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WHAT WE DO



Supportive Policy, Legal and Institutional Frameworks

The Defenders Coalition works to position itself as a thought leader and collaborative partner towards (re)formulation and/or enforcement of appropriate policies, laws, institutions and cultural norms that touch on the safety, security and wellbeing of HRDs



HRD Protection and Safety

The main aim of this pillar will be to facilitate timely and appropriate responses to all forms of threats or insecurities to HRDs.



Socio-economic wellbeing of HRDs

To facilitate HRDs to build their socio-economic resilience and attain an improved quality of life. Such support will also seek to ensure that HRDs are self-sufficient, easily access the basic necessities of life and live in dignity.



Institutional excellence

Defenders Coalition will see to consolidate its position as a dynamic, effective and sustainable organization.

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2023, a year of renewed hope and opportunities



Dear friend, colleague and supporter of Human Rights Defenders in Kenya,

I take pride in welcoming you to the hallmark year in the promotion and protection of the rights of those involved in the protection of the rights of others, this through the commemoration of 25 years since the adoption of the declaration on human rights defenders as well as observing 75 years since the universal declaration of human rights was officially adopted at the United Nations General Assembly.

While we observe these significant days, I am proud that we have experienced tremendous progress towards the realization of rights and freedoms for all. Together, we have contributed towards the enjoyment of rights and freedoms as provided for in Chapter 4 of the Constitution of Kenya. It is inspiring that you have made it possible for women's voices to be heard, for children to access education, for the youth to be active in climate change conversations, for the majority to resist abuse of office and demand the delivery of quality service from the government.

At the same time, we must acknowledge that it is becoming extremely difficult for those involved in this work of defending and promoting the rights of others to operate in emerging democracies such as Kenya. In 2022, Defenders Coalition documented over 250 human rights defenders in Kenya being subjected to violations of their human rights including assault, arbitrary arrest and detention, death threats, harassment and defamation, as well as restrictions on their freedoms of movement, expression, association and assembly. In this first quarter of the year (2023), the operating environment for HRDs is not improving either as we are witnessing a wave of negative rhetoric against sexual minorities taking a choke hold on us. The cowardly murder of Edwin Chiloba is an example of how precarious the situation is. However, it is not all gloomy as the Supreme Court of Kenya has recently upheld that the freedom of association cannot be applied discriminately among Kenyans. I urge you to pick up the mantle from the Supreme Court of Kenya, abiding by the basic principles of human rights and ensure that we offer support and dignity to all human beings.

There are numerous learning points from the past. 2023 is the year for us to move leaps and bounds to do exemplary well in our work of defending the constitution and rule of law. I welcome you to interact with this brief round up of interventions by Defenders Coalition within the past two months and share with others/us the good work you are doing.

Kamau Ngugi,

Executive Director, Defenders Coalition

Chairperson -East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Network

Our Work During The Period

24

HRDs Received
an array of rapid
response
services

3

Medical Support

5

HRDs received
medical support

12

Legal Support

4

Received
Relocation
support



Winners of the 2022 Human Rights Defenders Awards.

From Left to right: Gloria Madegwa (Defenders Coalition), Ndungi Githuku (Standing in for Prof. Micere Mugo – Winner Lifetime Achievement Award), Ambassador Carol Vicini (Embassy of Sweden in Kenya), Billy Hani (Winner, upcoming HRD of the Year Award), Grace Kalekye (Winner, upcoming HRD of the Year Award), Lisa Gem (Winner, upcoming HRD of the Year Award), John Allan Namu (Winner Human Rights Defender of the Year Award, Boniface Mwangi – Winner, Popular Vote Award), Representative of Angela Davis – Winner Global Solidarity Award) and Kamau Ngugi (Defenders Coalition).

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CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS POSITIVE LASTING CHANGE IN SUPPORTIVE POLICY, LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS

On behalf of the Working Group on Human Rights Defenders, Defenders Coalition and the Embassy of Sweden in Kenya congratulates the winners of the 2022 Human Rights Defenders Awards after a feting ceremony held on 2 December 2022 in Nairobi.

The winners in the various categories are individuals and groups that have exemplified unbelievable courage, commitment and selflessness in the defence of human rights and promotion of justice for the weak the society.

A. Congratulations 2022 #HRDAwardKE Laureates

Through the Awards, we aim to motivate and showcase what ordinary citizens should do with their own communities to speak truth to power and advance constitutionalism.

The 2022 Human Rights Defenders Awards are unique in recognition that young kids can also contribute and set the pace for adults in doing what is right.

For instance, the case of Lia Gem who is 10 years old and winner of the Upcoming Human Rights Defender of the Year Award – is model for every citizen in terms of what they ought to do, no matter how young or old they are.



A. Statement ; Edwin Chiloba did not deserve such a brutal death, no one deserves it either!

We, human rights defenders, civil society organizations and advocates for the absolute right to life, dignity, non-discrimination, condemn the gruesome senseless murder of high-flying fashion model and rights defender Edwin Kiprotich Kiptoo, popularly known as Edwin Chiloba.

Edwin who hails from Uasin Gishu County was a human rights advocate who working on mainstreaming the dire situation of LGBTQ+ community.

From reports, Edwin's body was discovered lifeless and in a metal trunk by the roadside in Kapseret area on 5 January 2023.

The murder has caused a public uproar, but this is not enough. We decry that the murder of Edwin is one too many lives lost considering a string of murders of members of the sexual minority community.

We are concerned that the documented cases of sexual minority victims of violent crimes are consistently bulging as dust and justice at the mention of the names of Sheila Lumumba, Erica Chandra, Joash Mosoti is yet to settle.

As we applaud action by relevant authorities to arrest persons of interest, we call for speedy investigations and arraignment of suspects. We are concerned that the hate crime and violations on human rights defenders rarely receive appropriate and timely intervention, which has nurtured a culture of impunity.

We once again reiterate that the right to life is sacrosanct and is protected by our constitution and international treaties. Perpetrators must be arrested and tried in a court of law to ensure justice is served.

YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED THAT:



- *Four sexual minority rights activists have been killed in Kenya in a period of 21 months.*
- *A cross cutting issue in all murders is that close family and friends indicated that the victims had received threats before their murder.*
- *Justice remains elusive on the documented murder of Joash Mosoti, Erica Chandra and Sheila Lumumba.*

B. Victory Welcomed

Defenders Coalition welcomes the ruling by the Supreme Court of Kenya where it ruled that any LGBTQ+ organization can legally acquire a legal status as a non-governmental organization in Kenya putting an end to a long-running legal battle to allow LGBTQ+ Kenyans the freedom to associate, and form communities and organizations of support.

Defenders Coalition welcomes this affirmation on nondiscrimination as a prerequisite to all truly enjoying human rights and freedoms.



CASE UPDATE: FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION



NGLHRC NATIONAL GAY & LESBIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
DIGNITY EQUALITY FREEDOM

1. THE SUPREME COURT OF KENYA AFFIRMED THE DECISIONS OF THE HIGH COURT AND THE COURT OF APPEAL TO ALLOW FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AS A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (NGO) WITH THE WORDS 'GAY' AND 'LESBIAN' IN ITS TITLE.
2. THIS DECISION MARKS THE END OF A TEN-YEAR-LONG LEGAL BATTLE THAT BEGAN WHEN THE NGO CO-ORDINATION BOARD REJECTED OUR APPLICATION TO REGISTER DUE TO OUR NAME'S REFERENCE TO GAYS AND LESBIANS.

C. Chief Justice Emeritus Dr. Willy Mutunga pens down an article in honor of HRD Awards 2022 laureate Micere Mugo



In Matthew 13:53-6 we read about Jesus preaching in his hometown synagogue.

People knew him, his parents and his siblings. His people were amazed, but they began questioning where Jesus got his wisdom and miraculous powers.

In verse 57 we read: “And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, “Only in his home town and in his own house is a prophet without honour.”

At the National Theatre on January 10, 2023 artists, human rights and social justice activists, and feminists, gathered to present Professor Micere Githae Mugo with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

In an afternoon of radical and revolutionary music from the Field Marshal’s Band, we glorified and honoured our prophetess whose activism, radical writing, and socialist feminism are well known.

In our own city and our national theatre, Micere had our honour and glory.

In practice, we problematized and interrogated the words of Jesus by proving that we heeded his expectation that prophets and prophetesses should be honoured in their hometowns and houses.

This Human Rights Award, among other categories, are annually coordinated by the Defenders Coalition, a Human Rights NGO, that is assisted by the Working Group on Human Rights Defenders in Kenya.

The Human Rights Defenders Awards Judging Panel of four women and four men has since 2016 gone through the nominees and picked the Awards’ winners.

Funded by European Missions in Kenya in support of upholding, respecting, and protecting human rights and social justice, the partnership is also an example of global solidarity.

This initiative has been inspired by the immortal words of Desmond Tutu:

“It means a great deal to those who are oppressed to know that they are not alone. Never let anyone tell you that what you are doing is insignificant.”

A great panel of activists, former students and former colleagues of Micere at the University of Nairobi where she taught discussed her writing, politics, and her legacy in our struggles.

Moderated by Professor Kimani wa Njogu this panel glorified Micere and her works, particularly to young activists who read her works but could now internalize her works and politics after seeing her person.

There was a short session in which three members of the Human Rights Defenders Awards Judging Panel explained to the audience why they picked Micere for the Award.

Fundamentally, it was Micere’s consistent and continuous human rights activism; her socialist feminism; her patriotism; and her revolutionary vision for Kenya.

After the presentation of the Award Micere gave an unforgettable keynote speech. She briefly talked about her battle with cancer which has lasted 15 years.

At the age of 80 years, she was delighted to see the patriotism and revolutionary energy that was expressed in various ways in the Theatre.

A highlight of the afternoon was a video of Micere talking about who she is, her ideology and politics, and her vision for Kenya.

We all related this message to why our struggles for a new Kenya must continue.

One of Micere's mentees and former students, Dr Mshai Mwangola, had the last word when she took us through some of Micere's great poems in her book, *My Mother's Poem and Other Songs*.

I quote from the last poem Mshai read to us while we all participated in the refrain, "To be a Feminist is" which is also the title of the poem.

For me

to be a feminist is to denounce patriarchy
and the caging of women

it is

to wipe the fuzziness of colonial hangovers
to uproot the weeds of neo-colonial
pestilence

For me

to be a feminist is to hurl through cannon
of my exploding righteous fury
the cannibal named capitalism

it is

to pronounce a death sentence
on the ogre named imperialism.

For me

to be a feminist is to unhood racism
to decry Zionism to detonate apartheid
to obliterate "tribalism"

it is

to necklace homophobia
to drown fanaticism
to strangulate classism
to fumigate ethnic cleansing.

"Necklace homophobia"?

Over a week after this celebration, we were shocked by the brutal murder of Edwin Chiloba, a queer in the LGBTIQ+ community in Kenya.

A national debate, mainly in social media has taken place. It continues.

Lawyers, political leaders, women and men of various Faiths, and many others have made their contributions known.

Indeed, the issue of gay rights has reached our courts and it is headed to the Supreme Court of Kenya.

I suspect the decision of the Supreme Court on the issue will be glorified and vilified in an equal measure.

Homophobia continues to be one of the foundational ingredients in our politics of division. Our Constitution has a vision of building a democratic secular nation and society as a basis of our humanity. It is a vision whose struggle continues.

As the country peacefully, I hope, continues to debate this issue I hope we will also consider the words of our own great philosopher, theologian, and Reverend, the late Professor John Samuel Mbiti.

He writes: "Africans are notoriously religious, and each people has its own religious system with a set of beliefs and practices."

I hope we will also consider the words of Pope Francis on this issue:

"Who am I to judge."

The words of the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu are also important to reflect on.

He tells us that we do not own God; God has no partners; God is the Creator of all human beings; we should not second guess God; and that the God he worshipped was not homophobic.

Let me add that It is the same God we worship who has handed down a great commandment, Thou shalt not kill.

Micere teaches us to necklace homophobia. Let us also think through her words in the ongoing debate.

* Chief Justice & President of the Supreme Court, Kenya, 2011-2016

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D. Media Outreach Activities

The Defenders Coalition continues to make public outreach efforts with government institutions, media, members of the public, partners and human rights defenders to inform, share standpoints and influence perceptions about the work of human rights defenders.

The following were some of the highlights during the reporting period:

- Release of the Justice Watchers Podcast. All episodes are available on our channel - The Justice Watchers Podcast - on Google Podcasts, Anchor and Spotify streaming platforms.



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E. Human Rights Defenders in Nairobi stand in solidarity with murdered human rights lawyer Thulani Maseko of Swaziland

Human Rights Defenders in Kenya took to the streets of Nairobi to condemn the killing of human rights lawyer Thulani Maseko.

The HRDs marched on 30 January 2023 to the office of the Ministry of foreign Affairs to express pain and outrage at the brazen assassination Thulani Maseko. Thulani was gunned down at point blank range, in front of his wife and children at his home in Luhleko, Mbabane, on the evening of January 21, 2023. This atrocious, cowardly and cold-blooded act came a few hours after King Mswati had issued 'stern warnings' to those calling for democratic reforms in the country, and that his hired mercenaries would deal with them.

At the time of his death, Maseko was a senior member of Lawyers for Human Rights Swaziland, and chairperson of the Multi-Stakeholder Forum, a convergence of various stakeholders calling for constitutional reforms in Eswatini. As one of the founding members of SouthernDefenders, Maseko made an immense contribution to the advancement of justice and human rights not only in Eswatini, but throughout the Southern Africa region. He has carried out several fact-finding missions to countries like Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Malawi where he reported on the deterioration of civic space in the region.

In Eswatini, many will attest that Maseko persistently preached the message of peace and love. In the face of great adversity, Maseko remained steadfast in the fight for freedom and justice,

courageously raising awareness at the injustices suffered by the people of Eswatini. It is deeply saddening that he has paid the ultimate price with his life in this gruesome and callous manner.

While the government of Eswatini issued a statement condemning the murder of Maseko and its intention to investigate, Southern Defenders asserts that, given the political environment, only an independent investigation can ensure that those responsible for the assassination of Maseko and many others brutally injured and killed are brought to justice and their families rightfully compensated. We therefore call on SADC, the African Union, and the international community to hold the leadership of King Mswati III accountable for the violence that continues to be meted against the people of Eswatini, merely for advocating for their recognized fundamental human rights, including political participation.

SouthernDefenders is gravely concerned that the killing of Maseko signifies an increasingly dangerous deterioration of the political crisis in Eswatini. It is terrifying to observe the monarch clamp down on the people it is meant to serve and protect. Eswatini as a member of SADC and signatory to its Treaty is bound to uphold Article 4 of the Treaty which explicitly states that the principles guiding the acts of its members are human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

Article 5 of the Treaty further requires all states to promote and defend peace and security. SouthernDefenders reminds Eswatini that as a member state of SADC, its government should comply with the principles and guidelines to which the region is bound. The state of affairs in Eswatini is a clear reflection of the failure of the country's leadership to defend and maintain peace, security and transparency for its citizens. SADC cannot continue to stand by and watch.

As defenders from Africa, we wish to express our heartfelt condolences to Thulani Maseko's wife Tanele, their children, the Maseko family, and the human rights community in Eswatini. We reassert our support for and uncompromising solidarity with people of Eswatini in their continued quest for democracy. We call on the greater Africa and its friends to stand in solidarity with us on behalf of Maseko. His unshaken commitment for the achievement of justice and freedom will be our beacon for all time.



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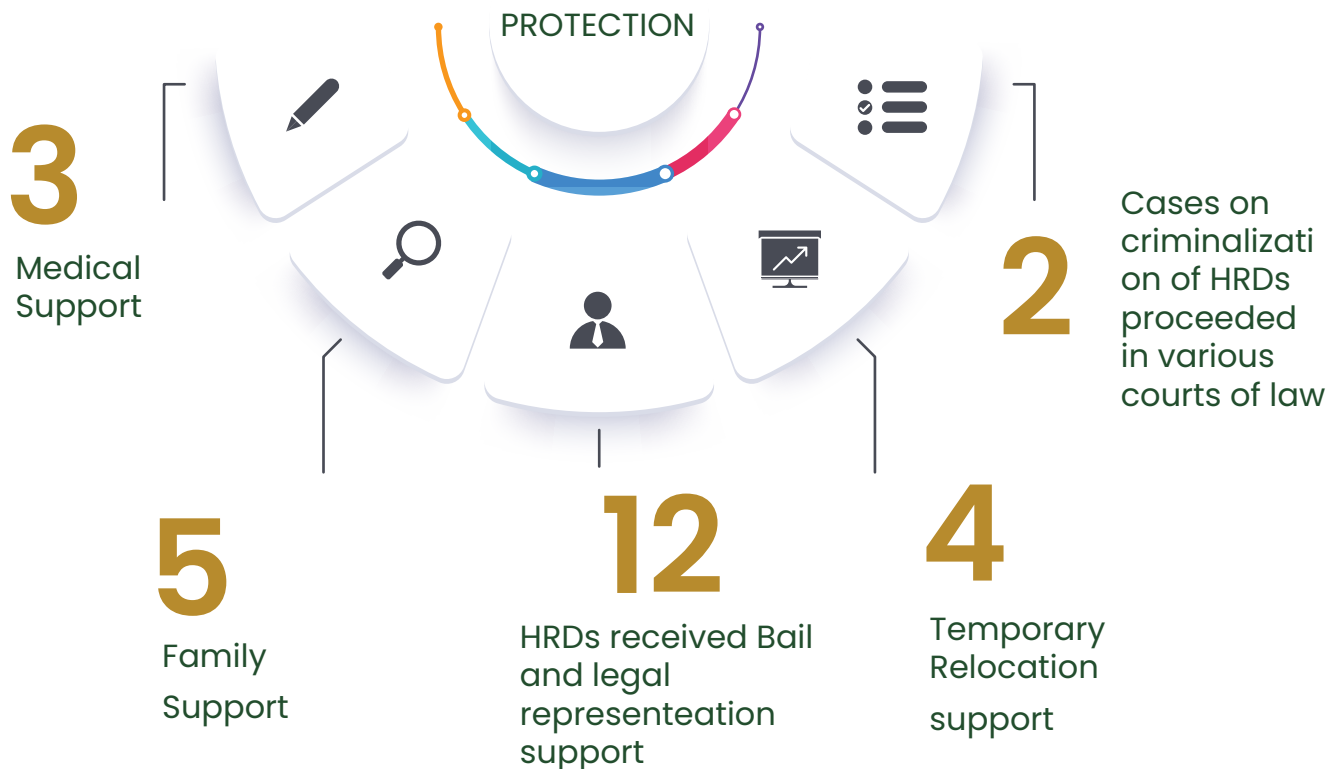


TOWARDS THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN KENYA

The main aim of this pillar will be to facilitate timely and appropriate responses to all forms of threats or insecurities to HRDs. This will be achieved by strengthening the capacities of HRDs and other service providers, more so, duty bearers, lawyers, medical personnel and counsellors among others.

Defenders Coalition intervenes in a timely way whenever HRDs are at risk and deliberately establishes strategic partnerships with complementary referral systems in order to ensure a systems approach to HRD support.

Our Work During The Period



A. FROM THE COURTS: SOLIDARITY AND UPDATES ON ONGOING MATTERS AGAINST HRDS

1. HEARING ON TRUMPED UP CHARGES AGAINST TWO HRDs GOES ON IN NANYUKI LAW COURTS

Two HRDs, Ian Kinyua and Dawin Wangechi appeared in Nanyuki Law Court for a hearing where they were charged with obstructing police officers from conducting their work. The two HRDs were arrested for standing up against police impunity and extortion in June 2022.

The hearing on the matter is ongoing.

2. PROSECUTION OF THE MURDER OF ELIZABETH EKARU IN MERU HIGH COURT

The Meru High Court ruled that the suspect was not fit to be granted bail/bond. On 5th November, the court also directed that the matter should proceed to hearing where the first hearing was heard on 12 January 2023 where two witnesses delivered their testimonies. The next hearing is scheduled for 19 January 2023.

3. THE HEARING OF CASE PERTAINING CRIMINALIZATION OF THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLY FOR FIVE (5) HRDS IN TURKANA COMMENCES

The hearing of the matter where David Ekidor, Mark Emase, Elipan Ekai, Benard Kerio and Emeri Lowos were arrested and charged with unlawful assembly, creating disturbance and incitement to violence failed to take place.

Hearing on the matter kicked off on 27 October 2022 at Lokichar Law Courts.

// The importance of timely determination of these matters cannot be underscored. Victims- who are human rights defenders- their families and friends are subjected to untold anguish due to the malicious prosecution and how lengthy the processes can be. Moreover, even after successful completion with eventual acquittal of any wrong doing by the courts, HRDs still carry a criminal tag in their records with the national security agencies. Defenders Coalition believes that no one should be subjected to judicial prosecution for being brave enough to stand up for what is right. No one should be persecuted for helping others. //

B. HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS ACQUITTED OF VARIOUS TRUMPED CHARGES IN THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR

ACQUITTED

Defenders Coalition welcomes the positive gesture by the office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP) for withdrawing cases brought to your attention, in which human rights defenders were subjected to unfair and illegal trials on account of defending human rights, the rule of law and the constitution.

CASE NUMBER	CIRCUMSTANCES OF ARREST AND PERSECUTION
<p>MCCR 1043/2019 Milimani Law Courts</p>	<p>The two Human Rights Defenders were arrested on 19th June 2019 during a civil society gathering at the Uhuru Park, Nairobi convened by the group, Africans for Sudan although a lawful notification of the meeting had been with the police two days before the event. The peaceful rally was planned in support of the people of Sudan in the turmoil they faced leading to the popular ouster of the country's strongman, Omar Al Bashir.</p> <p>Both Malombe and Kamau were detained briefly at the Central Police Station and afterward charged with criminal charges of; i) Taking part in Unlawful Assembly contrary to Section 79 of the Penal Code as well as ii) Rioting after Proclamation contrary to Section 83 of the same.</p>
<p>CMCRI 499/20 Kigumo Law Courts</p>	<p>Mary Nthambi, a squatter and land rights defender was arrested and accused in Kigumo Chief Magistrate Court on several criminal charges among them Forcible detainer, Malicious Destruction to Property and creating a disturbance. She was arrested on 2/7/2020 and weeks later, arraigned in the Kigumo court. Mary pleaded not guilty and pointed out to the Court that the complainant was using the judiciary to intimidate and harass her out of her land. The case failed to take off on numerous occasions due to the failure of the prosecution to produce the complainant and witnesses in court.</p> <p>The ODPP suggested to the court to withdraw the matter under sec 87 1 (a) after the legal representative of Mary and who was supported by Defenders Coalition noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The complainant is not keen on the prosecution of the case but the continuing punishment of the accused - The complainant and witnesses despite summons have ignored the court so as to ensure the punishment/delay of matter - The complainant has filed a case ELC No. 5/22, which is the proper forum for arbitration rather than punish the accused in a criminal process. This matter is live in court - The accused is stretched in her long wait for justice <p>The court observes rightly that the case is about Land, and not criminalization of the dwellers. Case was dismissed under CPC 206.</p>

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From Left: Peter Ngugi, Sylvia Wanjohi, Stephene Morogo and ex-cop Fredrick Leliman in Milimani Law courts where the sentencing was delivered on February 3, 2023.

D. WILLY KIMANI KILLERS SENTENCED TO VARIOUS PRISON TERMS

On 3 February 2023, Lady Justice Jussie Lessit sentenced former police officer believed to be the mastermind of the brutal murder and first accused Mr. Fredrick Leliman to death, second accused Stephen Morogo to 30 years, third accused Sylvia Wanjohi-24 years and fifth accused Police informant Peter Ngugi to 20 year in prison after they were found guilty of the murder of #Human Rights Defenders and lawyer Willie Kimani, Client Josephat Mwenda and their driver Joseph Muiruri. The While delivering the sentencing, Justice lessit termed the cold-blood killing of the three as "a most foul murder, an execution that was most heinous."

While the Defenders Coalition welcomed the sentencing of the four, it also noted that there are other cases of human rights defenders who have paid the ultimate price due to human rights work but justice remains elusive.

Land and Environmental Rights Defender Elizabeth Ekaru was hacked to death in January 2022 while Environmentalist Joanna Stutchbury was shot dead six months prior (July 2021). LGBTI+ activist and fashion designer Edwin Chiloba's body was found stuck in a metal box this January 2023. Chiloba's gruesome murder has already been dismissed as 'a case of intimate partner violence' pointing to the casual and callous manner in which cases of sexual violence are handled. Joash Mosoti (2021), Erica Kitalu (2021) and Shiela Lumumba (2022) are yet to be resolved and the the killers of Woman Human Rights Defender Carol Mwatha in February 2019 still walk free.

The pinnacle ruling in the case of a human rights defender should serve to remind all Kenyans that even human rights defenders have inherent rights that deserve to be protected and enjoyed.

D. FEEDBACK FROM BENEFICIARIES OF OUR WORK DURING THE PERIOD

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Defenders work extra miles forgetting themselves and at times exposing themselves to imminent dangers.

Well done. Keep defending human rights defenders

~~ Kiaswa Initiative

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Am happy to see new faces...this is growth.

Thanks to the Defenders Coalition for the amazing work you are doing.

ALUTA CONTINUA.

~~ Mauricio Ochieng - Kisumu



Freedom feels good!! After a long journey of seeking justice I and my comrades are finally FREE. We were arrested during the # N j a a R e v o l u t i o n campaign. Thanks to

@DefendersKE for the legal help, big up to Wakili Comrade Lempaa Suyinka

Aluta Continua to my Comrades from @UhaiWetu

~~ Minoo Kyaa

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Thanks Comrade's I was in last year academy and I can tell you for free I come out loaded Viva Comrade's may God bless you

~~ Agnes Okose

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ENHANCING THE CAPACITIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS TO EFFECTIVELY DEFEND THE CIVIC SPACE IN KENYA





Strengthening HRDs **RESILIENCE** TO SAFEGUARD CIVIC SPACE AND WELLBEING

#HRDAcademy

Nairobi 28THNOV - 2NDDEC 2022

A Project of Defenders Coalition

A. THE ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS ACADEMY

Each year since 2016, the Defenders Coalition organizes an annual week-long convening for training, networking and experience sharing event for human rights defenders from all over the country, working to promote human rights in the community.

Participants are equipped with critical skills in Monitoring, documentation, and reporting; personal and information safety and security Management; as well as enhancing personal and organizations socio-economic resilience so as to strengthen their economic wellbeing in the course of their work.

In 2022, the Defenders Coalition hosted the 7th HRd Academy where 120 grassroots activists went through a rigorous training on how to safely conduct human rights work.



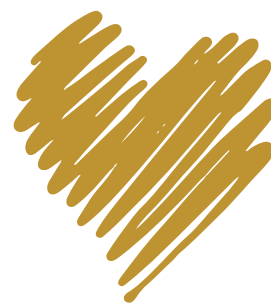
The opportunity to attend the annual HRD academy is priceless. I am excited because I have acquired skills from the training that I am positive can help me serve my community better.



**Edwin Shamir, HRD
Academy 2022 Cohort**

WALL OF HUMANITY

This page is deliberately left blank for you to scribble something and share with us some of the successes ypu experienced towards the promotion and protection of human rights during the period. We are happy to read and tell the whole world about it. Share the stories with us via communication@defenderscoalition.org.





A permanent home for human rights defenders is coming to shape.

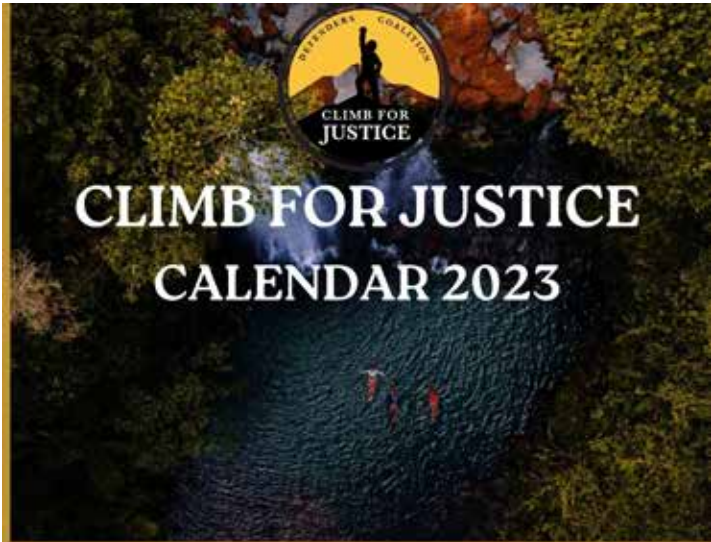
A PERMANENT HOME FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IS ON THE HORIZON!

Defenders Coalition has successfully procured space for Haki Village with the support of Kenyans, HRDs and donors.

The Coalition is gearing towards the next steps of setting up HAKI Village in the newly acquired space.

We thank you for the support and solidarity in raising a shilling towards the course.

In 2023, we invite you to join in the climb of Justice initiatives as on the calendar here.



Kanunga falls , Murang'a - 18th March.

Ragia Falls, Lari 6th May.

Table Mountain , Aberdares- 17th June.

Mt. LeSatima, Aberdares- 29th July.

Mt.Kilimanjaro, Arusha-9th- 15thSeptember

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4. American Jewish World Service
5. Fund for Global Human Rights
6. The Embassy of Sweden in Nairobi, Kenya
7. Open Society Foundations
8. Defend Defenders.
9. United Nations Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights
10. ASTREA Foundation
11. Urgent Action Fund
12. JASS Associates

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