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REPORT ON THE WIDOWS' ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT TRAINING

VENUE: SILALEI HOTEL, MARALAL WARD,
SAMBURU COUNTY



DECEMBER 11 & 12, 2023

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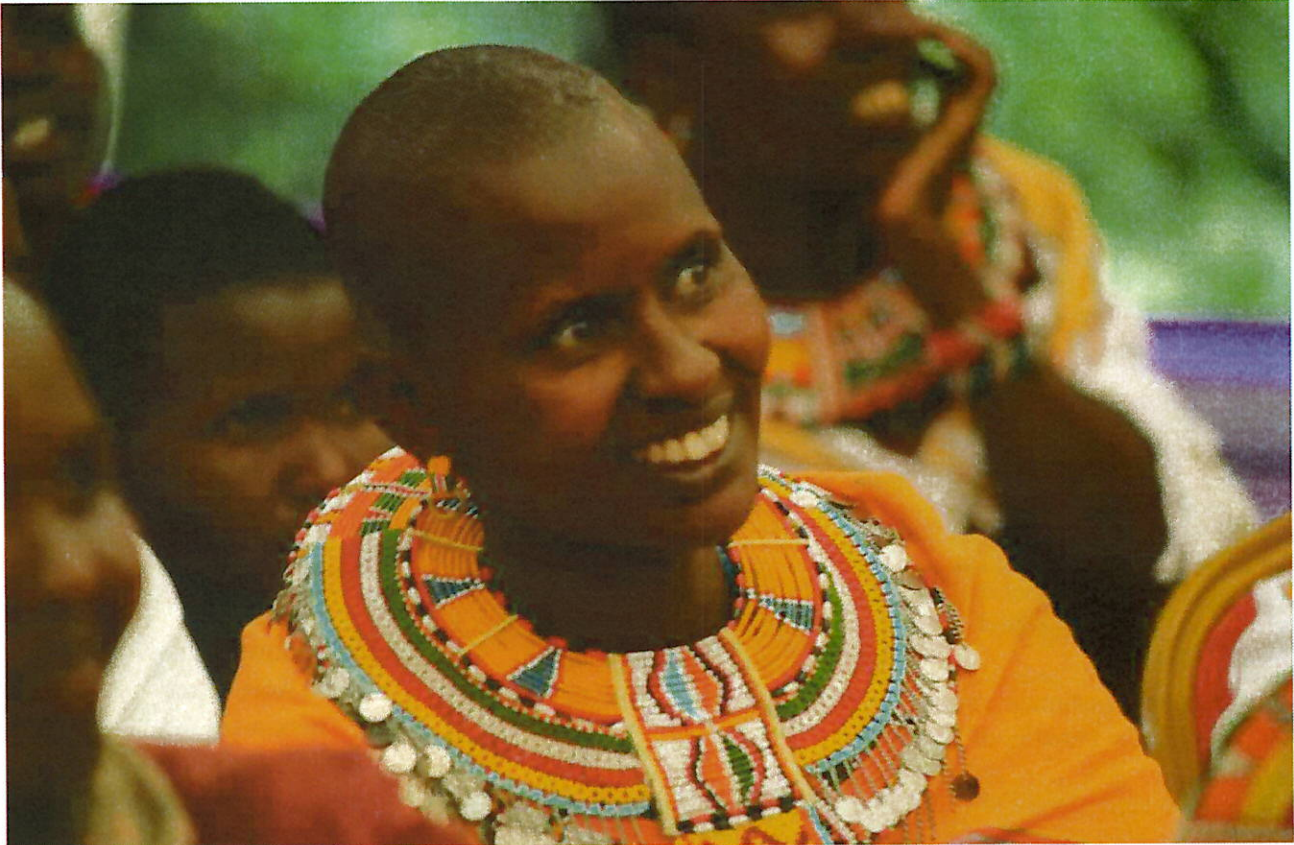


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**REPORT ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT MEETINGS AT SILALAEI HOTEL ON 11th
AND 12TH DECEMBER 2023**

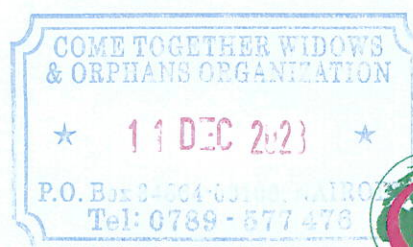


Widows listening attentively during the Economic Empowerment Training held at Silalaei Hotel, Samburu County

INTRODUCTION

Women empowerment has seen notable progress in recent years with efforts focusing on Education and Economic Inclusion. Our organization in partnership with Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies (SAGAS) has been in the forefront to the Gender Gaps that widows face but still challenges persist.

On **11th and 12th December 2023**, we held an Economic Empowerment Training for widows within Maralal Ward in partnership with the **Anti-FGM Board Kenya**. The event brought together a total of 100 widows with each day hosting different groups of widows who showed interest in becoming Economically Independent Women. The training was officially opened by the **MCA of Maralal Ward Hon. Joseph Loloju** who encouraged the Widows to form support groups and also promised them his full support through his office and all well-wishers. The aim of this Transformative training was to Economically Empower widows by helping them explore the different ways of earning a living, how to reinvest and save their money. By joining efforts with the Anti-FGM Board Kenya, we also focused on raising awareness against FGM practices since most of the widows present during the training were Survivors of FGM Practises.



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ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SESSIONS

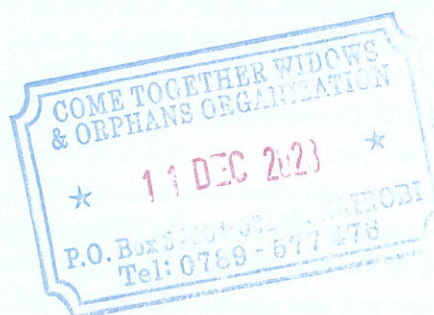
Mr. Domnic Lesimale-Samburu West Constituency Women Enterprise Fund Coordinator



Mr. Domnic Lesimale training Widows on the WEF Products and how to maximize the benefits of the products

Mr. Domnic began by encouraging the widows to venture on other financial avenues other than charcoal burning because the environmental harm caused by charcoal burning. He trained the widows on how to Access and maximize the benefits of the

Women Enterprise Fund. He also emphasized on the benefits of forming groups and advised widows who have not organized themselves into groups to form their own groups so that they can benefit from the funds.



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Ms. Gladys Lenyarua-Joyful Women Organisation (JOYWO)



Ms. Gladys Lenyarua educating widows about the JOYWO loan products and how to utilize the products

The Joyful Women Organisation in Kenya is a non-profit founded by Rachel Ruto. The organization focuses on empowering women through various programs, including Entrepreneurship Training, Mentorship and Access to resources. The organization aims to uplift women economically and socially, fostering positive change in communities across Kenya.

Ms. Gladys informed the widows on the loan products offered by JOYWO as she also inspired them to make good use of the loan products to help them achieve self-reliance. She also taught them about table banking which is a financial

empowerment strategy that involves a group of individuals with women, coming together to pool their savings and collectively manage a fund. These funds are then loaned out to members in need, creating a rotating system of financial support.



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SPEECHES

Ms. Ipato Surum –Chairperson, Anti-FGM Board Kenya



Ms. Ipato Surum addressing widows during the Economic Empowerment Training

businesses in order to challenge Gender Stereotypes and promotes a more inclusive and equitable society.

She encouraged women to venture into business for them to be able to support their family and assist in educating the Girl Child for a better tomorrow. She noted that Economic Empowerment not only benefits individual women but also contributes to societal progress. She also challenged them to excel in their

Mrs. Bernadette Loloju-C.E.O Anti-FGM Board Kenya



C.E.O Anti-FGM Board addressing Widows during the Economic Empowerment Training

resources, they often reinvest in their communities, leading to improved education, healthcare and overall community development.

She encouraged women to venture in business in order to alleviate poverty and also assist in providing for their families.

She mentioned that by venturing into entrepreneurship, the widows will be able to educate the Girl Child and this will reduce the rate of Early Marriages and teenage pregnancies. She also noted that when women have economic



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Dr. Dianah Kamande-Independent Board Director, Anti-FGM Board Kenya & Founder, CTWOO



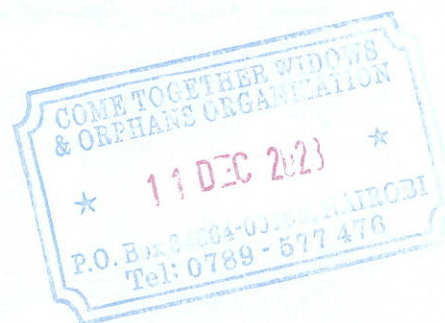
Dr. Diana Kamande addressing widows during the Economic Empowerment Training in Maralal Ward Samburu County

She emphasized that economic empowerment is not only a financial endeavour but a means of restoring Dignity, Rebuilding shattered dreams and Redefining the narratives of their lives. She emphasized that her

passion as a Widows Rights Champion is to create a world where every widow is not just a survivor but a thriving contributor to society. She said that her aim is to illuminate a path towards empowerment, independence and renewed hope. She gave them hope to stand up and reclaim their power.

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