

# KIBWEZI CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY

*Well-wishing Lifestyle*

# NEWSLETTER



## ABOUT US

Kibwezi Center for Sustainability (KCS) is a grassroots non-for-profit organization involved in promoting environment conservation, gender balance, access to education, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and public health care services with an aim of increasing socio-economic empowerment, improving food security and safety, promoting equality and equity, climate change resilience, and improving ecological balance, thus achieving sustainable development.

KCS provides a holistic gender-sensitive approach of a fully integrated three-pronged solution that combines social, environmental and economic aspects of promoting sustainable development in line with the UN sustainable development goals agenda of 2030, AU agenda 2063, Kenya's Vision 2030 and the National Development Plan of Kenya.

KCS has an affiliate voluntary group of members under the name Kibwezi Wellwishers, which has three chapters namely: Coast, Nairobi Metropolitan and Highway chapters, that organize and conduct charity events in line with KCS objectives. Further, KCS partners with community members, local government, corporates, sponsors and donors to successfully implement projects and hold impactful events.

### Target population

KCS operates within the Counties of Makeni, Kitui, Machakos, Nairobi, Kwale, Kilifi, and Mombasa. Our target populations are rural communities that are constrained socially, culturally and economically mainly needy students and girls, whom are exposed to abuse, rape, early pregnancies, forced/early marriages and period poverty, thus dropping out of school and denied their freedom of choice and expression.

## Vision

A healthy, educated and environmentally sustainable society responding to the livelihood needs of the vulnerable communities and threatened environment

## Mission

To provide solutions through practical environmental, health, education programmes, research, capacity building for enhanced livelihoods



## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES



- To conserve the environment through tree planting programmes, seedballs broadcasting, garbage cleanups, and environmental advocacy
- To promote education for vulnerable and marginalized children and youth through scholarships, mentorship, technical trainings and psychosocial support sessions and capacity building
- To advocate for a healthy society through health awareness and education, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH programmes) medical and veterinary camps, fight against period poverty and shame, mental health awareness, domestic violence, sexual and drug abuse awareness
- To promote socio-economic development through capacity-building on sustainable climate-smart farming systems, marketing and entrepreneurship, renewable energy, value-chain management, food production systems, best farm management practices.



# Statement from the Founder

2023 has been  
a year full of  
well-wishing  
activities



*Dr. Sonia Nzilani*  
KCS Founder & Chairperson  
Makueni ECM Land, Urban Planning & Development,  
Environment & Climate Change

For us at **Kibwezi Wellwishers**, a years end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on. A going on in promoting our main objective of touching lives and improving our environment and resilience to the changing climate. 2023 was unique and special year to us wellwishers as it presented new and exciting opportunities.

2023 saw the full operationalization of the **KWW chapters; Nairobi Metropolitan, Highway Chapter and Coast Chapter**. As the old adage goes, when pioneering you got no one to copy from so let's thank God for this great milestone.

Through the chapters we were able to widen our scope and triple our activities particularly in planting trees, visiting children's homes, advocacy, mentorships, naturing talents amongst others. My heart is filled with gratitude as I review the year that was. Our greatest achievement this year being crowned the winners of the "**Humanitarian Organization of the Year**" during the E360 awards. Other achievements included walking 15kms advocating for ban of commercial logging, hiking Mt. Longonot, joining the president during the National tree planting at Kiu Wetlands, Makindu and commemorating all international environmental and health awareness days. Congratulations team kwika nesa.

It's the same year we welcomed the biggest number of new members and partners (both local and international), welcome all. I can only thank each and everyone who made the year a great success. Congratulations my good people, God bless you all.

*"we not only plant trees in the soils, but in people's minds"*

Happy new year!!!

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# Editors Note



## BENJAMIN MUTUA

Senior Editor  
Kibwezi Center for Sustainability



### Joining Kibwezi Well-wishers

Those interested in joining Kibwezi Well-wishers whose main agenda is to Promote education, public health and environmental conservation as well as supporting members development and well-being can reach out to us through our social media platforms, phone number and email shown below. It is free but we encourage members to support by attending our events, organizing an event, fundraising, empowering, sharing, encouraging, motivating, networking and praying and providing guidance.

Please note politicking is not allowed in any of our online platforms, activities or events.



### KEYNOTE

Welcome to the Kibwezi Center for Sustainability 2023 Newsletter. I am delighted to bring you our second well-wishing newsletter. This newsletter edition offers our partners, donors, members and community members a brief on who we are, statement from the chairperson & founder, the programmatic areas, and projects we are working on.

In the newsletter we have enlisted our partners who supported our well-wishing journey this year, and testimonials from Kibwezi Wellwishers members who have supported our events and activities in kind, financially and through volunteering. I am looking forward to expanding the scope of the our Newsletter to include other NGOs Features, employment opportunities and conference announcements. If you are interested in contributing, please let us know.

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# OUR KEY PROGRAMMING AREAS

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## Environmental Conservation



Keeping the environment better and safe through tree planting, seedballs broadcasting, garbage collection, pollution control programmes and public sensitization.

## Promotion of public health



Improving the health of the vulnerable families and the elderly through hospital visits, guiding and counselling, health and nutrition talks, medical and Veterinary camps, and vaccination campaigns.

## Promotion of Education



Creating better access to excellent education through facilitation of learning materials, mentorship and ensure that our girls and boys to learn in safe and clean environment



# 2023 WELL-WISHING EVENTS



On 04/02/2023 through Nairobi Metropolitan Chapter we held a nature walk at Karura forest who main aim was to give members an opportunity to explore the benefits if restoring our degraded landscapes.



On 11/02/2023 Nairobi Metropolitan Chapter visited the Machakos Women's Prison to celebrate them as we commemorate International Women's Day.

Highway Chapter was able to celebrate International Women's Day by gifting Women in Kibwezi Amref Hospital Maternity and General wing. The proceeded to broadcast seedballs donated by DWA estate at Kikoo catchment in Kibwezi with support of Kibwezi Teachers Training College students.

At Muatine Primary School pupils were sensitized on monthly periods while demonstrating on how to use sanitary pads using fellow pupils who had knowledge about them. To break the barrier and stigma the boys attending the event were given sanitary pads each to gift a girl while being encouraged to be supportive to the girls during that natural process.



On 21/10/2023 Coast Chapter paid a visit to Grandsons of Abraham Rescue Center we were able to plant over 20 tree seedlings which they have committed to take care of until maturity. We also gifted the rescue center with several assorted food and none food items



# MORE 2023 EVENTS!

## Ndauni Event 08/04/2023

During this event we were able to plant trees at Machinery, Mwanyani, Iuluni and Ndauni Markets; broadcasted seedballs at Kalima Koi, Ndauni Secondary School and at Kibwezi Forest on 09/2023.

At Ndauni Primary School we held mentorship session involving 7 schools in that zone; gifted the schools with footballs and the pupils with books, biro pens, pencils and rubbers; all the girls were supported with sanitary pads after sensitization and; medical camp which ran concurrently with other activities.



Our Kingwede event started off with mentorship session where students were divided per class/grade and over 20 Kibwezi Well-wishers members and 5 representatives from Diani Walkers (mentors) were divided to join different groups during the session.

We successfully reached around 500 students with mentorship on academic performance, personal growth, family matters, social lives, and other soft skills. We thank Diani Walkers for supporting us with 35 cartons of sanitary pads.



In partnership with Kaiti Greening Champions we took environmental awareness to Mt. Longonot before commemoration of World Environment Day. It took us an average of 3 hours to reach The Summit (Kilele Ngamia) and a total average of 6 hours to go up and down the hiking trail.



In collaboration with Kaiti Greening Champions Jumuisha Initiative SeedballsKenya Climate Clock Kenya, Equity Afia Wote and other several institutions we took a 15 kilometers Environmental awareness walk at Wote Municipality to urge the president of Kenya H.E. William Samoei Ruto to reinstate the ban on logging which could lead to more devastating environmental effects in the ASAL counties like reduced rainfall, landslide, low levels of underground water and drying of our rivers to mention a few



# 2023 ACHIEVEMENTS

*Well-wishers Lifestyle*



1

**Planted and distributed 30,000 tree seedlings**

2

**We broadcasted over 150,000 seedballs**

3

**We mentored over 3,000 peoples and supported over 1,500 pupils with learning materials such as writings books, pens, pencils**

4

**We supported over 1,500 girls with sanitary pads with over 100 cartons of sanitary pads**

5

**We conducted one medical camp at Ndauni in Masongaleni ward reaching 677 people and collected 44 pints of blood in partnership with Equity Afia and Makueni County Government**

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# National Day of Tree Planting at Kiu

Over 30 members joined H.E. The President at Kiu Catchment during the Launch of National Tree Planting Day on November 13, 2023.

This initiative is a deliberate intervention to restore the forest cover and create awareness on the importance of tree planting at the wake of climate change and its effects.

We thank H.E. The President for choosing Kiu Catchment to mark the special environment day in Kenya and also issuing an order to Gazette the wetlands and all other catchments served by Chyulu water tower



Our Founder Dr. Sonia Planting Ceremonial tree with H.E. The President

## 2023 Awards Received



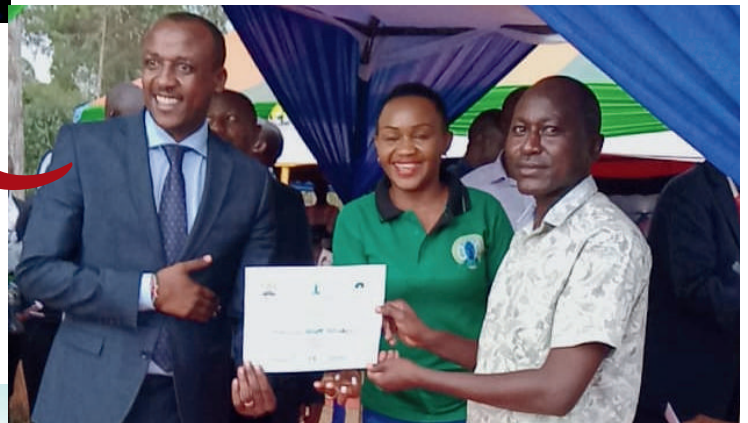
### *Members receiving E360 Award*

Our Well-wishing Lifestyle has been awarded as Humanitarian of The Year by E360awards for the good work we are doing in our three programmatic areas i.e., Environment, Health and Education. We appreciate our member well-wishers who have supported our well-wishing event and activities in our target areas. That is the power of local resource mobilization!!

### *Our team receiving award from H.E Mutula Kilonzo Jr.*

We appreciate Makueni County Government for recognizing our environmental conservations efforts during the International Day of Forests on 21/03/2023 at Masokani Redeemed Gospel Church.

We were also involved in broadcasting seedballs at Muambwani forest and ceremonial tree planting during the event.



### *Our Founder Dr. Sonia Nzilani Receiving award from H.E. Mutula Kilonzo Jr.*

On February 2, 2023 during World Wetlands Day we were awarded by the County Government of Makueni for our participation in protection, conservation and restoration of environment in Makueni County.





# Partners Who Supported our 2023 Well-wishing activities

**Seedballs Kenya**



**Friends of Kiu Catchment**

**Utooni Development Organization**



**Volunteer Service overseas, Kibwezi**

**My Green Institution**



**County Government of Makueni**

**Ahadi Achievers**



**SDGs KENYA FORUM**  
Coalition for Sustainable Development

**Jumuisha Initiative**



**Kaiti Greening Champions**

**Diani Walkers**



**Konza Technopolis**

**Equity Afia - Wote town**



**Equity Bank - Kibwezi**

**KCB Bank - Kibwezi**



**Family Bank - Wote**

We thank our partners for their kind donations to our well-wishing course



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# Chapter Heads Statements



## Roger Kyalo Coast Chapter Head

Let me start by appreciating the KWW Coast Chapter Team for their unwavering support, dedication, commitment and love.

2023, we begun this year with alot of anticipation. Our desire has always been to impact many lives through acts of kindness, mentorships and climate change action.

Though we didn't get to do more like we anticipated, we managed to achieve this through the two events we had:

1. Kingwede Event where we planted 250 trees, donated sanitary pads, panties and boxers worth 110,000 shillings and mentored students. Special Thanks to Diani Walkers for partnering with us.
2. Grandsons of Abraham Rescue Centre, where we gave inkind donations, mentored the young ones and played games with them.

Personally I went through a low moment from the beginning of the 2nd quarter of the year through the 3rd and I will say it takes alot of energy and compassion to lead and contribute in a team when in need yourself without wanting anyone to notice any difference.

"Whoever gives to those in need lends to God, and God will pay him for what he has done, proverbs 19:17". Glory to God, He paid back.

Thank you KWW

Onto 2024 [▶](#)

## Jacinta Mutinda Highway Chapter Head

I thank The Almighty for enabling us to see another year come to an end.

To all highway chapter members,I express my gratitude for the job well done in the year 2023.May God bless you all for the sacrifice you made during the year.

We have held several activities touching health, education and environment.We held our first event at Kikoo that touched the three themes of kww.We did mentorship in different schools and visited children's home.We had our walk themed 'No logging 'a 15km walk at wote town.Through God and your support we were able to make the events successful.

Wishing you a happy new year full of God's blessings and favour.

Happy new year 2024.



## Eve Mueni Nairobi Metropolitan Chapter Head

To entire family of wellwishers I wish to appreciate you all with immense gratitude.

First and foremost, I want to express my deepest thanks to the Nairobi Metropolitan Chapter for the wonderful support during 2023 events and the opportunity to touch lives and environments in great ways since we begun the chapter.

I am truly honored and humbled by the overwhelming support and encouragement from our founder, fellow chapter heads and well-wishers. Your unwavering belief in me has been a constant source of strength and motivation throughout this journey.

As a chapter we've managed to run all our planned activities and events, starting from our Nature trail at karura Forest which was good for our mental health,The machakos women's prison visit where we celebrated our mothers day with the inmates,what a thought, Our Mt longonot hiking event was a success thanks to you We finally did a children's home visit at Ngong Town and we impacted lives

I also want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the mentors whose guidance has shaped my path and instilled in me the values of perseverance and determination. I'm honored to have led such an exceptional team.

Happy New Year Well-wishers!!!



# FACEBOOK REVIEWS



**MAGICLARE**

This is an organization that is 100% focussed in ensuring that any child from a needy family gets quality education in order to better his/her life and that if their family in future.



**EVE MUENI**

An active NGO with 3 pillars promoting environment, education and health, it's the Best group for personal growth. A green environment is a healthy environment.



**BENJAMILNHO**

The Most vibrant NGO in Lower Eastern Kenya touching lives through environment conservation, promoting good health, and accessible education.



**JACINTA MUTINDA**

A group working on environmental restoration and conservation. Also fighting menstrual stigma in schools and building confidence in girls.



**BILLY KOMU**

I recommend anyone willing to be an philanthropist to the environment for our future generations to join the only NGO self funding in east and central globe locally famous by the name KIWEWE.



**RUFINE MWIKALI**

Not all of us can do great things . But we can do great things with love.



**MUEMA VERON**

An organization whose members are enthusiastic about environmental conservation and touching the lives of the needy.



**NICHOLAS KISILU**

This is one of the best groups in the country, leading in supporting, mentoring, and the most important thing in environmental conservation!! (Re-greening 💎💎)



# FACEBOOK REVIEWS



**PATRICK KIMINZA**

1. Normally touches and changes the soul.
2. Always on fore front in environmental conservation.



**ERIC MWANGANGI**

It a non profit organization focused on environmental issues and well wishing



**FRIENDS OF KIU CATCHMENT**

An environmental organization which is in the forefront of environmental conservation and restoration. They are very open to partnership with other organizations as well as uplifting the upcoming organizations.



**MIRIAM KOMU**

It's the little things we do that will make the difference in humanity. One of my little things is planting trees.

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## Special Feature



"Embrace the power of positive change – plant trees, nurture nature. Every sapling sown is a promise to a greener, healthier future. Together, let's cultivate a world where the roots of conservation run deep, and the canopy of hope stretches wide. One tree at a time, we shape a legacy of harmony with our planet."

Hassan Akida

Mr.Conservation 



# Support Our Well-wishing Activities Through

## How to Donate via M-PESA

The following steps will help you make a donation to our course:

1. Open your SIM Tool Kit and go to M-PESA Menu
2. Go to Lipa na M-PESA
3. Select Pay Bill and enter Business no. 247247
4. Followed by Account no. 006580
5. Enter the amount you want to donate.
6. Input your pin number and confirm the transaction then send
7. After payment, you will get a transactional message from M-PESA confirming your contribution.



## How to donate via Bank account

Send your donations to: –

Equity Bank Account: **1730282006580**

SWIFT CODE: **EQBLKENA**

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