

Community Radios Broadcasting for Peace 3.0



Welcome for the third edition of the Umoja Radio for Peace Newsletter. Following the trend in previous editions of this newsletter, we continue to bring you informative, educational and entertaining news happening among community media fraternity and the country at large.

This issue is however extra topical. It comes in the season of the general elections in this country. The general elections took place on 8th August 2017 and the re-run of Presidential elections on 26th October 2017. The Presidential election marked by low voter turn-out has left Kenyans and the country divided, mainly along ethnic lines. There are calls for dialogue between the two leading Presidential candidates and of the political elite. We cross our fingers for this to happen for the sake of unity and peace in this country. Even though the tenets of democratic process stipulate that majority will rule and the minority will have their say, it does not augur well for the peace, unity, security and development when some communities feel marginalized and excluded from the political leadership of this country.

This newsletter has in particular focused on election coverage testimonies from Community radio journalists and the role of community radio in fermenting peace and reconciliation in the country. This comes against the background of a project under-

taken by Kenya Community Media Network (KCOMNET) in collaboration with UNDP Kenya under the Uwiano platform for peace of facilitating voter education through community radio towards the 2017 general elections in Kenya. The voter education campaign was carried out by 22 community radio stations spread in 18 counties with 13 of them broadcasting in 9 counties which were listed as hot spot counties by UNDP. The contents in this newsletter thus hearken to the stated mission of KCOMNET of Amplifying Community Voices.

Enjoy!



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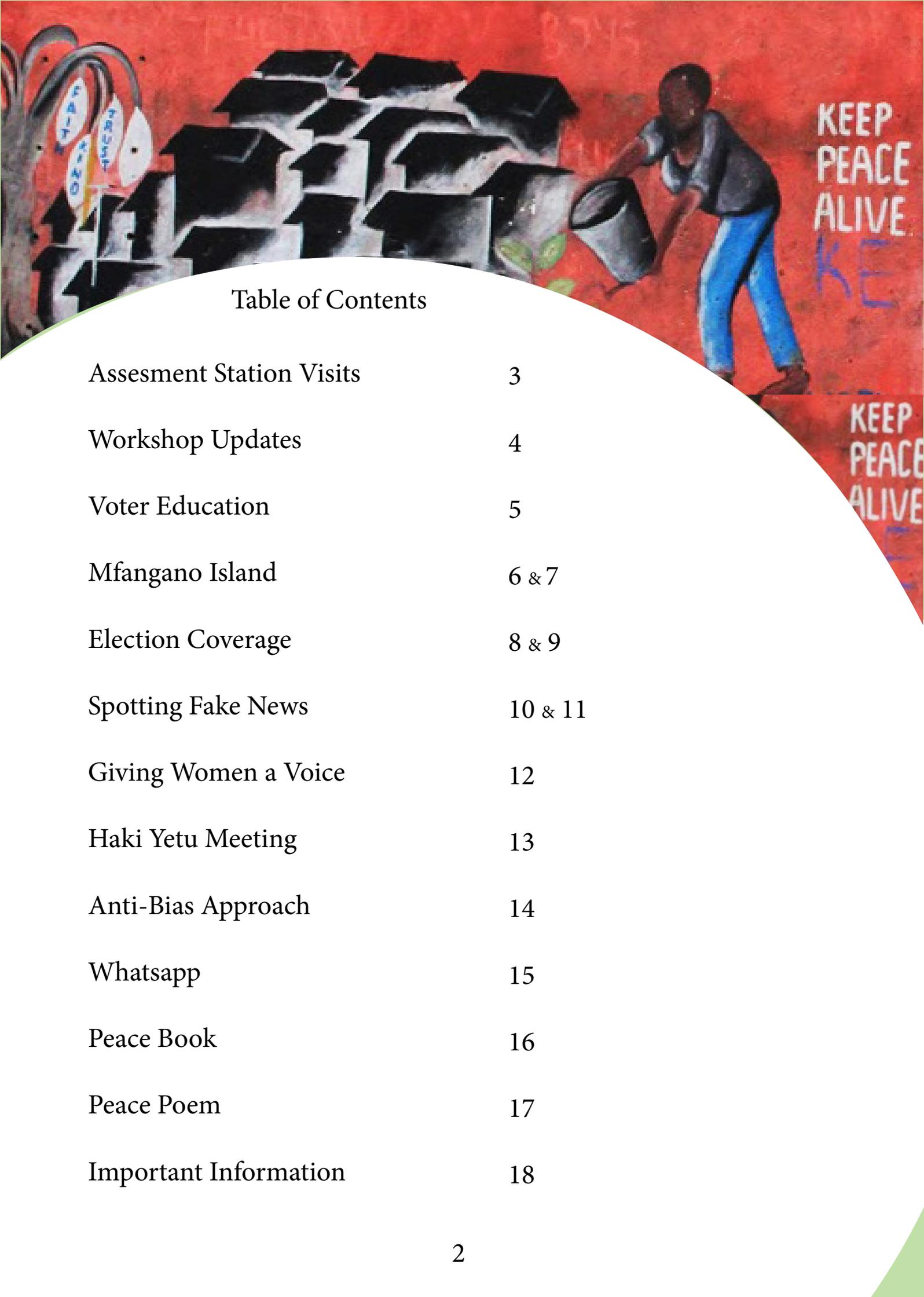


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Assessment Station Visits- Cluster Four & Five

Activity updates

UMOJA radio for Peace team visited Western, Nyanza, some parts of Rift valley and Murang'a radios.

Cluster four radios which comprise six Community radios; Radio Amani - Nakuru , Radio Upendo – Eldoret , Nganyi Ranet - Vihiga , Bulala Ranet – Budalangi , Ekialo Kiona FM – Mfangano Island, Radio Rameny FM – Migori county were on our to visit list. The aim of visiting these radios was to have a look and feel of what they do in their respective stations. Find out the nature, strengths and challenges on conflict sensitive reporting and perhaps journalism training needs they may require. Monday morning on 12th June, 2017, the long journey started. First stop was in Nakuru town – Radio Amani, a Catholic radio station. The radio broadcasts in Swahili and English languages. Since its inception in 2007/2008 after the post-election violence, the radio has actively played a role in trying to diffuse ethnic tensions in Nakuru town and promote Tolerance, Peace, Love and Unity in the County. Our next stop was Radio Upendo in Eldoret town; which as a station is already engaged in good work, such as recording peaceful messages from different stakeholders in the communities. The messages were regularly being aired during the election period which was a timely and noble initiative.

Nganyi ranet – the famous rainmakers were our third stop in Vihiga County. This radio is amongst those initiated by the meteorological department as an early warning medium since the county is mostly affected by flash floods. Besides cautioning the communities on weather disaster issues, the radios do a good community work. They are broadcasting on diverse issues ranging from community health, education, justice, peace and local governance among many others.

Ekialo Kiona FM located in Mfangano Island was one of the most adventurous and furthest destinations. We had to cross the ferry boat from Mbita in Homabay County to Rusinga Island and finally arrive at Mfangano Island. Kitawi Village in Mfangano Island, a beautiful and serene environment where Ekialo Kiona Community Center hosts Ekialo Kiona FM. The radio broadcasts in Suba language with a special focus on health and nutrition topics, sustainable agricultural and fishing, Suba culture, language and youth empowerment. The Island is adversely affected by high HIV/AIDS rate and thus the radio plays a big role improving HIV literacy, attitudes and behaviours in the community. The last radio on our schedule was Radio Rameny in Migori County. Broadcasting language is Dholuo which covers Migori County, parts of Homabay County and Kisii County. Their mission is fostering peace and unity among members of the communities in the areas they are able to reach.

Cluster five radios included Radio Maria and Kangema FM from Murang'a County, and Oltoilo Lema FM in Suswa town, Narok County. Feedback regarding what they do was generally the same. The only exception would be Kangema FM of which besides engaging listeners on social – economic and political issues, they also warn the community on impending heavy rains which leads to mudslides in the region. All in all, the station visits in these two regions were a success and we got the information we needed for our upcoming workshops. (Sgn)



On board the MV Mbita 111 en route to Ekialo Kiona FM

Workshop Updates- Cluster Two, Four & Five

The three clusters closed the chapter of our Conflict sensitive reporting workshops. Catholic Diocese of Isiolo County hosted cluster two workshop with about 28 participants. Participating radios included; Radio Thome, Maria, Shahidi, Jangwani, Akicha, Mchungaji, Sawanga FM, Baliti FM and Mugambo FM. Two days of heavy content of which the modules included; Day 1: Understanding Conflicts – deconstructing what is Conflict, what is Violence? Broadcasting for Peace one - linking understanding conflicts to journalists' way of reporting in conflict situations. Day 2: Non-violent communication with a focus on - Marshal Rosenberg Model, group exercises on Actors mapping tool applying local conflict contexts and finally broadcasting for Peace 2 i.e. How to tell the story. Isiolo workshop participants were also privileged to have two extra sessions on Fact checking thanks to Alina – KCOMNET intern and Safety and security of journalists by Michael.

Cluster four workshop was held in Mfangano Island, Kitawi village, Ekialo Kioma Community Center. The workshop was graced by 23 participants from the following radios; Radio Rameny, Ekialo Kioma FM, Bulala FM, Nganyi ranet, Radio Amani and Radio Upendo. Besides working on different levels i.e. presentations, exercises, learning from each other, professional exchange, this



group got the opportunity to do live recording of “peace dialogues” i.e. Little educational radio drama formats of about one and a half minutes maximum. After two days of intensive exchange and networking, it was time to take the ferry boat back to Mbita, then proceed back to our respective counties.

Last but not least was cluster five workshop held in Nairobi at Rosamystica Guest house. The participating radios included; Radio Maria, Kangema FM, Osutua FM and Oltoilo lemaa FM. Fourteen participants attended the two days' workshop. The task ahead would now be for all the participants who attended our trainings to integrate their knowledge and skills gained in their daily work and also share with the communities/ audience. (Sgn)

DON'T BE USED.

Community Radio Meeting on Voter Education

Kenya Community Media Network (KCOMNET) in collaboration with UNDP Kenya under the Uwiano platform for peace held a meeting at the Shalom House on the 3rd of August, 2017. The agenda for the meeting was to engage the 22 public community radios in Kenya on a voter education campaign. Broadcast regions would be spread in 18 counties with 13 of the radios broadcasting in 9 counties which were listed as hot spots counties by UNDP. The period of broadcast was definitely pre and after the August 2017 elections.

Other partners involved in the campaign included; IEBC, URAIA and ELOG whom were also very much involved with elections in Kenya. Educating the public on the importance of voting, election process, and accepting the results was critical and at the top of their agenda. This was to ensure a smooth process and non-violent reactions when the results were being announced. What was expected of the radios?

They would have to produce key voter education messages using the following formats; radio spots, infomercials, live shows and vox pops. The messages would vary from all the details and expectations of the voter during the Election Day, who will vote in the August 2017 elections, what documents are required for voting, and finally putting emphasise on main-

tain-
ing peace at
all times. The pro-
ductions would then have
to be aired during that spe-
cific period of time i.e. pre and
after the August general elections.

After a long hard day of taking notes and absorbing what was expected from the community radios, the task lying ahead was delivering the productions and airing the content.

Your Vote, Your Future! (Sgn)



Mfangano Island

By Samuel Karan, Station Manager Ekialo Kiona FM

The Island hosts the one and only radio Ekialo Kiona FM which is part of the Umoja Radio for Peace participating radios. This is what I have to say about our Island.

Lake Victoria is the largest fresh water lake in the world and it is found in western Kenya and shared by both Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Mfangano Island is located right inside the lake. The island is the home of original Suba ethnic community and a place full of stories to tell as well as fantastic features. The name Mfangano was originally called “Ivang’ano”. A Suba language term meaning “a place for peace making” and so is the place literally. A visit to the remote island will explain this means.

The major occupation of this community is fishing, mixed with subsistence farming, animal rearing and other economic activities. The island is rich in tourist attractions sites and a community with the most hospitable atmosphere. This is where you will be able to watch the sun literally setting “under the waters”, a scene you will never experience anywhere in the world and a focus view of beautiful hills and plains of the mainland. A home of most of water birds prey for fish as they swim, jump up and down in water as others sail slowly as they take bath. Rock painting and traditional shrines with original Suba history and culture will give anyone visiting the rich heritage and culture of this rare ethnic community.

History tells us that the Island was the link between Ugandan and Tanzanian businessmen who sailed to Kenya for trade between the countries. As these traders moved in and out, they could make breaks on the island as they make negotiations and deals with their Kenyan counter parts. It was also the appropriate place to hide from authority and escape from danger. So it became a peace center, hence the name “Ivang’ano”.

Welcome and enjoy the Pictures!



Ekialo Kiona Centre emergency boat (above) Welcome to Ekialo Kiona Community Centre (below)



Vibrant Mbita Point Town

Election Coverage- Testimonials

Budalang'i Constituency

By Lydia Wang'oma, Bulala FM

Bunyala Central Ward, is one of the four Wards represented in, Busia County. The Ward has 11 polling stations namely: Siamungu, Khabanga, Busagwa, Nanzomi, Mundika, Mubwayo, Buong'i, Tumaini, Makunda, Mukhobola and Bubamba (all being Primary schools). All the Presiding Officers were co-operative and answered my questions upon presentation of my accreditation Card from the Media Council of Kenya for coverage. The polling stations opened between 6 and 6.05 AM, with the KIEMS identification kits being in working condition. Only a few cases of unidentified voters were re-routed to the manual ID format and allowed to vote after positively being identified.

An elderly voter whom I aired live on RANET Bulala FM confirmed that in all his years of voting in the Constituency, this was the most peaceful, orderly and law-abiding election. The polling clerks were ready to assist those in need, the elderly, pregnant women and people with disability were given priority to vote. There were no rowdy youths, no confrontations from rival camps and no voter bribery witnessed in any of the stations. Speaking to one of the Aspirants, he confirmed that he was satisfied with the manner in which the voting was conducted, given that all Party Agents were present during any assisted voter declaration. Makunda and Mundika had the highest number of voters and so were divided into two streams.

Voting was finalized by 5.45 PM and the ballot boxes escorted under security to the Constituency tallying Centre after counting and signing by the POs.

Wajir East Constituency

By - Mohamed Mohamud

In the run to the election, IEBC made sure that all the individuals are represented. Election equipment's were available. In wajir east constituency every polling station was open by 6am and voting started immediately. In Livestock Marketing Department (LMD) voting station, the machine failed to work but a backup was brought immediately. The election was so tough in wajir east with all sides making sure that, no election irregularities though people were bribed outside the gate.

In Adult polling station, voters were still voting till 7:30pm due to delay of the Kiems machines but it worked out later. Some of the polling station were far from the town which contributed to the delaying of results. During the counting of votes in every polling station, security couldn't allow journalists to witness the process. Some journalists were granted access and others not. In the main tallying Centre, things were transparent, free and fair. The Returning officer was sincere to all parties. But politicians were camping at the tally centre. The other challenge was the results were streaming slowly due to poor network in the county.

Narok County

By John Kilelu, Oltoilo lemaa FM

Coverage area was Narok county, Narok East sub-county, keekonyokie ward at Kojonga primary School polling station. I reached the polling station at 5:40am, 20 minutes before the election commenced though the voting process started at exactly 7:35am due to poor network and lack of power in the polling station. The voting process was good though the turnout was low. I managed to interview one of the voters Daniel Suntai about the turn out and he said “drought is a major challenge here so most people went to search for water from far while others migrated due to unbearable drought situation”.

At around noon James Tuukuo, MCA aspirant came and casted his vote and the situation remained calm. He was the only aspirant who visited the polling station. Something I observed was that most voters were not in the Kenya Integrated Electronic Machine System (KIEMS) but were in the polling station register. Polling Officer Mr. Paul Muntolol dealt with the issue accordingly. Another observation was submission of results was poor because of the limited Network of which the PO was forced to go and submit them at the tallying centre (Ekule secondary School) which was 22 kilometres away.

The election ended well at 6:30pm and the total number of people who voted were 238 out of 522 registered voters, 42%. The election was peaceful and no incidents reported.

Kajiado North Sub - County

By Victor Juma – Bus Radio

8th of August 2017, a day of a kind, which to my own words was peaceful and smooth in terms of voting process. I personally voted at Open Air Market, Ongata Rongai ward in Kajiado north sub-county. Voting process was quit fast especially after IEBC did a thorough voter education to empower voters on voting process. Streams were flowing swiftly, IEBC officers and clerks rendered their constitutional duties smoothly during voting process. In the evening around 5pm, Open Air market polling station was closed to pave way for tallying of votes. Electorates voted peacefully to enable IEBC officers do their work in a peaceful environment and in time.

After votes were poured on the table, tallying of votes began immediately with police officer's beefing up security around the tallying center. The presiding officer first confirmed the political party agents present and then gave green light to the clerks to begin counting votes. It took two hours to count all votes from the MCA, woman representative, and senator, MP, Governor and President. The most shocking part was when rejected votes were disputed by both party agents, it emerged that some voters wrote the name of their preferred candidates on the ballot paper instead of putting a small mark or tick. It took the effort of election observers, media personnel and IEBC officers to consult and decide which votes were rejected and which ones were legit.

According to my observation, the presidential votes were mostly rejected due to voters writing names of their candidates on ballot papers. Close to 600 presidential votes were rejected by both IEBC officials and Party agents present at the polling station, citing lack of proper and thorough voter education to the illiterates. Voting and tallying exercise ended at 2 am and all ballot boxes were sealed and later taken to Oloolaiser secondary school under tight security.

Spotting Fakes & the Mechanics of Fact-Checking

Whether you are a reporter, an activist, a business leader, a health worker or a regular citizen how can you know when public figures tell the truth and when they distort it? How can you decide what claims are fair and who to trust? To produce the reports for this site, we have used our own experience as journalists and the help and assistance of specialist experts in a range of fields, to draw up this checklist:

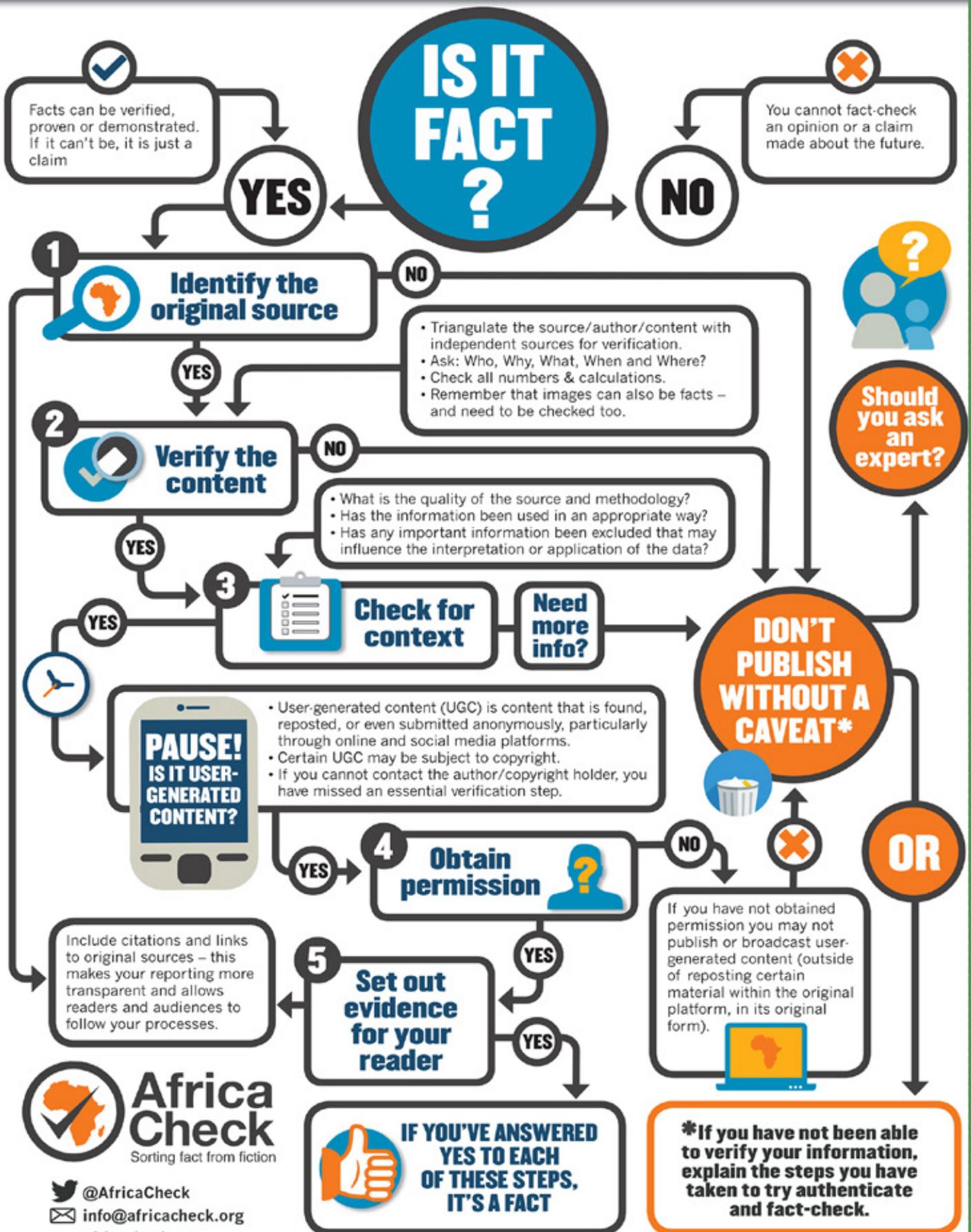
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HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS

- **CONSIDER THE SOURCE**
Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.
- **READ BEYOND**
Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?
- **CHECK THE AUTHOR**
Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?
- **SUPPORTING SOURCES?**
Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.
- **CHECK THE DATE**
Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.
- **IS IT A JOKE?**
If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.
- **CHECK YOUR BIASES**
Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.
- **ASK THE EXPERTS**
Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.

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THE FIVE-STEP FACT-CHECK



Giving Women a Voice: Advocacy against Electoral Violence towards Women Candidates”

Cooperation between “UMOJA-Radio for Peace” and CEECs projects.

Community Education and Empowerment Centre (CEEC) is a national Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) based in Kenya which strives to build the capacity of communities to be actors in their own development. This year they sought to advocate against electoral violence towards women candidates with a focus on aspiring women candidates in Nairobi and Murang’a County. This was a three months’ project whose overall objective was to increase the number of women in political leadership. The target group was 20 women from Murang’a and Nairobi who were interested in vying for the Member of County Assembly (MCA) seats but did not go through the primaries.

Feedback received from most of them identified gross electoral irregularities and malpractices as well as outright gender based violence as the main causes of their loss. They further confirmed that their own political parties and other duty bearers (IEBC, Registrar of Political Parties etc.) were by omission or commission responsible for taking away their right to a free, fair and transparent electoral process. These duty bearers also failed to discharge their duty of promoting gender equity and equality in political leadership as provided by the Constitution.

This project aims at ensuring that these women’s voices are heard by the duty bearers and that their recommendations will contribute to an improved political playing field for women who aspire for political leadership. UMOJA-Radio for Peace project could support the CEEC project using Communi-

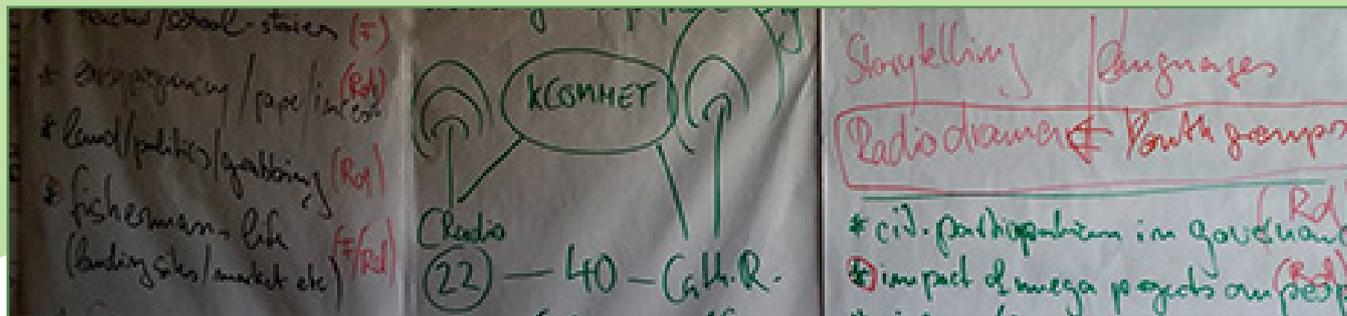
ty Radio as an empowerment and advocacy tool. The Community Radio will be sending the message that “Women Too Can Lead!”. This should be done through recorded statements and told stories of the concerned women, short features or interviews which will be broadcasted on community radios (in the beginning two in Murang’a and five in Nairobi).

In the long run (and depending on further additional funding), “Giving Women a Voice” and the storytelling of women as leaders “Women too can lead” could become a regular program within the activities of UMOJA-Radio for peace project, sharing short recordings of women’s voices and statements countrywide on air and via UMOJAS program sharing and podcasting website as well as producing short features and Radio-Portraits of women as leaders. UMOJA-Radio for Peace attended a two day workshop organized by the CEEC to record the women’s’ voices, edit the productions and share them with community radios in Nairobi and Murang’a. As mentioned earlier, we hope this to be a long term cooperation and project that will continue empowering women to come out and vie for political seats. (Sgn)



Recording Session- “Women too can lead”

Haki Yetu- Outreach and Impact



On the 26th of September, 2017, we held a brainstorming session with Haki Yetu staff in Mombasa on “What issue does the organization see as relevant from their work that could be broadcasted for a much better outreach and impact”. The meeting was necessitated by the need to gather more input from CPS partners in order to increase thematic outreaches of the organization’s work and allow for UMOJA - Radio for Peace to broadcast relevant issues. Haki Yetu had already been involved with Radio Tumaini in Voi and had recordings that were being aired. From our meeting, we promised to share the recordings with our radio partners and also add them as podcasts on our Umojaradioforpeace.org website.



Some of the topics that came out to be looked into included; Citizen’s participation in governance, Impact of mega projects on people, violence in families, youth-police, ‘imagine tomorrow’ – children’s voices, documentation of Haki Yetu success stories, Interreligious and inter-generational dialogue, Girl-child education, teachers / school stories, early pregnancy / rape / incest, land grabbing / land & politics, fishermen’s life (sites, market, etc.) And fake news / rumours. The methods identified were telling the stories through radio drama, feature investigative storytelling and vox pops i.e. direct feedback from concerned people.

The way forward would probably work with youth groups that are already well established with Haki Yetu. Have them be the ones telling, researching and producing further stories. That would mean through CPS funding e.g. workshops on creative writing would be provided and then a topic would be picked (the list above needs prioritization) where then the youth would with support of a radio station and UMOJA- Radio for Peace project team would develop a Radio Drama. Plans are underway to include this in the next Local Subsidies Contract for 2018 hence looking forward to a fruitful collaboration! (Sgn)

The Anti-Bias Approach

by Anne Schollmeyer

Anti-Bias is not about overcoming prejudices and stereotypes: It is about acknowledging them.

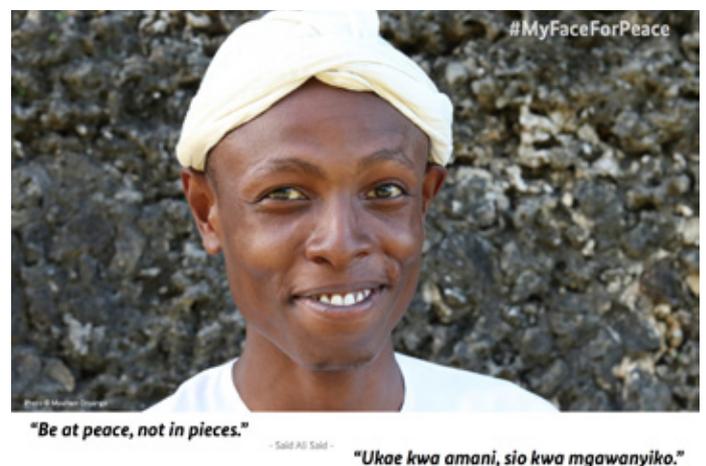
CPS Kenya has been working with the Anti-Bias approach since the beginning of this year. This is an experience-based and very personal approach to critically reflect on one's convictions, perceptions, stereotypes and prejudices. The goal of Anti-Bias is however not to overcome prejudices, as this is quite frankly rather unrealistic. Stereotypes and prejudices serve as tools to give us guidance in an increasingly complex world, however they can also limit us in our openness and tolerance towards the foreign or the 'other'. Anti-Bias, instead aims at a conscious handling of prejudices and stereotypes. It is about reflection, recognition and acknowledging where the prejudices and stereotypes come from, and then choosing alternative ways to deal with situations and to deal with people – without feeling ashamed and without unrealistic expectations.

Throughout the year, we have been giving several trainings with different communities in Kenya. A short film has resulted from the trainings, depicting in an easy and comprehensive way what Anti-Bias aims to do. You can find it on YouTube, in both English and Kiswahili:

<https://youtu.be/te8nEGTe2yU>
<https://youtu.be/GSgx2x72puE>

Additionally, we have been producing a series of postcards, accompanying a small exhibition which is currently traveling Mombasa. These can be found on social media using the hashtag #MyFaceForPeace. A publication of a training manual for Anti-Bias, including a methods collection, will be forthcoming and obtainable from the CPS Office in Nairobi soon.

UMOJA- Radio for Peace project envisions to also be part of this noble initiative by using the Community Radio component to advocate for Anti-Bias Approach in the Kenyan Communities. For questions, suggestions and request please don't hesitate to contact Anne Schollmeyer (anne.schollmeyer@giz.de)

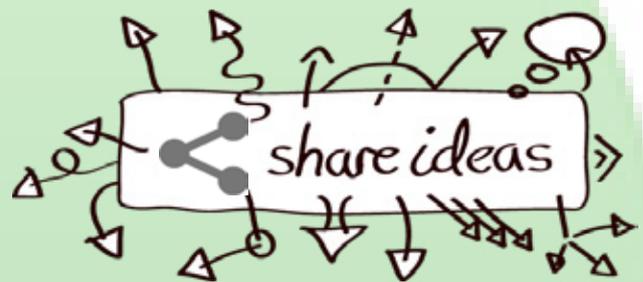


Networking and formation of Umoja Radio for Peace Whatsapp group

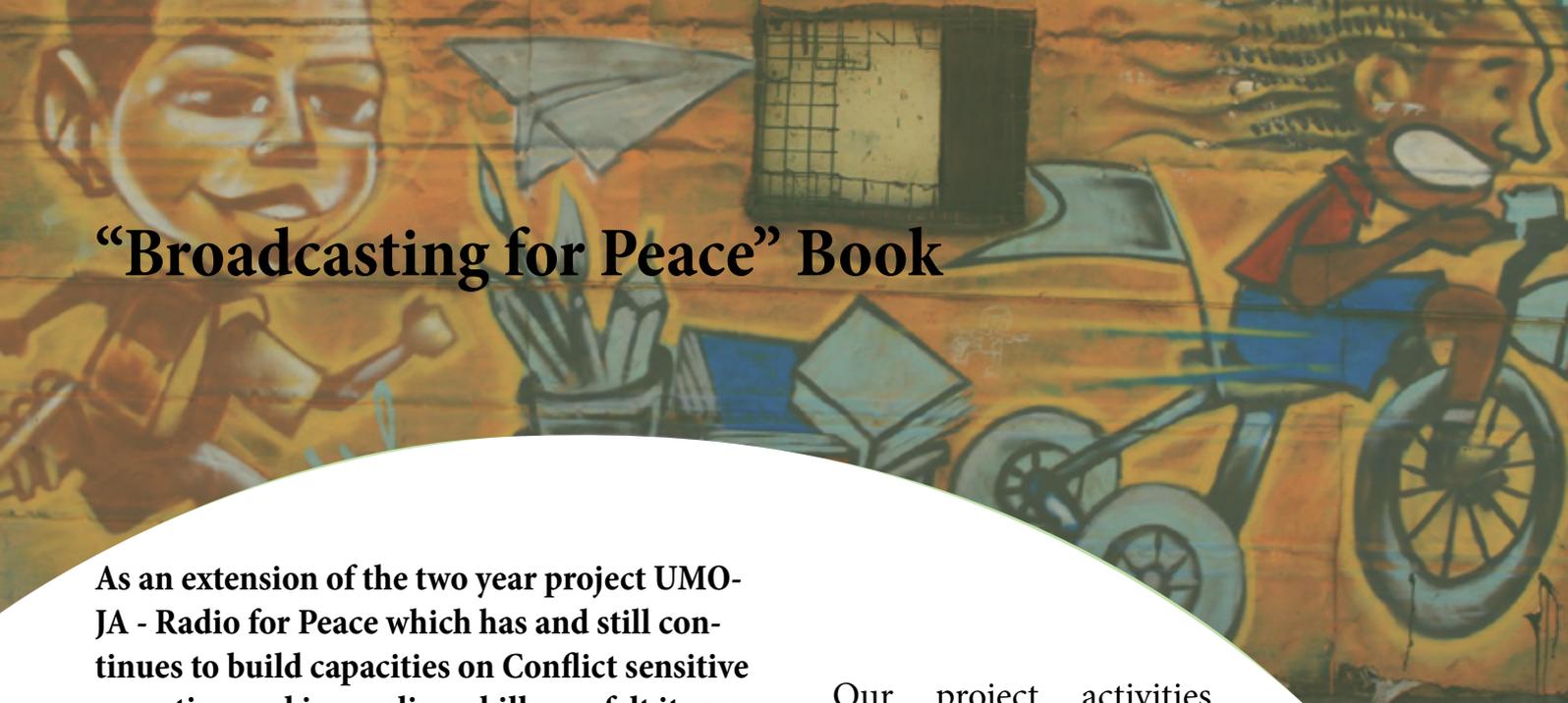
Networking is vital for Umoja radio for Peace. Why is this so? As they say, the more the merrier, building up a community of community radios enriches our activities. Besides this, having more partners for example, during the first phase of our project, we had Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) and Association for Development Cooperation (AGEH) supporting us. This was a huge achievement as far as partnership is concerned. Konrad Adenauer (KAS) is a political foundation was interested to support a media program that would advocate for some of the issues they envision. The issues include; confronting hate speech, racism and fake news, voter bribery etc. This was made possible by engaging Kenyan Community radio makers publicly for common ethical standards and accountable journalism. Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) was also our main partner for the workshop that lead to the Nairobi declaration of Truth, Fairness and Accountability (See also Newsletter 2/2017).

Both KAS and AGEH were also interested in contributing some grants into our content production fund. The kinds of productions expected were peace building and conflict resolution feature stories, radio drama, reports and digital storytelling. AGEH also made a significant contribution by increasing the number of participants by adding the catholic radios under the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops who apparently do a good community broadcasting. This led to having about 300 journalists who have already been trained in our Conflict sensitive reporting workshops.

Besides networking, forming an UMOJA- Radio for Peace whatsapp group became vital for various reasons. The group consists of all the participants who attended our workshops so far. Having a common platform for exchange of communication has truly proven to be very effective. Planning of events and logistics has now become a text away, sharing instant news on what's happening in our communities is more or less instant. During elections, our journalists on the ground could rapidly inform us what was happening in their constituencies/communities. The group still continues to play an important role as far as information sharing is concerned. Once in a while we keep reminding our group members on simple basics like fact checking and to always keep in mind the declaration to engage professionally while doing their journalistic work.



In our upcoming second phase, we hope to continue in the same spirit. Hopefully acquire more partners including other Civil Peace Service project partners. Our second phase trainings will be more focused on strengthening the community radios journalists on journalistic skills. We plan to commemorate world radio day and world press freedom day in style come 2018, details are yet to be prearranged. So far so good, networking and coming up with what's app group has been productive, much more to come in our second phase! (Sgn)



“Broadcasting for Peace” Book

As an extension of the two year project UMOJA - Radio for Peace which has and still continues to build capacities on Conflict sensitive reporting and journalism skills, we felt it was vital to document the Kenyan Community radios and their engagement with our Project.

What better way to do this than by writing a book entitled “*Broadcasting for Peace*”. The book will be about 64 pages and about 1,500 copies will be printed for distribution. Our target group will be community radio makers, Community stakeholders and members whom so far have cooperated and worked with us since the conception of our project. The time frame for the production started in September 20th and by end of October 31st the content should be on its way to the printer.

What will be the content and technical details of the book? The first chapter will be the portraits of the Kenyan community radios highlighting their stories and technical details which entails - frequency, power, staff, website, listenership, etc. The chapter will also tell the stories of work day life in their studios with lots of photos. Chapter two will be a real service section on how to build up a Community radio. What is the legal framework? What is the necessary investment? How do you financially sustain a Community Radio? This will be clear and factual writing with important information for those wishing to start a Community Radio in future.

Our project activities and the Nairobi declaration will make the third chapter. This will be the climax as far as the book content is concerned. The reader will have an insight view of our project outlines, workshops and meetings, discussions and the Nairobi declaration. Lots of photos will tell the stories of our station visits escapades, special meetings and workshops we have had. This section will be really easy to read and storytelling style of writing.

Last but not least, authors and contributors must be known and recognised for their exemplary devotion to write this book. This will make up the fourth and final chapter of the book. Kenyans interested in starting a community radio will have a reference material that will also be available on our website, Umojaradioforpeace.org. Stay tuned to Umoja radio for Peace for more updates of when the book will be launched. (Sgn)

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Let Peace Rain

From the east, west, north and south we
all cry, let it rain
Sharply, the wind blows sway branches
here and there,
Mothers hurrying to carry their babies in
their own bosom.
Hares run for their lives

Where is Peace and the Love, where is
their makers?
Why do you kill each other and why you
let the children cry?
Papa and mama, black and white, God,
Allah and gods, brothers and sister,
Sons and daughters,
Why do you preach peace and practice
pieces
Please I cry, let it rain...

Under the sun babies cry,
Under the moon babies still cry saying
why mama, why papa?
The moon, sun and the earth cry saying
why?
In deep and shallow waters fishes and
creatures cry,
In deep and shallow forests the deer cries
and run,
Run for its little life.
These are all relics of greed and hatred
Please, papa and mama, sons and daugh-
ters
Let peace rain.
Let peace rain like water from heavens, let
it rain...
From the east, west, north and South, let
peace rain

From mountains and valleys let peace rain and
flow...
Politicians and civil servants, teachers and
students,
Superiors and subordinates, mothers and
fathers,
Sons and daughters, brothers and sisters
Why are your hearts griped with hatred and
anger?
When you can just let peace rain to nature
creatures of this earth.
Why are your hands griped with innocent
bloods?
When you can just let peace flow like blood in
your veins
Why do you enslave yourselves in the prisons
of political
Tribal, Racial, Religious and social differences?
When you can just let peace build a better
home for us
Please I say and cry, Let peace rain...

Why can't you free yourselves from the
Bondage of hatred and let peace rain
For, where there is peace, there is great love
Where there is peace, one need not struggle
and search for justice
Where there is peace, love and justice,
Freedom flows like a rain, where freedom lives
there is development.
So free yourself.
Free from the bondage of hatred, anger, greed,
Free from tribalism.
Free at last from political, economic exploita-
tion
And let the supreme peace rain...



Important Information

Umojaradioforpeace.org website is up and running. Kindly check our publications, podcasts from our diverse community radios (Audio Peace productions), Photo gallery – full of pictures of our activities and past and upcoming events. Details of our partner radios both Catholic and Community is also available and generally the project overview. We also have our social media platforms i.e. Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, check them.

Our UMOJA PRESS T-shirts will soon be distributed to our community of community radios.

In house tailor made trainings for the Community radio colleagues will be begin from November, 2017 up to August 2018 .The focus will be on journalism and Content development skills.

For further trainings on Communication for Development, Peace Journalism, Non - violent Communication and Understanding Conflicts, do not hesitate to get in touch with the UMOJA- Radio for Peace team;

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