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A training and demonstration farm at Kakamega Main Prison

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1. PRELIMINARY

1.1. ACRONYMS

CUC-	Court Users Committee
RODI	Resources Oriented Development Initiatives.
CLIGs-	Community Livelihood Improvement Groups
ILUD-	Integrated Land Use Design
KCPE-	Kenya Certificate of Primary Education
RODI	Resources Oriented Development Initiatives
SAFCP-	Sustainable Agriculture for Food Security and Crime Prevention
NGO -	Non Governmental Organisation
NCAJ-	National Council on the Administration of Justice
CJS -	Criminal Justice System
OSF-	Open Society Foundation
SHG-	Self Help Group
ADR-`	Alternative dispute Resolution

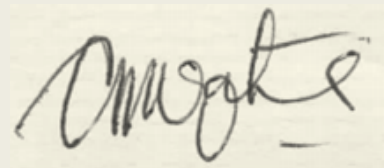
1.2. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

2017 was a pivotal year for RODI in laying foundation for growth, impact and sustainability for the organisation. This was greatly informed by the strategic plan and resource mobilisation strategy as well as key guiding principles that cement RODI operations.

As a team, we dedicated our efforts in building the organisation strength to contribute to development work in Kenya and beyond. The efforts were geared towards rolling out restorative prisoner rehabilitation work in Kenya and in the East African region.

The year has been fantastic for RODI in successfully focusing on strategic interventions and approaches. The existing team of staff worked together to strengthen RODIs ability to scale up sustainable agriculture, crime prevention administration of justice and restorative prisoner rehabilitation work in Kenya.

The Executive Management Board believes that RODIs strategic position in the field of sustainable agriculture, restorative prisoner rehabilitation, crime prevention, Justice and human rights provides a niche for growth, impact and sustainability as well as contributing to community and national development



**Chris M Ngatia, Chairperson
Executive Management Board**

1.3. MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.



The year 2017 has been a year of learning and evolving for RODI. The year threw up several challenges interms of resource mobilisation which prompted to push ourselves in adjusting to work within the available resources. The projects path has not been smooth either, and we have learned, evolved and become strong and resilient.

We are delighted to have performed exemplary and exceeded our targets across all projects despite the funding limitations and constraints. We have also strengthened and mainstreamed our interventions through regular monitoring, evaluation and strategic decision making through the organization.

Looking back on the hard work of 2017, with the credible achievements, our existing strengths and efforts in laying the groundwork for organisation growth, impact and sustainability, I am confident that RODI is poised to make even greater contribution in advancing human dignity, human well being, environmental conservation and crime prevention in Kenya and beyond.

We look forward to 2018 with the aim of enhancing organisation growth interms of resource base and rolling out project interventions with more confidence and experience as well as building our data management information system to monitor, evaluate and analyze data and information to guide the strategic direction of RODI, building stronger processes within projects and demonstrating the effectiveness of various interventions.

In the next 3 years, we plan to partner with state and non state actors as well as with County Governments in advocating more strongly for reforms, policy and practice change in agriculture, prisoner rehabilitation, criminal justice and crime prevention sectors in Kenya.

A huge appreciation to all RODI stakeholders and partners: our donors, board members, staff and beneficiaries for traversing a path with us that is not very easy and with conviction to one day realizing improved livelihood for the Kenyan population.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Eliud Ngunjiri'.

**Eliud Ngunjiri, Executive Director-
RODI Kenya**

2. OUR IDENTITY AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES.

“The decisions you make are a choice of values that reflect your life in every day” Alice Waters

Resources Oriented Development Initiatives (RODI-Kenya) is a Kenyan development organisation registered in 1999 as an NGO with the Kenya NGO Co-ordination Board under section 10 of Non-Governmental Organisation Co-ordination Act. The certificate of registration number is 218/051/97147/99.

2.1. VISION

RODI Kenya has a Vision of sustained food secure, healthy and crime free society.

2.2. MISSION

RODI has a mission of promoting human dignity among communities in Kenya and other East African countries, through enhanced food security, health and crime prevention.

2.3. PRINCIPLES

RODI's work is guided by the following 9 principles:

1. The inherent potential of each person- appreciate the potential in everyone to transform themselves to be useful and valued members of the community.
2. Crime prevention focus- reaching out to work in situations where we contribute to crime prevention in Kenya and East Africa.
3. Resources oriented- emphasizing potential resources and opportunities rather than problems in any given situation to enhance self-reliance and sustainability.
4. Rolling out capacity building- strengthen the abilities of people so that they gain self-esteem and also in turn strengthen others towards improved livelihoods.
5. Learning and influencing with others- this involves learning, networking and collaborating with likeminded organizations and non-state actors in the interest of

complementarities and mutual learning; towards influencing change and enhancing service delivery.

6. Nature harmony- promoting natural resource management practices that are in harmony with nature.
7. Gender mainstreaming- advocating for gender mainstreaming in all our work.
8. Emerging issues- RODI monitors emerging issues and, as much as possible, responds to those in line with its work.
9. RODI resilience- working towards being a resilient organization that is able to increasingly become self-sustaining through identification and mobilization of local resources.

3. GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

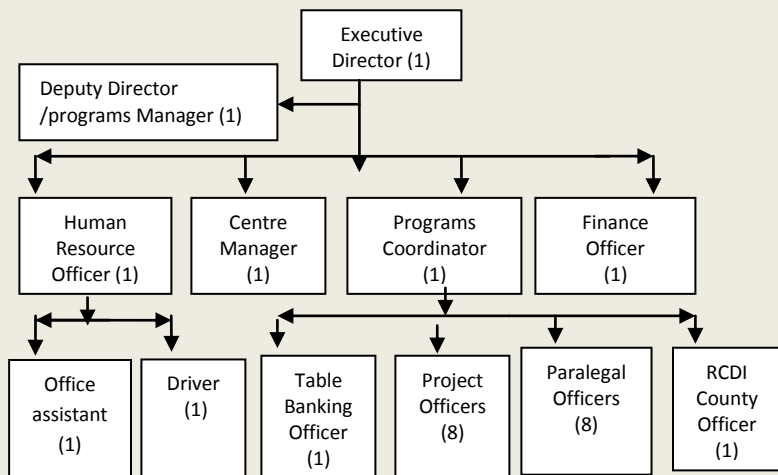
“The achievements of an organisation are the results of the combined effort of each individual” Vince Lombardi

RODI is run by an Executive Management Board of Nine (six men and three female) and a Stakeholders' forum comprising of representatives from beneficiary institutions and communities such as Prisons, police, Judiciary, civil society, schools, ex-prisoners and community groups. The board has a representative of stakeholder interest and experts in the field of finance, administration of justice, education, HIV and AIDS prevention and management, gender, community development and sustainable agriculture. The board has also played a role in project evaluation and acting as bridges of understanding for RODI and its target beneficiaries.

RODI has a team of 26 members of staff under the leadership of the Executive Director and other 4 senior management staff. The structure involves the Executive Director, Deputy Director, Programmes Co-ordinator, Finance Manager, Human Resource officer/Administrator, office assistant, driver

/mechanic, IT Officer and Project officers making a total of 26 staff implementing various projects within Kenya.

The current team of RODI staff is organized as per the following organogram.



An esteemed and highly skilled Executive management board guides the management and staff at RODI. Details of the board members are as follows:

- a. Christopher Ngatia- - Agriculturalist, community Development practitioner and researcher
- b. Jane Mwangi- -Gender & HIV/AIDS Specialist, community development practitioner
- c. Eliud Ngunjiri- a Community Development practitioner
- d. Lenson Njagi Njogu -a specialist in Law and Administration of justice, advocacy and public relations, mediation and Alternative Dispute resolution, Public Interest Litigation, Sociology and Communication
- e. John Paul Akure- an Educationist and community development practitioner.
- f. Caroline Mukeni- a specialist in Finance, administration and community development
- g. Edward Wageni -Gender, HIV/AIDS Specialist and community development practitioner

- h. Esther Bett- Ex-official- Home Economist/Agriculturist/ HIV and sexual reproductive Health

4. OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2017

This year RODI, through implementation of various project reached and impacted positive change in the lives of prisoners, schools pupils, pretrial detainees as well as community member in rehabilitation, food security crime prevention and lifeskills development as well as legal aid and assistance for pretrial detainees.

4.1. HIGHLIGHTS

- + 1649 prisoners trained in sustainable agriculture and appropriate technology skills during the year 2017.
- + 142 prison staff within 28 prisons trained as trainers of trainers in sustainable agriculture and appropriate technology.
- + 202 ex-prisoners followed up and supported to smoothly reintegrate and initiate income generating activities.
- + 2415 pupils within 40 primary schools trained as peer educators in sustainable agriculture practices, value addition and agro-processing.
- + 78 teachers (including club patrons and school managers) trained in sustainable agriculture practices, value addition and agro-processing as trainers of trainers.
- + 558 club members were supported to implement various sustainable agriculture and appropriate technology skills at home.
- + 27 club members out of primary school supported to initiate income generating activities for self reliance and further attend short vocational courses.
- + 19 farmer trainers (formerly prisoners) supported to establish demonstration farms as farmer field schools with various technologies in sustainable agriculture across the project regions.
- + 37 community groups mobilized and trained in sustainable agriculture and appropriate

technology to enhance their food and income security.

- ✚ 542 community members trained in sustainable agriculture and appropriate technology and implementing the skills at their farms
- ✚ 1284 pretrial detainees were taken through screening and paralegal clinics to deepen their understanding of their cases as well as awareness on legal issues, court and trial procedures
- ✚ 1367 pretrial detainees were linked with relatives in accessing family support in case management, paying of bail and bond as well as initiating alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.
- ✚ 194 Pretrial detainees and 68 prison staff trained as peer educators in paralegalism within 6 prisons.
- ✚ 161 community members trained as community paralegals during the period across project regions. The trained paralegals have managed to train other 360 community members in legal issues.
- ✚ 13 community outreach and awareness forums conducted. 1177 community members participated in the awareness forums across the project regions
- ✚ RODI continued to partner with other state and non state actors under the umbrella of NCAJ in addressing policy and human rights issues-

5. PROJECTS DESCRIPTION

RODI-Kenya implemented the following projects during the year 2017:

1. Prisoner Rehabilitation and Re-integration Project

Restorative Prisoner Rehabilitation and Re-Integration Project is implemented within 28 prisons in Kenya within the primary focus of equipping prisoners with skills in sustainable agriculture, appropriate technology and life skills to help enhance their self-esteem, hope in life, self-support and to appease and

endear ex-prisoners to the community besides enabling them to contribute towards community and national development.- The project is funded by Tudor Trust UK, GLS foundation for Future development and Bread for the World

2. School Based crime Prevention and life skills project-

The primary purpose of School-based Crime Prevention Project is to prepare pupils for a life free of crime and enhance their self-reliance after leaving school, in a manner that complements the current education curriculum, through application of practical skills and life skills training. The project is funded by Tudor Trust UK, GLS foundation for Future development and Bread for the World.

3. Community Members capacity building and life skills project-

The project targets youth and community members as direct beneficiaries. It involves capacity building for community members within established Community Livelihood Improvement Groups (CLIGs) in sustainable agriculture and value addition for improved food security, income generation and crime prevention. The project is funded by Tudor Trust UK, GLS foundation for Future development and Bread for the World.

4. Pretrials Detainees and Life skills project-

The project purpose is to fast track administration of justice and provide paralegal education to pretrial detainees besides working with actors in the criminal justices system and various government departments as a measure way ensuring speedy and fair administration of justice. The project also prepares pretrial detainees for effective community reintegration and self reliance as a way of promoting community development and crime prevention. The project is funded by Open Society Foundation (OSF)

5. Table Banking project-

The project was initiated to address some of the challenges encountered while working with community groups, formed around ex-prisoners, and training them in sustainable agriculture, food processing and appropriate technology. We realized that majority of community members did not have easy access to credit facilities. In addition to financial impediment, community members did not have a saving culture.

The project involves building the capacity of community members to realize the many resources they are endowed with to enable them to utilize them in a sustainable manner.

The project encourages community members to save some money every month within the group shares which is also loaned and operates as revolving fund.



The money build-up as shares forms a revolving fund within the group and from it members take short term or long terms loans as they repay previous loans at low interest rate to build on the group revolving fund.

In addition to supporting the community groups to transact table banking business, RODI builds the capacity of group members in natural resource management, sustainable agriculture, production of high value crops, indigenous vegetables, herbs and spices. Other skills provided are in the areas of food processing/value addition and appropriate technology.

6. RODI training and Demonstration Centre

RODI Centre is located in Ruiru, 25 Km Northeast of Nairobi Ruiru, 300 meters from the junction of Thika super highway and Eastern Bypass, behind Delta Petrol station. The Centre establishment has two main operational components:

- Demonstration and training



- Conference and accommodation facility



6. PROJECTS OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OVER YEAR 2017

“However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results” Sir Winston Churchill

The below details provide an account of the achievement realized over the year 2017.

6.1. RESTORATIVE PRISONER REHABILITATION PROJECT

6.1.1. Enhanced rehabilitation and reintegration efforts within and outside prison

During the year 2017, 1649 prisoners and 142 prison staff were trained in various aspects related to sustainable agriculture and appropriate technology. Trained inmates and officers continue to play a key role in passing on the skills and knowledge acquired to their peers as peer educators.



Inmates and the farm manager admiring the a healthy crop of spinach at their demonstration garden in Kakamega Main Prison

This has increased inmates confidence in practicing sustainable agriculture in and out of prison. “I value the interaction with RODI-Kenya in respect to providing workable solutions to farming systems; I wish farmers in my area could have such skills since they incur high costs of production with very low returns. With such

programs, farmers will improve production and overcome farming problems,” Mr. Mahugu, an inmate said.



Demonstration garden at Nyeri Medium prison

“I wonder why one would even wish to consider buying chemical fertilizers with all these locally available, cheap source of organic fertilizers” Mr. Gituma, a prison staff remarked after witnessing the healthy and high production of crops produced using compost.



Practical training at Nyeri Medium and Langata Women Prison

“I have been burning organic waste in my farm, little did I know that soil organic matter plays a major role in soil fertility”. Mwangi, an inmate at Nyeri Medium prison commented after being taken through practical skills in land preparation and soil fertility management.

As a result, the prison farm has formed a focus point of attraction to the community around due to the health and vigorous growing maize and vegetables crops.



Inmates tending crops in a demonstration garden at Shikusa farm prison.

The training has enhanced capacity for inmates and prison officers in establishment and maintenance of demonstration sites. This has greatly contributed to technology transfer within the prison community as well as with inmates upon release. Some of the prison staff also replicated some of the skills and technologies on their staff quarters.



Demonstration garden at Shikusa Borstal Institution

In addition to providing inmates and prison staff with sustainable agriculture skills, the demonstration gardens enhanced nutritious food supply for feeding inmates.

As a result of inmates and prison staff training, there is an increase in adoption of skills within the prison farms and at ex-prisoners' homes. This has greatly contributed to increased food production at prison farms and inmate self-reliance upon release.

As part of replication of learned skills by inmates and prison staff, an inmate at Kibos Medium Security Prison established a small demonstration garden with permission from the prison management.

6.1.2. Increase in adoption and replication of learned skills and technologies among followed up ex-prisoners

The programmes continued support for inmates in and out of prison has contributed to a high rate of success in prisoner re-integration upon release. During the year 2017, 202 ex-prisoners were followed up and supported to pass on and put into practice skills acquired; this went a long way in speeding up re-integration into the community. As a result, ex-inmates have demonstrated a high level of adoption and

implementation of various skills in sustainable agriculture and other skills. This has greatly contributed to self-reliance through food production and engaging in income generating activities.

6.1.3. Reduced rate of re-offending among followed up ex-prisoners

The programme's effectiveness in reducing re-offending among ex-prisoners is largely attributed to the RODI's unique rehabilitation approach of targeting the offenders their communities and the victims. Ex-prisoner follow up and other forms of support go a long way in reducing re-offending and enhancing reintegration. Encouraging and supporting ex-prisoners to pass on the skills to their home communities also plays a major role in speeding up acceptance by the community, who in turn support them. This arrangement also goes a long way in sustaining the programme. It is important to point out that no case of re-offending was reported among ex-prisoners followed up during the reporting period.

6.2. SCHOOL BASED CRIME PREVENTION AND LIFE SKILLS PROJECT

6.2.1. Increased adoption and implementation of sustainable agriculture and appropriate technology skills by trained pupils at school and at home.

School-based Crime Prevention and Life Skills Project remains a strategic approach in impacting skills and enhancing transformation of the entire school community. In 2017, the programme continued to impact sustainable agriculture and appropriate technology skills to school pupils, teachers and parents. In the course of training, 2415 club members and 78 teachers in 40 primary schools were taken through various training sessions in land preparation, nursery management, small livestock husbandry, agro-processing and value addition as well as crime prevention skills.



Club members at their demonstration gardens

Each year the project conducts graduation ceremonies to award certificates to club members exiting primary level to join secondary schools. The reporting period was one such moment when 294 pupils graduated upon participating in training for four years.



Club members at Kapsabet School for the Deaf proudly show their certificates after graduation

Such graduation ceremonies were conducted in 28 schools within the project regions during the reporting period.



Graduation at Namgoi and Nasiada primary schools

“I have realized a remarkable holistic development among the graduating members, some had low confidence, especially those who had low academic grades but as the training continued, we started noting a lot of improvement. I can proudly say that, they will be role models in the secondary schools they will join. They can train others in farming and making products such as cakes and Mandazi” A club patron at Githunguri Primary school commented during a graduation event.



Club members participating in a cooking session

The programme appreciates the role of parents in supporting children to learn and acquire life skills. School parents’ forums remain a good catchment for parents to learn various club and school activities being undertaken by their children while in school. With the support of school management, the project participated in 29 parent forums during the year 2017

As a result, there is increased collaboration and support by parents to implement various activities in school and at home

“Now I understand why my son is so much into rabbit keeping; for the past few days he has been requesting that I construct a rabbit house and buy a rabbit for him. I thought it was as a result of peer pressure. I thought this idea will interfere with his studies but now am ready to support him to start the project as soon as possible,” a parent shared during a parents’ forum.

Through the interaction, parents understood the various project activities and forms of support being availed to their children. They are even willing to participate in some of the school activities and this will take the whole school approach a notch higher.

During one parents’ meeting a grandmother had this to say” “I highly appreciate what RODI is doing; my granddaughter has become responsible at home and I attribute this to the skills you have been giving to her. She is now more confident and plans well on when to do her homework, home duties and tend her small garden.



A parents meeting at Lubao primary school

“I now understand why my boy is more responsible at home, he is able to help with domestic chores, play with his friends and do his homework, all in an organized manner, unlike before. He can now manage time effectively.” A parent at Ikuma primary school commented upon understanding the skills pupils are taken through by RODI.

“No child was born a fool, each is talented differently. As parents we need to identify their talents, potential & strengths and support, encourage them to pursue their goals. The club has played a key role in supporting various talents among the pupils, as a result. I have noticed a great positive change in behavior among the club members, they are now more confident,” the Head teacher of Riamute Primary school explained during a parents’ meeting.

In the course of practical training in sustainable agriculture and appropriate technology, RODI staff continued to identify and support pupils to practice various skills of interest. Some of the club members have shown interest and passion in farming, baking, cooking, craft work, and drawing among others. This has been a great motivation and encouragement for teachers as life skills training has not been well implemented under the formal school curriculum. “RODI has brought back what was left out in the current school curriculum; during our times these basic skills helped us to grow holistically. We wish all school pupils to benefit with such skills” A teacher participating in RODI training commented with appreciation.

6.2.2. Sustained livelihood among club members out of school.

The primary purpose of School-based Crime Prevention Project is to prepare pupils for a life free of crime and enhance self-reliance after leaving school, in a manner that complements the current education curriculum through application of practical skills and life skills training.

The programmed School pupils training component continued to support club members to have good morals and skills implementation for income generation even after leaving primary school. Through follow-up of club members, the project interacted with 19 club members who did not join secondary school and 64 already in secondary schools.

At Muranga, 15 ex-club members (students) in secondary school had a day forum for learning and experience sharing. In the course of experience sharing, it was worth noting that most students are implementing various skills in farming and appropriate technology both at home and in secondary schools. Below are some of the remarks from the students on the usefulness of the skills they learned while in primary school

- “I got the inspiration to chose agriculture as a subject in Secondary school because of what we did in primary school, I learned a lot and found farming an enjoyable career ” Joyce Mukami remarked.
- “After learning how to make yoghurt while in primary school, I took the initiative to train my family members and now we make our own yoghurt for consumption and for sale at a local hotel,” said David Gachiengo.



Ex-club members sharing forums in Muranga and Kakamega

6.2.3. Improved academic performance among club members

The programme continued to rate highly in terms of developing life skills among pupils for holistic development. As a result, pupils have demonstrated high sense of self worth, self confidence and performance both in club activities and in class. In most schools, teachers reported high level of discipline among the clubs members.

During the period under review, 32% out of the sample of 400 club members recorded an increase in academic performance in comparison of 2nd term grades (in July 2017) and 3rd term grades (in Oct 2017). This was equally demonstrated in KCPE results where 80% of the club members who sat for KCPE exams in 2017, had more than 350 Marks.



Best performing club members receive awards at Daisy Special School

6.3. COMMUNITY MEMBER CAPACITY BUILDING

6.3.1. Increased adoption and implementation of sustainable agriculture and appropriate technology skills by community members.

Community members training in sustainable agriculture remained a major programme focus for improved food and income security. In 2017, 542 members in 37 groups were engaged in various training forums to gain farming and appropriate technology skills.



Community group members training in Kiambu and Kakamega counties

As a result, most farmers have adopted and implemented various farming skills such as compost making, water harvesting, double digging, integrated pest management, growing crops in vertical gardens as well as rearing livestock for manure production.

“This training has helped us to realise what made our poultry farming to fail, we have been rearing chicken but they all die before maturity. We now know indigenous poultry also need to be managed well to keep off pests and diseases. I will implement the skills to have a successful poultry project” Mrs. Wangui Ndemhora commented.

Most farmers appreciated RODI’s contribution to the agriculture extension sector as they can now easily access information on various technologies to improve their farming.

6.3.2. Increased food production and income among community members

Community members continued to enjoy an increased food production and income realised as a result of implementing various farming and appropriate technologies within their farms. Most farmers have established and produced vegetables, fruits, small livestock and cereals providing a balanced diet to the family. There has been a lot of cost saving as result of accessing most of the kitchen /food items from the farm, providing an opportunity for the group members to meet other family needs as well as increase their saving capacity in the table banking groups.

In some groups, farmers have embraced dairy goat farming initiative to boost milk supply for family consumption and for sale. Joseph Langat and Oasis

group members are a leading example in dairy goat project. “I am happy to report that all my group members have at least one dairy goat; they can now get milk for the family and some for sale. In my case, I get Kshs 300 every week from the sale of milk. There are also more benefits especially in manure production which I apply to my farm” Joseph Langat shared during a farmer trainers’ meeting.

Other groups that remain committed in the dairy goat project are Ngarariga SHG, Vision of Hope, Mutwe, Okok and Noka SHG.

6.3.3. Enhanced support by farmers trainers in farmer to farmer training.

Farmer to farmer learning remains a success in RODI programme extension work. During the period under review, 19 farmer trainers remained active in adoption and implementation of skills to improve their demonstration farms as farmer field schools. As a result, community members have continued to learn and implement skills as demonstrated. Over the year 2017, 254 community members were trained by the farmer trainers.

6.4. PRETRIAL DETAINEES JUSTICE AND LIFESKILLS PROJECT.

6.4.1. Enhanced access to information, legal awareness and support among pretrial detainees

• Pretrial detainees legal awareness forums

Access to legal information remains a major aspect in access to justice for accused persons. Majority of pretrial detainees have inadequate information and legal understanding on various court processes and requirements for a smooth case management. With this background, the project legal awareness component plays a key role in enlightening pretrial detainees; some being their first time remand custody, to understand various on legal matters.

In 2017, 96 legal awareness forums were conducted across the prison stations to enhance

pretrial detainees understanding on court procedures and processes. A total of 6952 pretrial detainees had a chance to interact with RODI staff and pro bono lawyers concerning the various court procedures and legal awareness.

The sensitization and awareness creation forums were also conducted with support from trained peer educators and the liaison officers in Prison. Legal awareness forums were useful in helping pretrial detainees understand various steps and processes in case proceedings as well as deepening their understanding in legal knowledge. The forums were also used to enlighten pretrial detainees on constitutional provisions and their various rights to realized for quick access to Justice, such as right to bail and fair trial.

In the case of newly and first time pretrial detainees, the forums expounded on the court procedures, trial process, court terms, basic legal rights, provisions of Law and Acts, and other related issues in their cases management.

During such awareness forums, pretrial detainees had various question addressed such as:

- How submissions are done before ruling of a case?
- When a charge sheet is termed as defective?
- How P3 forms are obtained?
- The process of acquiring statements at the court.

In addition, other matters regarding to access to bails and bonds, Alternative Dispute Resolution, access to witness statements were addressed.

The forums equally enlightened pretrial detainees on the right to legal aid and access to paralegal services which are free.

As a result of enhanced understanding of court procedures and basic legal rights, pre-trials have made various applications in court that has led to reduction of their bonds and promotion of ADR.

In addition, the number of cases accessing bail and bond among other legal rights has drastically increased

Pretrial detainees have gained self confidence to present and conduct themselves well in court, reducing delays in hearing of their cases and hence facilitating speedy access to justice.



Legal awareness forum at Nyeri Main prison

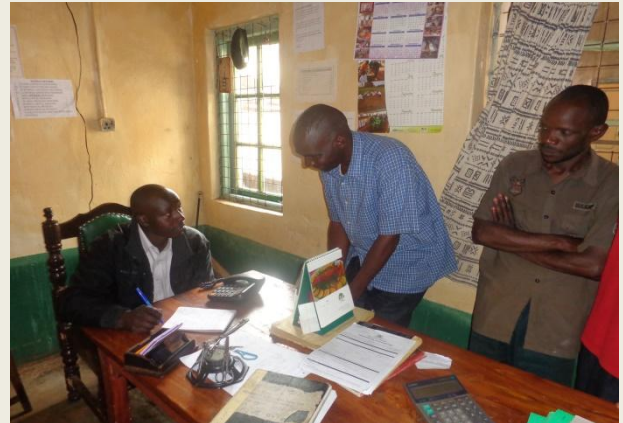
As a result of the awareness forums pretrial detainees learned and understood the nature of their offenses, court procedures, their rights and responsibilities in their cases. This was in addition to understanding the general prison rules that they are expected to adhere to during their time in remand.

“We are grateful to RODI Kenya for enlightening us on legal issues; it is first time to some of us to be in a court of law. We now understand well what goes on during a case processing and we are confident that justice shall prevail”. A pretrial detainee commented during a awareness forum.

• **Screening and Paralegal clinics**

The screening process continues to play a major role in identifying support needs for pretrial detainees. It identifies pretrial detainees in need of assistance in different categories of their cases and welfare issues as they proceed with their matters in court. As a result of the screening, pretrial detainees were taken through paralegal clinics either individually or in grouping as per their support needs.

The legal clinic(s) continued helped pretrial detainees to understand the legal procedures, seek family support as well as services of legal representatives. Equally, pretrial detainees understood their cases better, hence making wise decision in plea taking.



A screening session at Eldoret main Prison

During the year 2017, 1284 pretrial detainees were taken through screening and paralegal clinics across the project regions.

At Nyeri Main prison, the project organized a legal clinic day in partnership with pro bono lawyers within Nyeri. As a result, 3 cases were identified for representation by advocates while 120 pretrial detainees were taken through the legal clinic to better to understand their cases.



Legal clinic day at Nyeri Main Prison

- **Prison staff and Pretrial detainees training in Paralegalism**

Training of prison staff and pretrial detainees continued to support project implementation and sustainability. Trained officers and pretrial detainees proved effective in awareness creation and training of other pretrial details upon admission in prison remand. This has in turn enhanced legal awareness among pretrial detainees



Prison Staffs paralegal training at Voi Prison

As a result, prison staff are now more supportive in training inmates and fellow staff in legal matters. They have extended the training to their home communities benefited other community members.

During the reporting period, 68 prison staff and 194 pretrial detainees were taken through paralegalism training course covering the following topics:

- Paralegalism and access to justice
- Gender and gender based violence
- Family relations and succession
- Crimes
- Court procedures
- Children rights
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Constitution and human rights.

In culmination of the training, prison staff and pretrial detainees were awarded certificates of participation during graduation ceremonies held at the prison facilities.



A graduation event at Voi prison was held on 3rd July 2017

“I have learnt many things as regards to law and paralegalism which will be of help to me and the entire community. i now know about court procedures and trial processes, I will use the skills to help inmates, my community and myself” An Prison Staff remarked during the graduation ceremony.



A training session at Nyeri Main prison, 21 pre-trial detainees graduated

As a result, trained prison staff and pretrial detainees have gained peer education skills which there are applying to pass on information to fellow staff and inmates. Across the project regions, trained peer educators supported the RODI paralegal officers to create legal awareness among 340.pretrial detainees as well supporting the project staff in screening process.



Paralegal peer educator's class at Eldoret main prison

- **Prison oversight visits as interaction forums between pretrial detainees and actors.**

Prison visits by CJS actors and stakeholders continued to support the project in addressing various legal issues facing pretrial detainees.



A Magistrate addressing inmates during a prison visit by CJS actors

In 2017, 6 prison oversight visits were conducted across the project regions addressing various issues such as: delay of cases, access to witnesses' statements, application of bails and bonds, revision of bail and bond terms among other issues.



A CJS prison visit at Eldoret Main Prison

Such prison visits provided an opportunity for pretrial detainees to further deepen their understanding in court process and procedures.

- **Linkage, communication and family support.**

Linkage and communication to family members remained useful in fast tracking access to justice and fair trial among pretrial detainees. It's very unfortunate that some families do not get informed about their relative's detention in Prison and thus pretrial detainees spend a considerable period before they can get family support. Linkage and communication exercise helped to breach the gap that exists between pretrial detainees and community consequently retarding proper and smooth access of justice.

During the year 2017, 1367 pre-trials were linked to their relatives to seek support interms of cash bail or bond processing, informing their family of their arrest and where about, as well as accessing various documents that could help in case proceeding such as witness statements. In addition, some pretrial detainees were liked to communicate with their legal representatives as well as initiating Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms.

“you have been doing a good job by linking pre-trials with their next of kin as this has reduced the number of those with complains that their

next of kin do not know their whereabouts, we can now engage them fully with legal awareness and paralegalism training without worrying who and how they will get visited”. A liaison officer remarked.

Some pretrial detainees were supported by their family members to settle bail and bond terms in court to secure their release. A total of 182 were released through payment of cash bails while 251 secured release through bond terms. In addition, 83 pretrial detainees had their cases withdrawn after initiating an ADR process with support from family members through linkage and communication support.

Equally 52 pretrial detainees were acquitted under section 204 and 210 of the criminal procedure code. This release was a great achievement in access to justice for pretrial detainees and well as reducing prison congestion. As a result of linkage, pretrial detainees have accessed various support services from their relatives and legal representatives such as

- ✓ Basic items
- ✓ Cash bail/bond payment
- ✓ Emotional support
- ✓ Witness statements and other documents

The linkage support is one of the contributing factors to the high number of pretrial detainees being released through bail and bond after being connected with their relatives leading to prison decongestion and improved welfare among pretrial detainees.

“I am very glad for the support I got from the paralegal office, i had no idea on how I could talk to the complainant; this is a miracle that I’m now free. This is a good way of solving dispute and maintaining a harmonious relationship” Daniel, a pretrial detainee remarked on his case being withdrawn on out of court settlement under section 204 CPC on 30th June 2017.



Pretrial detainee’s linkage session at Eldoret main prison

6.4.2. Enhanced co-ordination and efficiency in service delivery among criminal justice actors.

The project continued to engage actors and stakeholders in criminal justice system to strengthen their mutual learning and collaboration in service delivery

- **Community leaders training as paralegals**

Community leaders continue to play a very major role in facilitating out of court case settlement and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms within the community.

To enhance their capacity to effectively administer justice and provide fair case settlement as pertains to the law. The project supported the training of 161 community leaders in paralegalism.

The trained community members were taken through the following topics for a period of four months training:

- ✓ Community policing
- ✓ ADR Mechanism
- ✓ Crime Prevention
- ✓ settlement of land disputes
- ✓ Re-integration of inmates upon release-
- ✓ sexual offences
- ✓ Human and children Rights
- ✓ Trial process/ Criminal procedure
- ✓ Case documentation and referrals



Community paralegals in Naivasha upon completing a topic community policing in relation to Nyumba Kumi initiative.



Community Paralegals engage in a group discussion on gender and gender based violence.



Community paralegals graduation ceremony

“I am very happy today as I appreciate the training offered to us by RODI Kenya. To some of us, this is the first certificate we have received in our life time. I will use the skills to well solve disputes in the community and also help in preventing crime occurrence.” Mrs. Pamela Onyango remarked upon receiving a certificate of training.

The paralegal training has impacted positively to trained members as they have started using the skills in solving disputes and also in ensuring a

reduction in offending rate. This apparently is a major milestone in ensuring that some minor cases are addressed at the community level, reducing back log in the criminal justice system. 360 cases were resolved through ADR over year 2017. This has equally enhanced their understanding on cases within their jurisdiction during dispute resolution.

- **Participate and organize Court Users Committee meetings.**

Court Users Committees remained active across the 10 counties under project implementation in ensuring a coordinated approach among criminal justice actors in service delivery and administration of Justice.

The coordinated approach under the umbrella of the National Council in the Administration (NCAJ) of Justice has created a cordial working relationship in the criminal justice system contributing to speedy case flow and administration of justice.

RODI's participation and facilitation in convening CUC meetings was highly appreciated by the stakeholders the criminal justice system. During the period under review, RODI participated in 21 Court Users Committee meetings across the project regions

During a CUC meeting held at Eldoret held in May 2017, the members deliberated in length on the CUC service charter which showed commitment of the stakeholders to administration of justice. They also planned for a community legal awareness outreach forum which was conducted in July 2017.

“We depend much on the legal aid offered by RODI paralegal staff; this brought a significant contribution towards decongestion in the prison” The OIC Eldoret main prison remarked during the Eldoret CUC.



A CUC meeting in Eldoret

On May 2017, the Muranga County CUC participated in an open day forum to sensitize the community on the role of various actors in the criminal justice system and well as enlightening them on legal issues.



CUC Members procession during the open day

Some of the issues addressed during the open day include:

- Role of each actor in the criminal justice system
- Application of bail and bonds
- Reintegration of ex-offenders
- Access to legal information

- **Community legal literacy/awareness forums**

Public legal awareness played a key role in enhancing speedy administration of justice and crime prevention. When community members are aware of the various crimes, offenses and their related consequences, it helps them not to commit crimes of ignorance.

During the year 2017, 13 community legal awareness forums were conducted reaching a population of 1117 community members within the project regions.

Some of the strategies engaged during such legal awareness include: public Barazas and open days, radio stations among others

During a public legal awareness forum held in Voi, the Honorable Judge appreciated the public

for their commitment to understand the law. She reiterate that “ignorance of the law, is no defense” She widely expounded on the issues of appeal and made public know what is an appeal and what it requires for one to appeal.



A public awareness forum in Voi

In addition, each CJS actor including the probation department, Prison, National Police Service and children department had a chance create awareness on their role and contribution in crime prevention and access to justice.

As a result of the public legal awareness forums, there is an increase in community member’s confidence with the courts and other criminal justice actors. There is also an improved commitment for witness to attend court sessions. In addition, community members have initiated and addressed cases through ADR

“We thank RODI Kenya for supporting us to be taken through various legal topics we will now take this initiative to inform our sons, daughters and neighbors on what we have learnt so that all of us do not find ourselves committing the same offences”. A Community member commented



A community legal awareness forum

6.5. TABLE BANKING PROJECT

The project was initiated to address some of the challenges encountered while working with community groups, formed around ex-prisoners, and training them in sustainable agriculture, food processing and appropriate technology. We realized that majority of community members did not have easy access to credit facilities.

In 2017, the project worked with 30 community groups in saving and loaning scheme who have a memorandum of engagement with RODI for a period of two years. The project enhanced its engagement with group leaders to enhance their capacity in group leadership and understanding the various distinctive roles assigned to them and to the group members. The leaders also have a significant role in steering the group towards the desired vision, and living within their mission. The process has supported effectiveness in leadership among the leaders and as a result, there has been easy flow of information between RODI and Group members.

The project also focused on training group members in appropriate technology and sustainable agriculture. The training has supported members in improving food production and income generation upon selling off the surplus produce hence being able to save the surplus and other being directed to other financial needs in the family. Kitchen garden establishment is essential in reducing the portion of the budget meant for food and encouraging people to grow different food that are beneficial to their health. The training covered the following topics.

1. Kitchen gardening
2. Food processing
3. Chemical processing
4. Water harvesting



The project supported 6 community groups with capital loan of Kshs 734,460 to boost their loaning capacity to their members. This fund has continuously enabled members to take reasonable amounts to initiate income generating activities on their interest such as in farming, business, and paying school fees among other needs.

6.6. RODI TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION CENTRE

RODI Centre is located in Ruiru, 25 Km Northeast of Nairobi Ruiru, 300 meters from the junction of Thika super highway and Eastern Bypass, behind Delta Petrol station and 10km from JKIA. The Centre establishment has two main components operational:

- Demonstration and training
- Conference and accommodation facility

6.6.1. Demonstration and training

The demonstration and training component offers short courses in sustainable agriculture and appropriate technology. The courses are tailor-made to the suit needs of trainees.

Areas covered in Sustainable Agriculture include the following among others:

- Poultry farming
- Mushroom production
- Urban Agriculture
- Portable gardening
- Hydroponics
- Green house farming
- Dairy goat farming
- Pig farming

- Rabbit keeping



Demonstration and training unit

While in appropriate technology, participants are trained in processing and making of:

- Milk products: yoghurt, butter, gee, cheese, mala and milkshake, ice cream etc.
- Tomato products: tomato sauce, tomato puree, tomato juice, tomato jam.
- Fruit products: Fresh juice, jam, dried fruits, powdered fruit.
- Banana, Irish potato, cassava, sweet potato, arrowroot and pumpkin products such as crisps flour and chips.
- Soya products: soya milk, soya meat, soya beverage, soya flour and biscuits.
- Confectionery: sweets, toffee and cakes.
- Cereal products such as wheat and oat meal, ready to eat breakfast cereals (baking cakes, bread and biscuits).
- Vegetable drying and vegetable flours
- Making curry powder, chilli sauce
- Cordial juices of different flavours.
- Pop-corns
- Peanut butter
- Bar soap
- Liquid multipurpose detergent
- Powder soap
- Degreaser
- Hair shampoo
- Hair conditioner
- Disinfectants
- Bleach
- Hand wash
- Cutex remover

- Shoe polish
- Candle (non-drip and mosquito repelling)
- Fireless cookers
- Biogas
- Solar cookers
- Briquettes
- Tie and dye, marbling
- Screening printing
- Building houses using eco-construction materials (stabilized soil blocks (Inter and non-interlocking)).

6.6.2. Conference and accommodation facility

In the year 2017, RODI started utilizing a modern kitchen, dining hall and conference hall which can host 40 participants. This is a boost to the establishment of the training centre and a move towards organisational sustainability for RODI. Over the year 2017, RODI hosted various groups to hold conferences and meetings at the establishments: such groups include: PELUM Kenya, SCOPE Kenya, KBioC, partners of TOP Kenya as well as RODI staff during staff planning and capacity building forums.

In 2017, RODI constructed 8 additional rooms to the accommodation hostel block making a total of 24 functional accommodation rooms.



Conference facility at RODI Centre

7. MAIN LIMITATIONS

- Projects funding limitation during the year 2017. This constrained project effectiveness in meeting beneficiaries needs and addressing matters related to prisoner rehabilitation, crime prevention, food security and administration of justice
- Increased calls for RODI to extend its project activities to more prisons, police stations, schools and children remand homes.

8. LESSONS LEARNED

“Progress comes from the intelligent use of experience”. *Elbert Hubbard*

- Parent engagement in skillful parenting highly contributes to a reduction in crime in schools and within the community.
- Farmer trainers are a role model in demonstrating skills and technologies and passing them on to the community.
- Small scale farmers learn best when they can connect the training to a solution addressing their immediate problems and issues in farming.
- Effective coordination among criminal Justice system actors contributes greatly to speedy access to justice for accused persons and pretrial detainees.
- Informed by findings and recommendations cited in the criminal justice audit report, CJS stakeholders are now harmoniously working together under NCAJ to address the issues of law review to provide an effective case management and condition of detention.
- Government support and good will is critical in effective reforms, law review and implementation of various recommendations aimed at improving case flow and conditions of detention.
- Although Kenyan government has not been funding NGOs, constitutional dispensation of devolving national government and creation of 47 county

governments has brought a lot of opportunities that NGOs can take advantage of. County governments are doing a lot of work in their respective counties and are in great demand of expertise which NGOs working there can provide.

- Kenyans in the diaspora face challenges in maintaining contact and support at home because of the physical, mental and emotional distance between them and their home communities. Any effort to initiate activities beneficial to them and their home communities are always frustrated by uncalled-for limitations.
- RODI should up the game of starting flag ship projects to enhance growth, impact and sustainability of its work and itself.
- For the purpose of enhancing growth, impact and sustainability, RODI beneficiaries should play a role and as much as possible help it to help them.

9. LOOKING FORWARD TO YEAR 2018. “Those who don’t know history are doomed to repeat it” *Elmund Burke*

We look back at year 2017 with a sense of satisfaction based on the achievements. We have learned from the valuable lessons that is offered, better understanding the strengths that define us, situations that challenge us and the environment that derails us, values and principles that guide us and motivations that compel us. With all these, we move ahead to year 2018 with courage and determination n even to achieve better results and move to high heights. We have identified the strategic goals for the year 2018 in all earmarked projects for 2018.

Some of the key goals looking forward to 2018 are:

- Implementation of RODI resource mobilisation strategy that ensures a clear and well co-ordinated approach in

resource mobilisation to enhance organisational sustainability.

- Continued partnership with programme partners in strengthening and up scaling programme implementation
- Continued partnership and collaboration with project partners and stakeholders in strengthening and up scaling project implementation
- Enhanced resource base and project funding to enable RODI to extend and scale up its services
- Implementing RODI County Development Initiative to increase visibility and make its presence felt at county level.
- To establish a Savings and Credit Cooperative Organisation to provide credit to RODI beneficiaries such as Community Livelihood Improvement Groups among others groups.
- Introduce an in-service teacher training at RODI centre.
- Extending Restorative Prisoner Rehabilitation programme into the East African region by partnering with likeminded NGOs.

10. THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2017

RESOURCES ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (RODI KENYA)							
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017							
	PROJECTS						TOTAL
	FOSELI	SAFCPP	RODI CENTRE	CSCPP	CJS	PDJLP	2017
INCOME	KSHS	KSHS	KSHS	KSHS	KSHS	KSHS	KSHS
Balance Brought Forward	-	111,589	1,557,943	8,461	65,336	1,457,625	3,127,157
Grants	1,048,980	26,124,803	5,609,540	-	-	7,443,110	40,226,433
Income from RODI Centre	-	-	2,223,838	-	-	-	2,223,838
Other income -BRICS			132,300				132,300
Interest Income	7,337	213	18,560	-	-	11,169	37,279
TOTAL INCOME	1,056,317	26,236,605	9,409,881	8,461	65,336	8,911,904	45,688,504
EXPENDITURE							
DIRECT PROJECT EXPENDITURE							
Project Implementation	609,230	18,257,232	1,827,367	-	-	5,348,853	26,042,682
Capital Expenditure (RODI Centre Construction)	-	-	9,090,278	-	-	-	9,090,278
INDIRECT PROJECT EXPENDITURE							
Administrative Costs	214,867	1,324,982	300,981	-	-	2,490,354	4,331,184
Administrative Staff Costs	-	4,417,629	-	-	-	-	4,417,629
Donations in kind	-	-	53,000	-	-	-	53,000
Interest on loan	-	-	54,585	-	-	-	54,585
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	824,097	23,999,843	11,326,211	0	0	7,839,207	43,989,358
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	232,220	2,236,762	(1,916,330)	8,461	65,336	1,072,697	1,699,146

11. OUR PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS.

“Strategic partnership is based on a shared set of values” Benigno Aquino III

The achievement for RODI in the year 2017 sounds quite stupendous. This could only be made possible as a result of the significant technical and financial support received from key partners.

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1. Bread for the World(BftW)



2. GLS foundation for Future development



3. Tudor Trust UK,



4. Open Society Foundation (OSF)



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