthly meetings. They were training on (7th -8th) February 2019 at breeze hotel on the aims and process of the social audit practice, the social audit documents, Questions to be asked in the audit practice, and the social audit tools designing and administration.

Consultant Jacob Achollah and Patrick Wabwire, Siasa Place project officer, led the process of social audit data collection with the help of trained 20 social auditors between (12th -16th) February 2019. Data was successfully collected on the selected 7 water projects and 7 health projects in Busia County. The process involved key informants interviews, focused group discussions and interviewing the direct beneficiaries of the facilities to establish realities. Social audit resulted in immediate county responsiveness which included restoration of stalled Odidi solar water project on 21st February 2019.

Social Audit Findings Validation Meeting

The meeting was held at Dominion Hotel on 31st July 2019 where 50 participants (33 Male and 17 Female) attended. The objective of the meeting was to discuss and validate on the key findings of social audit mainly status of the project. The meeting attracted community stakeholders, youth and government officials.

The findings as explained in the social audit summary report were discussed where all stakeholders agreed that they were true reflections of the ground facts. County government officials also concurred with the findings and explained county effort and willingness to address the challenges to guarantee quality service delivery to the citizens.

It emerged during this meeting that the participation of youth has been low during establishment of the key project that was audited. Youth are more active during campaign meetings/forums and less active when it comes to development focused gatherings.

It was agreed that there is a need for the community to support the county government by taking responsibility of minor repairs. Further, the residents of Busia urged county government to have regular check-ups and servicing of solar water pump systems and not wait until they break up for action to be taken. Further, in order to ensure youth priorities are captured, the need for youth to engage county government through public gatherings was emphasized by all stakeholders. During validation, stakeholders acknowledged the power of holding leaders accountable because county government is taking the approach positively and there are positive responses.

Governor's Round Table

The meeting was held on 2nd July 2019 at the Busia county government Office. The meeting was attended by 15 individuals; 8 Male and 8 Female. Among the participants youth were 12; 5 male and 7 Female, while participants beyond youth age bracket were 4; 3 Male and 1 Female. The objective of the meeting was to share social audit findings and other project key findings with the county government for action. Although deputy governor was invited he was busy on other county duties but managed to send County Executive Committee member of the youth sports and culture Mr. John Shikuku and Mr Andrew Namunyu Otiti chief officer, office of deputy governor.

Youth leaders presented social audit findings per project to the county government with recommendations highlighting corrective and preventive actions. County government appreciated the youth effort to come up with simplified report on project status and problems citizens are facing as a result of some project failing to meet the intended need and quality. County officials promised to forward the report to the relevant departments for actions.

County associated some of the poor quality projects on the reluctant by the contractors to follow the stipulated quality and standards set on the project plans. The office of the deputy governor has already set structures on how to involve the public in all future project and before any payment is made to the contractors' county officials will be visiting site as well as interrogating BQs to ensure quality standards are met as well as announcing cost of the project to the public. Further Mr. Otiti explained that as a measure to guarantee high quality service delivery all the ward administrator managers have been instructed to follow BQs as they implement projects for the financial year 2019/2020 as opposed to previous years where quality was not paid much attention to.

Youth also raised issue of lack of entrepreneur skills & knowledge and teenage pregnancy as a key concerns that county need to address. In response Busia County acknowledged these challenges and committed to forward issues to relevant ministries to ensure there is public awareness on sexual education and entrepreneurship trainings across the county.

It also emerged that the youth and sport docket were not allocated any budget in the financial year 2019/2020. Currently the youth & sports section have no money to carry out any project

for the youth. Mr John asked youth leaders to petition the matter to the county government through writing to demonstrate how is affecting their interest and will to have sports as one of the talent development initiatives within the county. Youth agreed to draft petition that will capture this issue among others discussed in previous meetings.

It was agreed that youth should take advantage of social media and use it as a tool for advocacy rather than avenues to attack leaders. Mr. Otiti urged youth to be ambassadors of political and developmental change by supporting leaders who have the will to push for positive changes in Busia County. He further challenged youth leaders to make sure they meaningfully participate in all public forums to advocate for youth involvement and inclusion.

Meeting Between Youth Leaders and Youth MCA's Caucus

The meeting was held at the county assembly of Busia County on 1st August 2019. The meeting was attended by 30 participants; 14 Male and 16 Female. The objective of the meeting was to bring together youth and young members of county to discuss areas of collaboration in an attempt to address youth issues within Busia County.

Youth presented social audit summary finding to the youth MCAs and urged then to support their will to push for development at grassroots levels. Youth MCAs committed to pass the information to specific members of the county assembly in the affected wards to make sure they lobby for the corrective action on the audited projects. Additionally youth pointed several gaps in public participation main one being lack of public participation framework/policy in Busia county and late distribution of key budget public documents and late advertisement of public participation forums. Need for county government to come up with civic education program to sensitize youth & citizen's on important and benefits of public participation in budget making process was highlighted by KAIP beneficiary youth. Youth leaders further explained early pregnancy and drug abuse as the other concern they would like county government to address for better future generation. Further youth leaders urged youth MCAs to come up with policy that will make it mandatory for the county government to publish all county public documents on the website including even past financial years documents for reference.

Youth MCAs through their chairperson Nancy Okademi guaranteed to support youth in their move to hold leaders accountable by urging all MCAs to properly oversee developmental projects in their wards. She further explained that assembly have positive will for the youth and on same day 31st July 2019 the motion to compel the relevant department to come up with policy on youth internship programme was tabled in Busia county assembly for discussion. Youth leaders and MCAs strategized and agreed that youth should be present in county assembly public gallery to watch debate as a sign of support to the motion. Indeed as agreed youth were present the same afternoon and motion was passed by majority. Youth leader's presence played a great role to convince majority MCAs that youth were in dire need for such internship programme to prepare them for the job market.

Nancy further advised youth to be following standard format when writing memorandums and petitions and also ensure they are detailed and specific activities are mentioned for the county assembly to get every information required for the proper actions. Youth leaders were supplied by the recommended standard template for the petition from the Office of the clerk. Further youth caucus chairperson advised youth leaders to visit the office of the clerk anytime they need county information or documents.

The youth MCAs also acknowledged that the public participation bill was tabled in Busia county assembly and its undergoing legal process. Once the bill undergoes committees stage it will be available in public for public participation. Members of the county assembly requested youth to come out and contribute to make sure Busia has the best framework for public participation addressing needs of all residents.

Youth leaders and youth MCA caucus agreed to be meeting on a monthly basis to plan and strategize on means of advocating for the youth inclusion and participation in political and development processes. These meetings will be avenues for the MCAs to share their progress on pushing for youth friendly policies and entry points for youth participation. Additionally, it was agreed that to make Radio talk show lively and interactive there is a need for the youth MCAs to accompany youth leaders in some sessions to discuss youth involvement in county leadership. Youth were tasked to plan and invite any youth members of county assembly through their chairperson to accompany them during a radio talk show.

Release of Social Audit Findings

The meeting was held on 14th August 2019 at Dominion Hotel Busia and was attended by 50 individuals 30 Male and 20 Female. Among the participants 40 youth attended 22 male and 18 female while 10 participants; 8 Male and 2 Female beyond youth age bracket attended. The objective of the meeting was to share social audit findings with all stakeholders and find strategies on how the recommendations will be implemented by obtaining commitment from county government and citizens.

Siasa place KAIP project lead Mr. Patrick Wabwire led the release of the social audit where he pointed out key findings and actions required by county and community members to ensure water and health facilities are working as deemed and high quality services are offered. The county government committed to review the report in detail to take necessary actions to rectify current audited project status, however it was noted that county government had acted on some issues such as Odidi solar water project and Okiporo water project. County officials asked youth & citizens to support government initiatives and commitments to provide excellent water and health services within the county.

Youth and stakeholders suggested need for social audit to be aligned with budget calendar so that findings can be released on time to allow advocacy and lobbying for budget allocation. It was noted that due to late release of the findings the advocacy for budget allocation for some projects will be done in the FY 2020/2021 budget process. Youth agreed to share findings with community members at the grassroots level and strategies they are putting in place to advocate for better service delivery within county by engaging leaders.

Radio Talk Show

The radio talk show was among the approaches employed by KAIP to reach large number of youth and citizens in Busia County on public participation and county governance matters. 11 youth, 6 Male and 5 Female on 9th July 2019 were trained on effective means and approaches of holding radio talk show including radio basic operations, code of conduct and ethical standards when given a chance to the radio stations by the external consultant Mrs. Pamela Mbutia. Attendees were KAIP beneficiary youth who had shown ability and interest to engage others via radio station during bi-monthly meetings. We had many youth who could activate

participate in radio program, but due to limited resources only ten (10) sampled youth were trained

Youth leaders identified Emuria FM as the radio station that was used to air out the youth program. This radio station was considered based on its accessibility since it is located within Busia county and high number of listenership among local radio station as revealed by survey administered during monthly meetings. The young people identified Radio as the better channel of communication due to its reach, affordability and its accompanying nature more so to the young generation.

The program was aired on Emuria FM 101.3 between 19th July 2019 and 14th August 2019 where 7 topics were discussed following the project Radio module (*For more information review radio talk show module*). The program's name was **SAUTI YETU** a Swahili phrase meaning our Voice with **“Kipindi kinachoangazia jinsi vijana wafaa kujihusisha katika ugatuzi na uongozi”** as the program tag line. Youth settled on this name by virtue of owning the program and feeling part of it and their voices being echoed to the other youth and the public at large. Music and questions and answers (interview) were key formats that was employed to make the show interesting to the listeners.

Based on callers views show was interesting and informative on governance areas. Listeners requested the program to continue since it was an important opportunity to educate citizens on rights and means of engaging county government. The need for the Siasa place to go to grassroots level was also highlighted by listeners who felt the program was well tailored to suit the needs of locals. Additionally callers who came from different counties but residing within Busia requested the program to be replicated in other county to enlighten citizens

3. WORKPLAN/ACTIVITY REPORTING

No.	Activities (planned for this reporting period)	Status of Activity (completed/ ongoing/ rescheduled/ cancelled)	Summary of Progress against this Activity during the quarter
Output 3: Increased demand from youth-led groups on specific initiatives in the CIDP annual implementation.			
3.1	Youth leaders Monthly in Teso South, Nambale, Butula, Teso North, Matayos, Funyula and Budalangi constituencies	Completed	Siasa Place successfully held bi-monthly meetings in Teso South, Nambale Butula, Teso North, Matayos, Funyula and Budalangi constituencies
	Identification and training of county based youth social auditors	Completed	Training involved 20 county based social auditors from Busia county
	Data collection –(following up on social auditors as they collect data)	Completed	Siasa place is to engage the social auditors in collection of data and monitor their progress
	Capacity building of the county youth legislators	Completed	Siasa place in collaboration with Youth Agenda successfully trained MCAs on youth caucus development in county.
	Social Audit Findings Validation Meeting	Completed	Siasa place with concern stakeholders validated social audit findings report
	Governor's round table	Completed	Youth leaders successfully submitted social audit report findings to the county government officials and issues were discussed in details
	Meeting between youth leaders and youth MCAs caucus	Completed	Youth leaders submitted their issues to youth MCAs and both parties strategized on how to work together to fulfil busia youth needs
	Release of social Audit report	Completed	Social Audit report was successfully release and all stakeholders were given copies
	Radio talk show	Completed	7 topics on the radio talk show module were discussed

4. SUMMARY OF PROJECT RESULTS

RESULT LEVEL	Logframe Indicators	Baseline	Current Milestone ¹	Target	Achievement this month	Cumulative Achievement
IMPACT More accountable and inclusive governance in the management and implementation of the CIDP program in select counties	Impact Indicator 1: # of significant improvements in the CIDP implementation process in county governments.				Quarter 1 Jan 2019 : Establishment of public notice board at Matayos south ward administrator office to facilitate access to information	1
OUTCOME Improved accountability in the management of goods and services for select county governments in the implementation of CIDP	Outcome Indicator 1: # of instances of state service provider responsiveness to citizen advocacy or engagement in governance-related processes		2019		Quarter 1 Jan 2019: Matayos south ward youth in Matayos constituency demanded for public notice Board and ward administrator responded by establishing one. Quarter 2 Feb 2019: Restoration of Odidi water point after submission of memorandum and social audit	4

¹ Specify the dates for the milestone (s) that you working towards e.g. 2016, 2017, 2018 or 2019

					<p>Quarter 3 May 2019: Restoration of Busianda C well as a result of KAIP beneficitation youth engaging area member of county assembly. The fund for restoration was contributed by community, MCA and county government bought spare parts for water pump machine.</p> <p>June 2019: After submission of memorandum on 21st January 2019 on Igula dispensary by youth, county government has responded by allocating the facility KES 1,000,000 for operationalization.</p>	
	Outcome Indicator 2: # of instances of MCA responsiveness to women or youth MCAs oversight and advocacy on CIDP implementation					
OUTPUT 3 Increased demand from	Output Indicator 3.1: # of instances of appropriate use of social					

youth-led groups on specific initiatives in the CIDP annual implementation.	accountability tools by DDP-supported organizations.					
	Output Indicator 3.2: # of radio interviews conducted on CIDP implementation by DDP-supported organisations					
	Output Indicator 3.3: # of youth leaders trained on advocacy and political participation skills		2019	350	Quarter 1 339 Quarter 2 219 Quarter 3 435	564
	Output Indicator 3.4: # of youth and women advocating for citizen inclusion in decision making and service delivery.				51	51

Detailed Results

1. During planning and strategy meeting for Butula constituency held on (1st-2nd) November 2018 at western ambience hotel, youth raised concerns that Igula dispensary in marachi central ward had been constructed without toilets, water and electricity. Despite having spent public money, the facility was also neglected without service providers like nurses and medical officers. The youth who some were members of the project committee indicated that they had raised concerns with the Ward Administrator who never addressed any. From the training, youth identified a proper way of communicating their concerns to the authorities and agreed to draft a memorandum to express their dissatisfaction in the manner in which the county government was handling the matter. The memoranda was submitted on 21st January 2019 and thereafter the ward administrator visited the dispensary, the bushy compound was cleared and the committee to manage the facility was formed. Jesca Auguya one of the KAIP youth beneficiaries was elected to be among the committee members. The committee consist of 9 members 4(Females) and 5(Males). The facility was among the identified project for audit during social audit activity. Mr. Patrick Obuya Marachi central ward area member of county assembly during interview on June 2019 mentioned that memoranda submitted on Igula dispensary bared positive result since contractor had been identified to commence toilet construction process and in coming budget for Financial year 2019/2020 there was allocation of around KES 1,000,000 to support the operationalization of the facility. As posted on Busia county website final draft budget estimates for the financial year 2019/2020 on page 236 shown Igula dispensary was allocated KES 1,000,000 for operationalization.

2. After the Butula constituency youth leaders planning and strategy meeting held at Western Ambiance hotel between (1st -2nd) November 2018, the youth identified the need to train other members of the community. Steve Washika one of the KAIP project trainees took advantage of the local gathering and on 22rd January 2019 he attended one of Igula Guardians Women Group meetings to train them on public participation and the budget making process in the County. *For more information on this results read the attached success story with the heading “Youth sharing advocacy knowledge at Grassroots levels”*

3. After the strategy and planning meetings in Butula constituency held on (1st-2nd) November 2018 at western ambience hotel, the youths recognized the need to structure their engagement with the government in addition to working together. As a result, the youth

decided to form one group between the youth from Marachi Central and Kingadole ward under the leadership of Mr. Mwanawari Amira who was elected during the 25th January meeting. From the meeting, youth agreed to collapse their respective small group to form a super entity namely “*Maceki youth group*” which was aimed at championing agitation for better service delivery within the area. The *Maceki Youth Group* main task is to identify and follow up on the stalled projects like Igula dispensary in Marachi Central and Ikonzo market in Kingandole ward within Butula constituency. Following series of meetings and consultation the Maceki youth group was formally registered on 15th March 2019 as self-help group. Eighteen (18) groups united to form a single super entity “Maceki youth group”. “as a member am happy to see our dream come true, this has provided opportunity for the youth to share back to the community by educating other young people on leadership and governance, great appreciation to Siasa place for making us meet, share common goal and achieve more”” Washika narrated. The group is dedicated to reach more youth at village levels through civic education for effective public participation during county budget making process. ***(For detailed story see attached success story named” MACEKI Youth group to offer civic education at grassroots level”)***

4. The youth realized the importance of engaging their leaders during the strategy and planning meeting held at Samia resort in Funyula constituency on (12th-13th) November 2018. From the discussion, they noted that the county had allocated Ksh 3.5m for the construction of Nambomboto market which had not been implemented. Youth responded by writing a letter on 3rd January 2019 to their member of the County Assembly and copied the ward administrator and the area member of national assembly to urgently convene a meeting to deliberate on the same. There was no response from all the duty bearers hence the youth resorted to mobilize the business community to demonstrate as provided for in Article 37 of the constitution on 15th January 2019. During the demonstration, they demanded for the market to be constructed as the county had allocated money for the same while work never commenced.

YouTube link to KTN news that covered the demonstration:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2X1yQGKgaA&feature=youtu.be>

5. Youth identified need for effective information dissemination by county to citizens during the strategy and planning meeting in Matayos constituency held on (8th-9th) November 2018 at western Ambience hotel. Youth raised concerns that mostly they were not informed on what

was happening in the county particularly on opportunities for youth and other important matters. In line with Article 35, the youth agreed in the meeting to demand for a notice board in their respective ward offices. Matayos south ward youth verbally engaged the ward administrator demanding a public notice board for effective communication. The county responded by providing a notice board in Matayos South ward administrator office in January 2019 where a youth from Funyula acknowledged the notice board on his personal social media asking why the same had not been provided to them

6. During the strategy and planning meeting in Budalangi held on (19th-20th) November 2018 at homepark motel youth realized there were several youth groups doing different things disjointedly making it difficult to engage the government constructively. As a result, they agreed to form a network of youth groups/ initiatives within Budalangi to be used in articulating their issues. Priority to the group was to sensitize fellow youth and other residents on the need for their involvement in public participation, budget processes and the county plans. Through the initiative, they were able to negotiate for space on Bulala FM to discuss part of the things that they were trained on. While on air, on 23rd January 2019 from (4:30 PM- 5:30 PM) youth were able to invite fellows to join the initiative so that they could build their numbers for the purpose of engaging the leaders. For the efficiency and effectiveness of their work, the *Bunyala Youth Advocates* registered their group on 16th June 2019 as a Community Based Organization (CBO) under the name “***Bunyala youth advocate & civic Educators***” which they intend to use to continue with civic education targeting the youth and also advocating for the development and the rights of the entire community. The group tends to solidify youth within Budalangi constituency to have a super power in engaging county duty bearers for efficiency and effective service delivery. ***For more information on this result read the attached success story with the heading “Budalangi youth opt for Radio Advocacy”***

7. Ikonzo Market Toilet: After the youth were trained during the strategy and planning meeting on 1st and 2nd November, they identified some of the issues that were of concern including insecurity, lack of water and no accessible public lavatories in the Ikonzo market in Kingandole ward within Butula constituency. As a result, they agreed to hold a meeting between them and the leadership responsible including market chairperson, area Assistant Chief and the Ward Administrator on 4th December 2018. The Assistant Chief and market chairperson attended and

discussed issue on insecurity where the need to engage youth in economic activities was identified as one of the means to empower them, but the Ward Administrator failed to attend the meeting. Lack of water and lavatories could not be discussed and hence the youth agreed to draft a memorandum to the office of the Ward Administrator inquiring why such critical services were not provided for. On 21 January 2019 the memorandum was submitted by Geoffrey Wafula (youth leader) accompanied by Ikonza market chairperson.

8. On Monday 4th February 2019 human rights, justice and legal affairs committee County Assembly of Busia held a public forum in Chakol North ward at Asinge Catholic Church to get feedback from the residents on how public participation on the CIDP was done. The nominated member of the Busia county assembly who is also committee member via phone call to attend and paint a real picture of what had happened during previous public participation meeting invited one of the KAIP beneficiary's Mr Fredrick Ekasiba. According to Ekasiba, the public participation on the CIDP which was held on 25th January 2019 in Chakol North ward raised many queries from the public, where residents demanded county government to avail copies of the CIDP to the public. During this committee forum people were able to identify the gaps on how Busia county conducts public participation and gave views on how it should be improved "I advised the committee to come up with the framework that will inform the planning and implementation of public participation within Busia county to avoid the conflict between county leadership and public" Ekasiba stated.

9. County Government of Busia held a public participation on draft county fiscal strategy paper for financial year 2019/2020 and mid-term expenditure framework on (19th -20th) February 2019 at Agricultural Training Centre (ATC) Busia. All ward administrators were requested to nominate only two people from their ward to attend, taking into consideration gender, youth and people with disabilities. Five KAIP beneficiary youth, Frederick Ekasiba Chakol North ward, Stephen Washika Malachi Central ward, Beth Atieno Mulumba ward, John Wabwire Shikuku, Bunyala west and Neriah Bilyah Anya Chakol North ward were among the selected who attended the forum to represent young in their localities. The youth also had an opportunity to present a memorandum to the county government on the fiscal strategy paper having recommendations for health, drug abuse, teenage pregnancy and youth unemployment.
(review attached memorandum for more information)

10. The county government of Busia conducted public participation on the fiscal strategy paper at sub-county level between (6th -9th) March 2019 which gave youth and citizens a chance to engage county government while airing out views for inclusion. 41 KAIP beneficiary youth leaders participated; 26 (males) and 15 females from different sub-counties as shown in the table below. *(For the list of names and contacts of the youth who participated see the attached annex)*

Table: Number of youth who attended public participation on Busia County Fiscal Strategy Paper					
			Number of youth who attended		
Sub-County	Venue	Date	Male	Female	Total
Teso North	Angulai Market	6 th March 2019	2	6	8
Bunyala	Budalangi Market	6 th March 2019	6	-	6
Teso South	Sub-county HQS (Amukura)	7 th March 2019	4	2	6
Samia	Sio port Market	7 th March 2019	7	3	10
Butula	Family life	8 th March 2019	1	1	2
Nambale	Sub-county HQS (Nambale)	8 th March 2019	4	-	4
Matayos	Agricultural Training Centre (ATC)	9 th March 2019	2	3	5
Total			26	15	41

Some of the youth contributions during the public participation forums include that of Oliver Wandera, where he advised county government to have more allocations on youth empowerment centres and recruit more staff in health sector for quality services.

Youth in Teso North constituency led by Rebecca Tabitha presented a petition during public participation forum on 9th March 2019 at Angurai Market (which was officially stamped on 11th March) requesting the county government of Busia to adhere to the Public Finance Management Act 2012 107(2) that states over the medium term, a minimum of thirty percent (30%) of the county government's budget shall be allocated to the development expenditure. According to the petition current county allocation on development expenditure for FY 2019/2020 was 25% and youth proposed increase up to 40%.

Youth further reported challenges such as late starting of the public participation meeting, for example in Budalangi constituency the meeting started past 2: 00 PM as it was reported by

John Wabwire one of the KAIP youth leaders via Bunyala youth advocates WhatsApp group page 11. The residents of Odidi village in Ang'enga Nanguba Ward for close to two years have been having a problem of accessing clean water for their use at home, schools and hospitals. The problem, which was fueled by a lack of a water point. The Odidi Solar Powered Water project was implemented in June 2015 and commissioned in November of the same year by the Busia County Government. However, in 2016 it stalled after the contractor dismantled the motor due to what was alleged as the county failing to pay for the services and materials procured on time and hence rendering the project non-functional.

The residents have been pushing for the restoration of the water point to serve the community. Some of the recent attempts included youth leaders led by Oliver Wandera submitting memorandum on 4th February 2019 to the ward administrator requesting more information on the several projects but Odidi solar powered was among the projects of concern though there was no official feedback provided by the office up-to-date. The Odidi project was one of the water projects identified by Funyula constituency youth leaders for auditing. On 13th February 2019, the data was collected on the same project, including taking sample water, and photos to demonstrate the project status. On the same day Jacob Acholla, social auditor consultant and Patrick Wabwire Siasa place project officer had a follow up meeting with the Director of water Busia county Eng. Olubero to request for bill of quantity (BOQ), project status report and approved budget documents for the select water projects under auditing process and this opportunity was utilized to show the leader the status of Odidi water by presenting sample water and photos. The director was positive about the matter and promised that the county authorities will push for the completion of the project as soon as possible. Similarly, on 15th February 2019 Patrick Wabwire Siasa place and social auditor consultant Jacob Acholla had a meeting with the chief officer water, Mr. Moses Weundo. The chief officer was updated on the progress of social audit and Odidi water project was discussed at length. He stated that the county was in the process of paying the contractor the amount owed in order to complete the project.

The county government led by Chief Officer Water Moses Weunda and Ageng'a Nanguba ward manager Collins Ogajo, ward administrator Anthony Mainya and Project management Secretary Eugene Okumu witnessed the restoration of water point by engineer Nicholus Odwor from

Davis and Shirtliff Company on 21st February 2019. The ward administrator manager Collins Ogajo called Oliver Wandera one of the KAIP beneficiary and the youth who led others in submitting the memorandum on the same project to come and witness the process. 'We thank the County Government of Busia for completing this project and even the Chief Officer for his positive response and commitment to serve residents. I'm happy because the people will now have access to clean water for household use.' Oliver stated. ***For more information on this read success story with heading "Odidi solar water project"***

12. In Butula constituency Marachi central ward, member of county assembly Mr Obuya organized a public participation meeting to involve citizens in the murraming of 5km road from Sikoma-Murumba. The meeting was attended by Area member of county assembly, county chief Officer Roads, county director of roads, ward administrator and village administrator. According to Steve Washika the meeting was held at Sikoma market on February 2019 where 4 KAIP youth beneficiaries attended, 2(Female), 2 (Males) and approximately 30% of the participants were youth. The boda boda youth said that the road will be of great benefit since in the past years it has been expensive to repair motor bikes as a result of breakdown due to poor roads conditions. Further youth suggested that young people should be given priority when recruiting casual workers required to clear bushes along the road during the construction process. In late march the work started and as reported by Munawari Amira around 30 youth were employed to help in clearing bushes along the road which has created employment opportunities. The key informant interview with the area member of county assembly Mr. Patrick Obuya revealed that youth during this forum were more active and there was increased attendance in numbers as compared to other forum he held before. The MCA further explained that youth requested to be employed to help in bush clearing along the road and indeed their request was considered. Initially the contractor proposed to pay youth KES 300 per day but through youth & area MCA lobbying for increase, the daily rate was raised to KES 500. Obuya termed this as one of the successful projects he had experienced because it had total support from all stakeholders.

13. In early April 2019 the office of the Marachi central MCA arranged a public participation to share achievements and also give chance to the public to suggest on the best strategies to solve various ward issues as explained by Willis Mula. The meeting was held at Bukhalalire chiefs camp where ward administrator manager and member of county assembly attended. As

outlined by Willis Mula 5 of the KAIP youth beneficiary attended and 30% of the participants were youth. Youth actively participated and among the issues raised include, advising the MCA to consider more youth groups to benefit with county development funds, suggested the leaders to support two football clubs (Youth strikers & Igula FC) that are participating in county leagues. Also as it emerged during focused discussion youth urged the office the ward administrators to guide youth on how to register companies to enable them apply for county government tenders and the office committed support. Mr Patrick Obuya Marachi central member of county assembly attested that in an attempt to engage citizens fueled by demand from youth which has been increasing from January 2019 he decided to be organizing public forum from time to time to gather residents views on how development should be done within the ward as well as an avenue for sharing achievements and strategizing together for constructive development. The MCA further explained that youth requested support in sport development and his very keen to ensure in financial year FY2019/2020 sports are supported in his ward through working closely with ward administrator. He further explained that in this meeting he noticed increase in youth participation and were able to engage leaders present effectively using right language as opposed to previous meeting where youth seemed to have less confidence while airing out views to county officials. He further stated during an interview that through Siasa place program he has embraced public participation as an avenue to engage citizens and also happy with how youth are supporting and holding leaders accountable especially in his ward through constant consultations including visiting office to inquire information on matters affecting them.

14. In Butula constituency, Elugulu ward, county government held a public participation meeting at Bulemia shopping center to engage residents on process of construction Bulemia-Bulwani 3 km marram road on November 2018. The meeting was attended by Deputy Governor, county road engineer, Area Member of county assembly and ward manager. According to Ogweno Cyprian 4 male KAIP youth beneficiary attended. He further stated that around 20% of the participants were youth. Community was given opportunity to air out views on how they are affected by the poor road condition and suggested best way to address the issues. Youth were concerned on the poor drainage which makes this road impassable during rainy seasons. Further young people advised county government to fully involve youth during recruitment of casual laborers. Cyprian stated that by the time the road construction started on

December 2018 50% of the total workers employed were youth which means county government considered youth views as given during public forum. The road construction took three months from December 2018 to February 2019. "I have realized the power of public participation meetings since our views are included in county planning processes, for instance giving youth work opportunities during road construction and further I have plans to continue attending and making a contribution to such important gathering as well as mobilizing my colleagues" Ogweno Cyprian stated during focused group discussion.

15. Colman Echakara one of the KAIP youth leader's beneficiaries after attending monthly planning and strategy meeting held at Amoiro market (Protocal Centre hall) on 19th Feb 2018, learnt the important of attending public participation forums and how to engage duty bearers. " First time I attended Siasa place training I learnt that for community project to be effectively implemented leaders need to collect citizens opinion including youth concerns and on the other had locals should engage the county government for excellent service delivery" Echakara narrated. On February 2019 Ward administrator chakol north ward organized a public forum to inform the residents on the ward project status while collecting views on priority of the people within Akitos Village. Upon learning that there is a public meeting through other village neighbours Echakara decided to attend to air out youth concern. "I decided to attend the public forum in order to practice what had learnt during Siasa place training at Amoiro market by asking questions and giving the ward administrator suggestion on how to complete some stalled projects". The meeting was attended by approximately 40 individuals and 20% of them were youth according to Echakara. Some of the issues he raised include highlighting need for youth involvement in various ward projects in terms of job employment and decision making. Further he inquired on the status of the stalled Apegei dispensary which was initiated in the year 2016 and since then had never be operational. The ward administrator manager responded by stating that the project is on the county government plan and there is allocation in the FY2019/2020 budget intended to complete the project. According to Echakara he is willing to continue engaging county government through public forums and visiting offices to follow up on the matters affecting society in large in an attempt to find permanent solutions through county involvement.

16. As a result of KAIP program we have experienced leadership skills development. Lawrence Wafula Ochicho village elder busianda C, Marachi central ward Butula constituency as a result of Siasa place trainings he learnt several available venues of engaging county officials. "I was elected as a Businda C village elder on October 2018, the position that I felt was burden and due to lack of confidence at one point I was almost declining the offer since had no ideas on how to present my community issues to the county leadership but through Siasa place trainings I gained confidence and knowledge necessary to lead the community. I completely changed my mind and accepted the responsibility of leading my village in advocating for development" Ochicho narrated. Immediately he commenced his role as elder he prioritized to solve water issues within the village. He first visited ward administrator office on First week of February to inquire more on the county plan to solve the water problem within Busianda C village, the office responded by stating that the issue will be included in FY 2019/2020 budget. He further felt that waiting for the FY 2019/2020 is too long for the people who are suffering and walking long distances looking for water. Since there was no water point nearby to serve people they relied on the source from nearby simuni village which was 5km away. He approached member area of county assembly on first week of February 2019 to present the problem where he explained the water issue to the area member of the county assembly. MCA responded by stating that although he would be willing to solve the issue no county budget allocation available at the moment however he promised to visit the village on the second week of February to assess the situation. On finding how residents are strangling to get basic commodity he quickly mobilized the resources same week to dug well (with water pump) which is currently serving around 180 people. Ochicho further explained that he realized community does not differentiate the roles of ward administrator manager and area member of county assembly (MCA) and committed to use his position to educate citizens on the roles of MCA and ward administrators as well as approaches they can employ to engage county government. Link to the video

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IISLE9U7tayVll3vbmU-35okrXe0DY7i/view?usp=sharing>

17. KAIP program youth beneficiaries after learning how to engage county government through dialogue have started pushing for the implementation of stalled county projects. Martin Okiring from Chakol south ward, Teso South constituency after realizing Okame dispensary has been stalled since 2016 he started strategies to involve county government on the matter. After

Okame village residents realized they were travelling about 4km to seek health services at obekai dispensary they decided to initiate the idea of having health facility in their area in the year 2016. The citizens with the help of the Member of the county assembly discussed the matter and agreed that for the initialization the facility needs about 1.6 million. Since 2016 there was no progress on the matter and community had given up on the issue. “ community had given up on following the dispensary construction, through Siasa place trainings I was taught that as youth it is my responsibility to advocate for the changes in my community and this has been a great motivator to fully engage in this matter” Okiring said.

On 17th April 2019 Martin who is chairperson of youth in Okame location organized a community meeting at Okame ACK church to discuss strategies and way forward in engaging county government and they agreed to visit the ward office on 19th April 2019 to get more details. The meetings was attended by 22 individuals 15 Men and 7 Women among the attendees youth were 8 in total 7(men) and 1(Female).

Martin on 19th April 2019 led a total of 6 youth (2 Female and 4 Male) to the MCA office to inquire more information on the project. The office of the MCA was not able to give any information on the project status, as they claimed they don't have information on the matter. Since for long time community had forwarded the matter to the ward administrator office and there was no response, youth decided to have another community meeting on 2nd May 2019 to lay down strategies on how to meet governor to air out youth concern about the health facility. Youth further led by martin organized strategy meeting on how to meet Busia county governor on 2nd May 2019 where 12 individual attended and among them 8 were youth (5 Male and 3 Female). In this meeting it was agreed that since out of previous experience it is difficult using formal means to place appointment to meet the governor, was better to employ informal means to schedule a meeting with him. Martin used his contacts to seek an appointment with the governor on 8th May 2019 where 5 youth (3 Men and 2 Female) attended. They explained the Okame dispensary issue to the governor and he promised to visit the site on 12th May 2019 to assess the actual condition for the county response.

Indeed as he promised on 12th may 2019 the governor met the Okame community at ACK church to discuss the dispensary issue and Martin estimated that 40% of the total participants were youth. The governor stated that he as attested the need for the completion of this vital

project and promised to send concerned officer on 19th May 2019 to take action point with the help of community through engagement meeting.

Additionally on 19th may 2019 governor sent representative to discuss with the Okame community on the issue. As martin reported the land was identified and negotiation has started. It was agreed that the community committee will set a date and seek appointment with the governor to have a more detailed discussion on this important matter. Martin stated that he is optimistic that the coming allocation for the FY 2019/2020 will include budget for the facility as governor promised.

18. For almost one year from October 2018 to August 2019 Siasa Place had been engaging youth leaders on the importance of public participation in county leadership. Need for the youth to be active in society as ambassadors of change was emphasized during monthly meetings. The project lead by Mr. Patrick Wabwire in almost all meeting was urging young people to take leadership positions in community to bring new ideas and change they have been yening for.

KAIP youth beneficiaries after trainings have been active members of the society and in almost all gathering were easily noticed due to their courage to speak and advocate for community issues.. “Through Siasa Place trainings I realized for a youth to contribute meaningfully there is need to gather factual information on the topic of discussion prior to the public or private forums and as a result of this have been actively engaging in community matters in my village and recently I was appointed as a board of management member of Budalangi primary school.” Stephen Abwoga Narrated. In different constituencies across Busia KAIP youth beneficiaries have been showing exemplary leadership traits accelerated by trainings conducted by Siasa place. Rebecca Tabitha from Teso north constituency during interview stated that before training she was in fear of taking leadership responsibilities, but she realized for the change to happen there is need to lead people in the right direction and that why will never hesitate to lead society again. Several youth as a result of being active and showing interest in leading community to engage county government to realize developmental agenda of Busia have been given different roles in the society as follows.

NO	NAME	CONSTITUENCY	WARD	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	POSITION
1.	Rebecca Tabitha Okiru	Teso North	Malaba Central	14/03/2019	Board of management- MEMBER-St John Kajei Secondary School.
2.	Philip Idewa	Teso North	Malaba Central	1/03/2019	Board of Management - MEMBER and PTA Chairperson –St Joseph’s Kocholia Primary School.
3.	Joakim Ongidi	Butula	Kingandole	8/04/2019	Butula CDF Disability representative.
4.	Nereah Bilyah Anyah	Teso South	Chakol North	27/05/2019	Board of Management- MEMBER Apegei special School
5.	Grace Ole	Funyula	Agenga Nanguba	14/03/2019	Board of Management - MEMBER Buburi Vocational Training Centre
6.	Stephen Abwoga	Budalangi	Bunyala North	14/03/2019	Member Board of management Budalangi Primary

MONITORING AND EVALUATION/CAPACITY BUILDING

We conducted monitoring and evaluation in the month of April and June 2019 to gather more result and to valid the already collected results by conducting key informant interviews with county officials.

Further on June 2019 we trained KAIP Busia county intern who assisted in result harvesting for evidence reporting. He was trained on best practices while approaching the respondents, how to identify and collect results, details needed in reports, need for professionalism in work and introduction to the KAIP program and its objectives.

4. BEST PRACTICES, LESSONS LEARNT, & RECOMMENDATIONS

SUMMARY CHART: What worked? What didn't work?

WHAT WORKED WELL	WHAT DIDN'T WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● During monthly meeting youth were actively engaging in planning and strategizing process on how to engage duty bearers through dialogue and writing memorandums and petitions in all seven constituencies(Butula, Nambale, Teso north, Teso south, Funyula, Matayos and Budalangi) ● Youth leaders were able to identify priorities and strategies to be applied when engaging duty bearers, which involved dialogue, writing memorandums and petitions and making appropriate follow-ups. ● In Monthly meetings youth were able to invite ward and village administrators, which created a good working relationship. ● Youth were actively participating and engaging county government in public forums as it was noted during public participation for Busia county fiscal strategy paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Large number of participants who attended (Oct-Nov) 2018 strategy and planning meeting were unable to show up during subsequent Monthly meetings because majority were college students and unavailable. We modified mobilization strategy to target permanent resident youth who were available most of the times. To bridge the knowledge gap we advised those who attended previous trainings to share their experiences, skills and knowledge acquired with the new joining group. ● Some participants failed to show up in monthly meetings due to lack of cash to facilitate their transport to venue. This shows a difficult economic status of the youth within the county and the need for immediate intervention by the key actors. To fill the gap mobilizers invited new participants. Those who attended monthly meetings for the first time were advised to consult constituency level youth leads and/or other members who had attended previous meetings in case they have any issue of concern or advocacy topics. ● Some memorandums submitted during county fiscal strategy paper for FY2019/2020 were not stamped to show they were officially received since county officials had not carried stamps during such forums.

Summary of Recommendations

In future mobilization should target more permanent residents youth who are available most of the times, for instance those who are in certain local registered or unregistered groups.

There is a need to come up with initiative geared towards economically improving status of the youth within the county to make sure they have money to cater for transport cost during public participation and other key meeting.

There is need to advise county officials to be carrying official stamp during public forums which will enable official receipt of any document submitted.

APPROACHES, COLLABORATION AND INFLUENCING

Siasa Place collaborated with CEDC during the January Bi-monthly meetings where trainings were conducted by Willis Sumbah one of the CEDC staff. This collaboration resulted to knowledge exchange between the two organizations. Mr. Sumbah also trained the 14 Lead participants and they were able to use the knowledge acquired to train their peers at the ward level.

Siasa Place collaborated with Youth agenda and Kenya Young Members County Assemblies (KYMCA) in planning and organizing for a two day training for Youth Members of County Assembly(Busia, Tharaka nithi & Trans-Nzoia) that was held at Sentrim hotel elementaita on (29th -30th) March 2019. KYMCA is a county legislative caucus that intends to bring together young legislators at county level to advocate for and support pro-youth legislations and policies. KYMCA assisted in mobilization of the legislators for the training and also committed to collaborate in MCAs caucus development because it is one of their key areas of focus. The youth agenda catered for all the training cost which enabled Siasa place to re-allocate the funds initially budgeted for these activities to other areas which were under budgeted such as monitoring and Evaluation activities.

5. PROJECT MANAGEMENT UPDATES

- List any changes in the grantee organisation (senior management, board, or project management (e.g. project staff, with sub-grantees, implementing partners) or capacity building efforts. Indicate how this has affected project implementation (negatively or positively) e.g. on work plan implementation, data gathering, analysis of results, risk management).
- Where there are sub-grantees, highlight findings of monitoring visits, capacity building efforts, sub-grantee forums.
- Compliance: Provide a continuous update on fraud and corruption, spot-checks, due-diligence practice and audit as per table below:

Areas to report against	Update
<i>Fraud and Corruption</i>	
a. Issues flagged by partners	Siasa Place is yet to report on any issues with regards to the project
b. Awareness activities done by grantee	Siasa Place has shared with NDI the updated work plans whenever revisions have been made
<i>2. Organisational Management</i>	
a. Meetings of the board within the quarter (annex signed minutes where possible)	
b. Any key changes (staff etc.)	
<i>Due Diligence</i>	
a. Progress on identified issues during initial due diligence. (include evidence where possible)	Siasa Place undertook due diligence in the procurement and recruitment processes in line with the signed project agreement and organizations' policy
<i>Spot-checks (programmatic, financial)</i>	
a. Indicate type of spot checks undertaken along the delivery chain.	
b. Issues/recurring themes of findings observed	
c. Follow-up actions instituted from the spot checks findings	
<i>Audits (statutory audits)</i>	
a. Status of organisational audit	
b. Key weaknesses observed (Please share management letter)	

(for grantees with downstream partners provide additional information covering the 4 areas covered in the table)

6. VALUE FOR MONEY OVERVIEW (1/2 page)

Following our internal program review, the team decided to hire car from Busia instead of Nairobi, which was initially costing the program during the weekend while there was no operation.

7. RISK UPDATES OVERVIEW (1/2 page)

Some participants beyond youth age bracket attended first monthly meeting due to failure by mobilizers to stick to project guidelines on age. Siasa place trained mobilizers on the need to target the right group for the project requirement and in subsequent monthly meetings this risk of untargeted group attending was reduced.

Political interferences especially in Matayos constituency posed a risk of reduced youth support to the project but through clear communication by explaining the objective of KAIP to different political camps we managed to restore their confidence to higher levels

During the January bi-monthly meeting some participants who had attended (Oct-Nov) 2018 planning and strategy meeting failed to show up in subsequent monthly meetings because, were in college/university, however we invited new participants to fill the gap. This gave new participants a chance to gain knowledge on public participation and budget process as well as bringing new ideas to our team. New participants due to knowledge gap were linked to youth leads for more guidance and consultation where necessary.