

AWACH KIBUON Integrated Health and Livelihood
Community Based Organization (AKIHL-CBO);
Subject: AKHLCBO PROFILE FOR DEVELOPMENT
RELATIONSHIP

0.01: Introduction:

In order to address the community challenges in a more integrated developmental ways, the Committee of the Awach Kibuon Water Resources Users Association (**AWACH KIBUON-WRUA**) has decided to re-organize it and give a more fitting name that would enable it effectively work efficiently and in integrated way. The new name is 'Awach Kibuon Integrated Health and Livelihood Community Based Organization, acronym "AKIHL-CBO". The organization is already registered with the Department of Gender and Social Development office, government of Kenya.

0.02: Management Structures

The AKIHL-CBO' management is more enlarged than the Awach Kibuon-WRUA with additional core community activities which could not be addressed in the previous association. The officials remain the same, however additional experts in the development has been added to put more value.

0.03: Expected Operational areas of the organization

In addition to operational areas of the Awach Kibuon-WRUA which were limited to specific geographical locations, the Awach Kibuon Integrated Health and Livelihood Community Organization (AKIHL-CBO), operates in the whole of Rachuonyo Sub-Counties (North, South and East) as the needs are identified.

0.04: Expected Activities

Awach Kibuon adopts an Integrated Sustainable Development Model, which works in five main thematic areas as opposed to the WRUA which has only Water Resources as its core entry point, therefore the scope of activities for the AKHL-CBO is expanded as:

- Health, Agriculture and Nutrition
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Education, Mentorship and Protection
- Livelihood, Youths and Women's Empowerment(Social enterprise)
- Environment and Disaster Response

(i) Health, Agriculture and Nutrition

Health program of the organization is broadly in two components; Community health and Institutional health. It expects to have its own trained health volunteers (working a long side other related organizations) who would actively disseminate health information on pregnant mother care, child health and immunization, HIV/AIDS, hygienic practices, and motivate pregnant mothers for institution delivery.

The Medical Center will be linked to major private Health facilities as Matata Hospital, Nyabondo Hospital, and well managed nearby hospitals to facilitate referrals of clients who seek further management.

Conservation Agriculture:

In light of growing concerns over the implications of many conventional agricultural practices, and especially the deep tilling of soils has begun to promote a package of soil conserving practices under the banner of 'conservation agriculture'. In many regions of the world, there is growing concern about the soil productivity and wider environmental implications of conventional agricultural practices, and especially the tilling of soils by plough, disk or hoe. This has prompted several players and farmers to explore alternative production methods that maintain soil structure and productivity.

Awach Kibuon working with relevant partners intends to promote and develop Conservation Agriculture amongst the poor small holder irrigation farmers within Kimira and Oluch Schemes with **Key words:**

- Sustainability;
- Soil erosion;
- Farming systems;
- Environment;
- Tillage

With development of Kimira Oluch Small Holder Farm Improvement Project (KOSFIP) developing irrigation infrastructures, this interest would be achievable.

(ii) Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

The organization expects to work with the community in the development of sustainable water and sanitation systems which are environmental friendly; in addition to the water resources conservation. WASH programs, especially with schools will be developed to promote good health and hygiene regimes for quality livelihood, and would strive to work with experienced and locally available stakeholders. Part of the activities would involve education of the people on both infrastructural and personal hygiene to limit prevent open defecation. Deep Bore and shallow wells installed and renovated would provide safe drinking water; and with skills on conservation, management and protection of available water sheds, we expect considerable reduction in the water related infections.

WASH programs would include construction of school sanitary block with toilet, urinal, hand washing and drinking water stations with multiple tap, running water(where available) facility and incinerator (for adolescent girl students) emphasizing hygiene education and maintenance of the asset created. WASH Maintenance committees will be formed with teacher and pupil's/student's representatives responsible for looking after cleanliness and maintenance of the sanitation block on regular basis.

(iii) Education, Mentorship and Protection

Every child has a right to quality education, care, support and protection irrespective of the socio-economic status. As an effort to support education, mentoring and protection (child protection) programs, the Awach Kibuon would work with vulnerable children's parents/guidance, schools and training facilities, relevant stakeholders to ensure the targeted children effectively to schools/colleges to achieve their life long desires. Through soliciting financial and other resources to support the programs, the organization would

give hope to those children their life time dreams through sponsorship mentoring, net-working and linkages to relevant stakeholders, both locally and internationally. In order to prevent child labor practice and girl-child prostitution, and safeguard children from drug trafficking, the organization would develop “a child protection policy” to guide in the management and development of children under its jurisdiction. The policy would be developed anticipatorily with the involvement of parents/guardians, children, schools, relevant law enforcement agencies and supporting partners. Awach Kibuo does not expect to have residential and non-residential schools of its own, but to work with the existing education facilities; other than Mentor and development Center where supported children/students, parents/guardians and mentors would be converging during school holidays and weekends for support and mentoring. Ultimate objective of running Mentoring center is to mainstream vulnerable children and parents/guardians to champion (pursue) a worthy cause for sustainable empowerment, whereby:

- The vulnerable who never have many life options hope for a better future
- The vulnerable build their self-esteem
- The knowledge and alternatives gained through a partnership program allow children's/youths and adults to explore different career possibilities not often available in a classroom or work setting.
- The vulnerable should break down stereotypes surrounding certain professions and populations are advantaged and therefore promote awareness of a community's diversity.
- The vulnerable can build teamwork, whether learning occurs in school or around their environment.

(iv) Livelihood, Youths and Women empowerment(Social Enterprise)

Hundreds of women and youth Self Help Groups have been formed primarily for growing saving habits and internal lending to initiate petty business venture for income. Most of these groups are at village level and lack entrepreneurial capacity to scale up for sustainable and meaningful economic levels. Most of them equally lack ability to identify sustainable businesses. We intend to encourage locally known sustainable integrated livelihood activities as; integrated Farming with vegetable garden, fish cultivation, rearing, rabbits and indigenous chicken, through improved methods in their homestead land; and the products would be used for both consumption and commercial purposes. Other business opportunities would be identified and appropriated linkages and net-working for quality production and marketing.

Main objective is to develop and promote community micro-economic growth, create employment, give hope for the life today and life to come through social entrepreneurial activities for social welfare/ life improvement enhancement and development.

(v) **Environment and Disaster Response**

Awach Kibuon (CBO) working with relevant organizations will promote protection and conservation environment and its resources which should be used by humans and managed in a responsible manner. We expect to sensitize the people to see the value of the environment as the goods and services that it can provide to people.

This viewpoint requires that the environment be used in a way that is **sustainable**, and it ensures that the natural resources will be used in a manner that will meet the present day needs for the resource without jeopardizing the supply of the resource for future generations.

By using the environment sustainably, the environment and the natural resources it provides will not be depleted or destroyed permanently - and will be available for human use for a very long time. If people do not manage the land properly and the resources are not being used sustainably, then the environment can be destroyed, and the conservation method will have failed

0.05: Strategic Statements:

MISSION AND VISION FOR AWACH KIBUON (AKIHL-CBO)

Awach Kibuon's Vision revolves around: The envisioned healthy empowered communities in Homa Bay County, and especially Rachuonyo North and South Sub-counties who are capable of sustaining their livelihoods and gradually improve their socio-economic level.

Awach Kibuon's Mission revolves around: on ability to provide access to clean, and safe water supply and watershed management and conservation strategies for local communities for improved productivity, provide appropriate health and education systems for faster tracking of community growth and development in integrated livelihood activities to improve on their self-reliance.



(i) Aims:






AKIHL CBO aims to empower the people so that they can attain self-reliance and confidence for long-term sustainable development. It strives to release the people's boundless potentials for enhancing their productive and organizing abilities for their own development. **AKIHL CBO** working with the stakeholders initiate the activities to empower peoples' organizations as core activity, which is integrated and community based.




(ii) Main Objective

Main objective is to develop and promote sustainable integrated community activities aimed at improving quality livelihood for the communities we work with for self-reliance.

The overall objective (goal) of **AKIHL CBO** is to reduce poverty and health conditions in wider Rachuonyo community, partnering with the community and other supporting stakeholders. This would be achieved via the more immediate development objective of **“enable rural households to take up sustainable livelihood opportunities integrated with the wider economy”**.

o.06: Some of the accomplished Activities:

Project	Photograph	Comment
Kideswa Borehole Rehabilitation and development- Kakwajuok, North Karachuonyo Location		Funded by ADB/AWF 2016 Successfully completed
Haha Springs development & Protection-Kogweno Oriang Location		Same as above & successfully completed
Kokal Community Water Pan- Kamser Nyakongo Location		Funded by the ADB/AWF, 2017. Successfully completed
Nyadero Dam, North Kachien Location- Rachuonyo South		Same as above, successfully completed
Rehabilitation of water source(well) with elevated tank stand for domestic and Irrigation system-Lwala Community ,Rachuonyo- with all infrastructures. Supported by the		Successfully Rehabilitated and final report sent January 2017

ElectricAid-Ireland in 2016		
Drip Irrigated/conservation farm/conservation farming- supported by the ElectricAid-Ireland		Drip irrigation system was successful and still operational well. Final Completion Report sent January 2017
Achuth Miroth Shallow Water Well rehabilitated and supported by the NASF- Netherlands		Successfully completed And Final completion Report sent in March 2018
Nyar Kochia Community Water well Project Development(New)- Supported by the NASF- Netherlands		Successfully completed and Final Completion Reports sent January 17, 2019

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