

Office of Transition Initiatives

KENYA/EASTLEIGH

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Implemented through USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI), the Kenya Transition Initiative (KTI) expanded its key objectives in August 2011 to include a counter extremism component in and around the Nairobi suburb of Eastleigh. Eastleigh and surrounding communities have a large population of Somali immigrants with youth accounting for close to 60 percent of the population. Disenfranchisement of youth in the face of systemic marginalization, limited access to higher education, inadequate employment, crime, and corruption has weakened their resilience and increased their susceptibility to extremist ideologies. Coupled with the highly radicalized environment, youth in Eastleigh remain exposed to fanatical dogmas and are vulnerable to recruitment by groups such as Al-Shabaab.

To counter this threat, the KTI-Eastleigh project (KTI-E) seeks to foster positive identity and self-confidence in at-risk youth in Eastleigh to enable them to reject extremism. To achieve this objective, KTI-E works with locally-based organizations and the Eastleigh community to respond to risk factors through a three pronged approach:

- Increased propensity among youth for moderation and non-violence
- Empower local youth
- Improved livelihoods for youth

GRANTS SUMMARY

Since the initiation of the KTI-E component in July 2011, KTI has funded **84** activities totaling **\$3,030,407**. A total of **14** activities worth **\$730,913** were cleared during this reporting period.

Ongoing activities

Restoring Hope and Culture through Storytelling: Communities in and around Eastleigh have gone through extensive trauma including conflict, poverty, and community disintegration. They also lack access to general social services, including schools. This challenging social landscape has been particularly detrimental to children within the community who have lost the moral structures and cultural lessons traditionally learned in school. KTI partnered with [REDACTED] to use story telling in an entertaining way to reveal lessons to the youth on values and morals. KTI helped promote cultural forms of teaching principles and ethics to school-age children by printing and distributing 50,000 copies of four Somali-language books originally published by the Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC). To ensure that storytelling became an effective teaching tool, KTI provided a five day training for 30 youth on effective storytelling. After the training the story tellers were assigned to schools and madrassas where they took the students through the stories, helping them deduce the lessons contained in the tales. In addition, KTI helped AED to work with 15 mothers on how to create and tell stories in an engaging way while simultaneously using them to teach their children life values. By providing the youth in Eastleigh with creative ways in which to engage on issues related to morals and values, KTI is helping the youth to absorb long standing cultural lessons to create a positive change within the community.

Engaging Youth in Activities that Foster Tolerance: A labor study carried out by KTI in 2011 showed that the majority of the youth in Eastleigh preferred to be self-employed; however youth unemployment is 56 per cent. The lack of employment opportunities and means required to start a business has led to many youth engaging in alternative

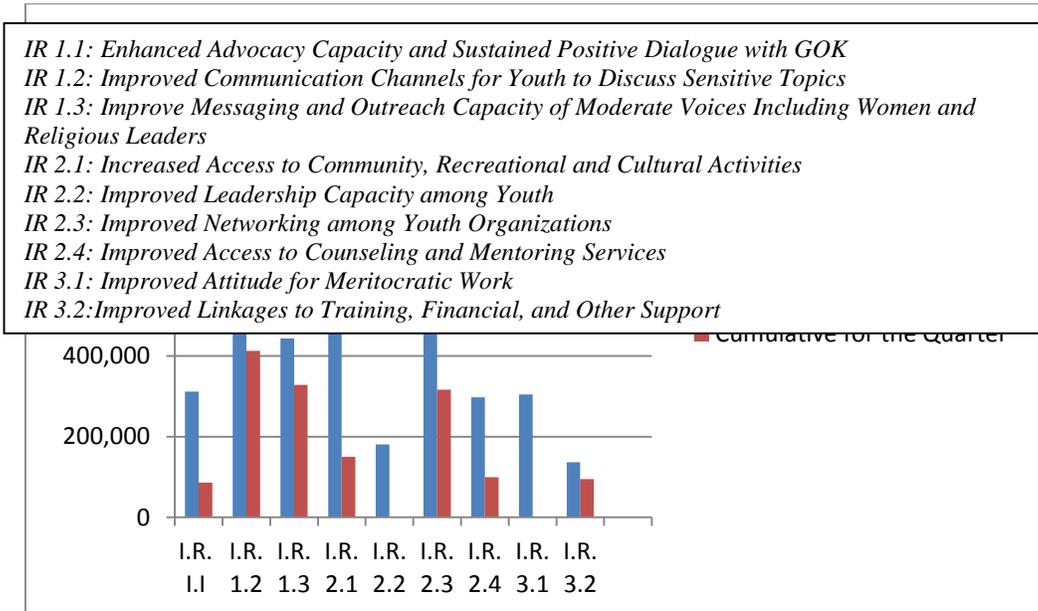
economic activity that is often illegal. Idle youth coupled with a lack of relevant skills sought by employers has created a situation where youth become targets for recruitment and pursue unlawful activities, which further contributes to tension and extremism. KTI has partnered with ██████████ to renovate a soccer pitch and organize a soccer tournament in an effort to provide a space where youth can engage in legal recreational activities while steering them away from gang recruitment. ██████████ identified an area where many youth show up to play soccer in the evenings, and KTI is supporting ██████████ to put up a mural on the pitch highlighting tolerance as well as renovating the bleachers. In addition to the soccer pitch renovation, KTI provided ██████████ with training on project management and tolerance. The ten day training also engaged 25 youth ██████████ members. In the coming quarter ██████████ will hold a tolerance tournament in the renovated grounds that will engage 16 teams that will compete for four days. During the tournament, the participants as well as the spectators will have discussion sessions that will promote non-violence and tolerance in between the games and at halftime.

Supporting the ██████████ Youth Network: In Eastleigh, a majority of youth groups are poorly structured, lack internal governance and membership capacity, and are primarily based on ethnic groupings. This is further worsened by the fact that majority of the youth groups tend to work on similar activities yet do not engage with each other to share lessons learned or best practices. KTI’s previous support connecting youth (CHXEAS029), resulted in the formation of ██████████ of youth groups. KTI noted that while the youth network was composed of vibrant organizations, there was a continuing need to support and capacity build the organization to enable it to be self-sustaining in carrying out its mandated activities. Particular areas of emphasis include membership engagement, raising membership numbers, and encouraging member groups to network and share knowledge. KTI is currently supporting ██████████ by providing technical assistance for four months from which ██████████ is expected to learn how to run a network with emphasis on budget management and report writing. In addition to the technical assistance KTI is also supporting the network to set up and run its own website, which will empower them to amplify their activities as well as provide information to groups interested in joining the network.

Pending activities

- **CHXEAS086-Support to Liberty Centre.** This grant will provide support to the Liberty Center by renovating the center. This center is frequented by youth in the Kamukunji area and houses ██████████ ██████████, both of which are KTI-E grantees. By renovating the center, KTI will increase the number of youth who are able to participate in their programming.

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PROGRAM EVALUATION

PREACT and CVE funding has enabled the CVE program to be extended to the coastal region. This quarter has seen the first activities CVE activities rolled out to the coast.

With the Partner Performance Management Plan (PPMP) updated, the KTI-E team established structures for data collection and aggregation. The team has revised indicators in previous Eastleigh grants to match the updated PPMP. It has also begun to digitize participants' lists in an effort to ensure program beneficiaries are documented in a database that KTI-E can easily use to pass on mass messages and evaluate the effectiveness of its outreach. Annex I, below, contains the updated outputs for the reporting period. Note that the outcome indicators are reported on an annual basis.

NEXT STEPS

- August 2013 - KTI-E Rolling Assessment
- September 2013 - Annual survey to be conducted

ANNEX I. CONSOLIDATED LIST OF OUTPUT INDICATORS FOR APRIL-JUNE QUARTER

| Kenya Transition Initiative – Eastleigh | | | | | |
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| Result | Indicator Name and Number | Disaggregation | Data Source | Unit | Reported Numbers |
| Project Goal: Stronger identity and self-confidence of youth in and around Eastleigh to allow them to reject extremism | | | | | |
| IR-1 Increased propensity among youth for moderation and non-violence | | | | | |
| IR-1.1 Enhanced advocacy capacity and sustained positive dialogue with GoK | Indicator 3. # of initiatives where significant input is provided to GOK on youth issues | Type of initiative | Project records, GoK entities | Number | 17 |
| | Indicator 4. # of youth who engage with GoK entities to effect change | Age, gender, ethnicity, geographic area | Project records, GoK entities | Number | 915 |
| IR-1.2 Improved communication channels for youth to receive information and/or discuss sensitive topics | Indicator 6. # of youth accessing KTI-E-supported media outlets advocating moderation and non-violence | Age, gender, ethnicity, geographic area | Project records | Number | 11116 |
| | Indicator 7. # of youth participating in KTI-E-supported communication forums to discuss sensitive topics | Age, gender, ethnicity, geographic area | Project records | Number | 7469 |
| IR-1.3 Improved messaging and outreach capacity of moderate voices including women and religious leaders | Indicator 8. # of respected leaders and women empowered to effectively reach out to youth through messages promoting non-violence and self-confidence | Age, gender, ethnicity, geographic area | Project records | Number | 19 |
| IR-2 Empower local youth | | | | | |
| IR-2.1 Increased access to community, recreational and cultural activities | Indicator 11. # of expected attendance in recreational and cultural activities | Type of activity | Project records | Number | 84 |

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| Result | Indicator Name and Number | Disaggregation | Data Source | Unit | Reported Numbers |
| IR-2.2 Improved leadership capacity among youth | Indicator 13. # of youth assuming active leadership roles | Age, gender, ethnicity, geographic area | Project records | Number | 27 |
| IR-2.3 Improved networking among youth organizations | Indicator 14. # of youth groups or organizations supported to improve organizational capacity | Type of organization | Project records | Number | 47 |
| IR-2.4 Improved access to counseling and mentoring services | Indicator 17. # of youth receiving counseling and mentoring services | Age, gender, ethnicity, geographic area | Project records, support organizations | Number | 300 |
| IR-3 Improved livelihood for youth | | | | | |
| IR-3.1 Improved attitude for meritocratic work | Indicator 20. # of youth who benefit from role models or experiences that promote a positive work ethic | Age, gender, ethnicity, geographic area | Project records | Number | 4 |
| IR-3.2 Improved linkages to training, financial and other support | Indicator 21. # of youth accessing government and other financial services | Age, gender, ethnicity, geographic area; Type of financial support | Project records, banks and financing sources | Number | 822 |
| | Indicator 22. # of youth accessing training programs to improve skills | Age, gender, ethnicity, geographic area; Type of training program | Project records, training programs | Number | 30 |
| Total Number of Youth Reached by KTI-E in the April-June Quarter | | | | | 20,814 |