The scorecard on the state of human rights for older persons and persons with disability in Kenya

Contribution from members of GAP (General Assembly of Partners) to the New Urban Agenda

**Name of Organization**
MANGU INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PROJECT – MICOP CBO Kenya, Lead Secretariat for the Older Persons’ Rights and Advocacy Network - Kenya

**Organization Type**
Community Based Organization/ Older Persons’ Rights Defenders

**INITIATIVE LOCATION**
Kenya, Africa

**IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD**
2020-2022 (Implemented)

**KEY PARTNER INFORMATION**
Kenya Stakeholders Coalition on UPR, the Government of Kenya

**BENEFICIARY LOCATION**
Kenya, Africa

**THEME DETAILS**
Climate Change
Energy
Gender
Housing
Human Rights
Innovation
Land
Legislation
Description of Contribution

Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) obligates the state and all institutions to ensure that every person’s rights are safeguarded (Government of Kenya, 2010). The Government of Kenya commits to promote age- and gender-responsive planning and investment for sustainable, safe, and accessible urban mobility for all, effectively linking people, places, goods, services, and economic opportunities. Kenya also commits to leave no one behind, by ensuring equal rights and opportunities, public participation and equal access for all to physical and social infrastructure and basic services as well as adequate and affordable housing (Kenya’s popular version of the new urban agenda 2017).

Towards achieving these commitments, a number of legal and policy instruments have been put in place by the state but some remain dormant and need operationalizing.

Noting the existing barriers and gaps which hinder the older persons and persons with disability from being included in the new urban agenda and SDGs, MICOP CBO joined other human rights defenders in the Universal Periodic Review Process to get to the fore the rights of older persons in Kenya.

Outcomes and impacts

- The issues of the rights of older persons have for first time been included in the Universal Periodic Review and forwarded to the UN HRC General Assembly.
- Older persons and Ageing recognized as a standalone thematic group.
- Recommendations forwarded to the Government of Kenya by various UN member States and accepted.
- First scorecard and compendium on the state of human rights developed and handed in to the relevant Government departments for action.

New Urban Agenda Items

Sustainable Urban Development for Social Inclusion and Ending Poverty
Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Prosperity and Opportunities for All
Environmentally Sustainable and Resilient Urban Development
Building urban governance structures to establish a supportive framework
Planning and Managing Urban Spatial Development
Mobilization of Financial Resources
Capacity Development
Information Technology and Innovation

Sustainable Development Goals:
Goal 1 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere
Goal 2 - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
Goal 3 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
Goal 4 - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
Goal 5 - Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
Goal 6 - Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
Goal 7 - Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
Goal 8 - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
Goal 9 - Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
Goal 11 - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
Goal 13 - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
Goal 16 - Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels