



Keeping Alive Societies' Hope (KASH) Updates



Fostering Sustainable Partnership with Law Enforcement and Health Sector to Facilitate Access to HIV Prevention and Care Services for People Who Use Drugs

Globally, an estimated 16 Million people inject illegal drugs, of whom about 3 Million (nearly one in five) are living with HIV.

However, there are measures that hamper drug users' access to HIV services like fear of arrest, restrictions on the provision of sterile syringes to drug users, prohibition of opioid substitution therapy and other evidence-based treatment.

KASH partnering with **UNODC- United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime**, started a 6-month project focused in Nairobi and Mombasa counties dubbed '*Fostering Sustainable Partnership with Law Enforcement and Health Sector to Facilitate Access to HIV Prevention and Care Services for People Who Use Drugs*', sensitizes law enforcement on harm reduction services and advocates for greater access to HIV and other treatment services by People Who Inject Drugs(PWID).



[Small group sensitization session at Nyali Police Station in Mombasa County](#)

International Day of Peace 2021

The International Day of Peace 2021 was held on 21st September 2021. The theme for the day was: ***Recovering Better For an Equitable and Sustainable World***. KASH celebrated the day at an event hosted by **National Cohesion and Integration Commission Kenya(NCIC)** in partnership with **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** at Chemelil Sugar Company Grounds, in Muhoroni Sub County, in Kisumu County. The celebration brought two bordering ethnic communities in Kenya together i.e. the Luo and the Nandi.

Read more about this on: <https://www.kash.or.ke/international-day-of-peace-2021-promoting-social-and-ethnic-cohesion-to-mitigate-ethnic-conflicts/>



Nandi women group performing a dance in the International Day of Peace Event

[Japan International Cooperation Agency\(JICA\) Survey Mission to Western Region Visit](#)

KASH through the support of EU-UNDP under the Programme for Legal Empowerment and Aid Delivery in Kenya 'PLEAD' hosted a delegation from JICA on 20th September 2021. The purpose of the visit was for JICA's Information Collection Survey mission on Improving the Legal Access and Establishing the Network in African Countries.



[Yasuo Izumi, the Project Manager JICA Study Team with his team members Yuko Haraguchi, Maryanne Kimani and Kenta Komatsu with KASH's Executive Director Thomas Abol and his team from KASH.](#)

Patahaki is an innovation developed by KASH in partnership with **UNDP-United Nations Development Program** and **Lake hub**, a tech company, to increase access to health and human rights by marginalized and vulnerable groups in Kenya. KASH had a Facebook live session with its followers, to discuss the app and how it can be used to address both legal and health challenges experienced by Key populations.

To watch click the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/100005942255029/videos/4465665030144764/>

Change the Game Academy's (CTGA's) Local Fundraising(LFR) Leaders Workshop

KASH attended a Local Fundraising Leaders workshop on 13th and 14th September 2021. The workshop was held by **Kenya Community Development Foundation(KCDF)** in partnership with **USAID 4The Child Programme** and **Change The Game Academy Programme(CTGA)** that builds the capacity of non profit organizations to explore local fundraising opportunities.

Below find photos for the 2 day Leaders' workshop:



Change the Game Academy's (CTGA's) Local Fundraising Champion's Training

After the CTGA's Local Fundraising (LFR) Leader's workshop, KASH participated in a 5 day LFR Champions' workshop which was held from 4th October -8th October 2022, at Pinecone Hotel in Kisumu County. The objective of the training was to train champions of grassroot organizations to take LFR action to raise local funds and to increase income and diversity in terms of resource mobilization.

Below find photos for the LFR Champions training:



Commemorating World Mental Health Day

KASH has observed for over 15 years of HIV/AIDS programming that mental health disorders are very common amongst Key Populations(KPs). Furthermore, their mental health circumstances attract more public stigma and even violence owing to their criminalized nature in the Kenyan society. COVID 19 has caused additional harm for KPs worsening stigma, discrimination, violence and human rights violations routinely experienced and unemployment, housing instability and food insecurity has further compounded KPs ability to access other essential social services. Collectively, these experiences have far reaching consequences on their mental health.

at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) where mental health issues were addressed. KASH recognized KPs mental health issues on that day.

Below find photos from the World Mental Health Day:



Legal Awareness Week

KASH in partnership with the **Law Society of Kenya-Kisumu Chapter**, **Transparency International** and **The Kenya Legal and Ethical Issues Network**, held Legal Aid Clinics on the Legal Awareness Week, which was carried out in different legal facilities in Kisumu- Kisumu Law Courts, Winam Law Courts, Kondele Police Station and Kodiaga Women Prison.

Below find photos from the Legal Aid Clinic:



Pre-exposure prophelaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention-Jamila's Story



Jamila is one of the 250 female sex workers (FSWs) in Muhoroni sub county, that Keeping Alive Societies' Hope (KASH) supports. She gives mixed reactions as she tells her story, smiling in between and sometimes turning somber. Jamila got married at a tender age. However, she did not know that her then husband was HIV positive. "I was married to the man and bore two children with him but I never knew that he was HIV positive," she narrates. "I used to work as a caretaker at a health facility when I found out about his status," she continues. She embarked on a quest to search for answers on HIV and that's when one of the clinical officers at the facility suggested an HIV test to confirm whether she was positive or negative. Thankfully, she turned out negative and immediately started on PrEP.

To read more of this story, click the link below:

<https://www.kash.or.ke/pre-exposure-prophylaxis-prep-for-hiv-prevention-jamilas-story/>

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