



CREATORS OF PEACE

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Initiatives of Change, Kenya

CREATORS OF PEACE 10th ANNIVERSARY PEACE CONFERENCE

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

Creators of Peace is a program of Initiatives of Change Kenya. Its goal is to recognize women as important contributors in the peace-building process and encourage them to work towards being peace creators in the society by first creating peace within themselves and then within their families. Our work in Kenya began in 2007 and for a decade, we have reached out to over 2000 women in 17 counties. In most of these conflicts, women and children are the greatest victims. Creators of Peace therefore seeks to empower women to be peace builders by first understanding their innate strengths taking more leadership roles in all societal levels. Our interventions are based on resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security by the United Nation Security Council which was a major step towards recognizing women's role in conflict management, peace keeping and post-conflicts peace building. It is also in line with the Kenyan constitution advocates for affirmative action through the 2/3 gender rule.

In all societies, it is mostly women who are the primary caregivers responsible for the children and for the family. The role of women in nurturing, building relationships and maintaining the family is central to their identity. This concern with relationships and people often means that women play the role of peacemakers within their families and their communities. In a training that takes three days, the women are taken through 10 sessions referred to as Gathering Points among them; 'What constitutes peace, what creates/destroys peace, Circles of concern, Inner Peace, Listening to others, Inner Listening and the Power of forgiveness. Key to the training is the sessions on 'Personal story sharing' where women share their life stories capturing the turning points and/or experiences that have made them who they are today. Another key thing is the reflection moments that is a constant part of the training which encourages the women to listen to their inner voice i.e." the voice of reason".

Celebration of the 10th anniversary is planned to honor and celebrate the women who have immensely contributed to the success of Creators of Peace in fostering peace in the 17 Counties through the interventions of the Peace circles and Chai Ya Amani (Tea for Peace) that ventilated tensions among the Pokots and Tugen communities with a significant apology offered in the year 2015. It is scheduled to bring together a total of 200 women converging in Nakuru town for four days at St. Mary's Pastoral center where funds will be mobilized from well-wishers and participants to ensure successful 10th anniversary celebration.

Justification

The journey to realization of the objects of CoP has been materialized by the relentlessness and zeal of the great women over the 17 Counties. It is through courageous step by these grassroots women this small step, if fully supported, can make a mark in the history of Kenya. Thus a strong movement of grassroots women who in turn can make decisions that will be listened to by the entire community can be created. These local women interact with the young men that cause all the insecurity, violence and atrocities in this Counties which undoubtedly and indisputably have had the power to influence positive change in the young men. The 10th Anniversary is geared towards celebrating the efforts of these women by holding three-day interactive sessions from 20th to 23rd November 2017 to highlight successes, challenges and way forward in enhancing the work that was started ten years ago. This celebration will also be utilized to train trainers in peace building for two days after the initial two-day reflection session on personal stories.

I. Overall Goal

To celebrate the 10 years of life transforming Creators of Peace Circles programme in Kenya.

II. Specific Objectives

1. To have a reflection on the impact of the 10-year journey of Creators of Peace Circles in Kenya
2. To have a re-union of women who have participated in CoPC in Kenya over the 10 years

Budget			KSH	USD
Qty	Description	Unit Cost-Kshs	Total -Kshs	
5	Communication	3000	15,000	150
200	Stationeries	100	20,000	200
20	Baringo women transport support	4,000	80,000	800
5	Conference preparation cost	20,000	20,000	200
200	Accommodation Full board for 3 days @3000/day	9000	1,800,000	18000
	TOTAL		1,935,000	19350

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