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They have come for the
Rights to Protest!



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We champion the safety and security of Human Rights Defenders in Kenya

WHAT WE DO



Supportive Policy, Legal and Institutional Frameworks



HRD Protection and Safety



Socio-economic wellbeing of HRDs



Institutional excellence

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

OUR WORK DURING THE PERIOD



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Medical Support



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Psychosocial Support



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HRDs received cash Bail and bond support

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HRDs received legal representation support

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Cases on criminalization of HRDs proceeded in various courts of law

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Relocation and family support

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A. Kenya: Now is the opportunity to defend Freedom of Expression and Assembly



In the months of June and July, Kenya has witnessed an increase of economic and political crisis attributed to poor governance and high cost of living. Citizens, including human rights defenders (HRDs), have stood up to agitate for the government to ensure upholding of the rule of law and good governance. This has been through exercising their right to freely and peacefully assemble as enshrined in Article 37 of the Constitution of Kenya.

Defenders Coalition - Kenya and DefendDefenders, in a joint statement, condemned the government's refusal for its citizenry to exercise their right to protest against its failure to address key concerns affecting Kenyans. Restrictions on the freedom of assembly and consequent excessive use of force by security agencies during nationwide demonstrations which include the 2023 #SabasabaMatchForOurLives.

The two institutions expressed deep concern over the injuries inflicted upon peaceful protestors and arbitrary arrests which gravely undermine the right to freedom of assembly.

We further called upon the Kenyan government to uphold its constitutional and international obligations to protect the right to protest and ensure the safety and security of human rights defenders (HRDs) who play a crucial role in advancing democratic principles

and social justice.

On 7 July 2023, the Saba Saba protests witnessed a disturbing display of police violence, including the lobbing of tear gas and brutal handling of peaceful protestors. The arbitrary arrests of 75 human rights defenders (HRDs) was reported in Nairobi, Vihiga County, Turkana County, Kisii, Migori, and Mombasa Counties, further highlighting the systematic targeting of those exercising their rights.

According to CIVICUS Monitor, Kenya is ranked as obstructed.

This means, serious restrictions including illegal surveillance, excessive force during protests and physical attacks on journalists occur.

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These actions not only violate fundamental human rights but also create an environment of fear, stifling dissent and hindering the ability of HRDs to carry out their essential work.

We are deeply troubled by the police's disruptive tactics, including the use of tear gas and stones to disperse crowds, as well as their refusal to accept notifications of peaceful protests, deeming them "illegal." Such tactics undermine the democratic process and deny citizens their right to express their grievances freely. The police's actions contradict the Constitution of Kenya, particularly Articles 37 and 33, which guarantee the right to protest, picket, and self-expression, and must be urgently addressed.

"The violent dispersal of lawyers and human rights defenders at central police station while discharging their duty is a serious affront on the due process. We condemn the action of police headed by Mr Moses Mutayi, station head at Central Police station for using unnecessary force including detonating teargas to disperse an eminent person, the former Chief Justice and president of the Supreme Court Dr Willy Mutunga, the human rights defenders and their legal team detained when they were negotiating for the release of detained protestors, on bail. We further call on the Independent Police Oversight Authority to immediately commence investigations on this and other instances where police officers and commanders used excessive force and abused their powers," - argued Kamau Ngugi Executive Director at Defenders Coalition, Kenya, and Chairperson of the East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Network.

Recommendations

Following the response by the police on peaceful protestors, the Defenders Coalition and DefendDefenders recommended as follows:

1. Relevant authorities to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into the events that led to the loss of lives and the use of excessive force.
2. Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) to investigate cases of excessive force and arbitrary arrests during protests. Perpetrators must be held accountable for their actions, and victims must receive justice and reparations.
3. The government should take immediate steps to guarantee the safety and security of HRDs, who are at heightened risk due to their role in promoting human rights and democracy. This includes providing adequate protection mechanisms, addressing threats and intimidation, and fostering an enabling environment for their work.
4. Law enforcement to implement comprehensive training programs focusing on human rights, peaceful conflict resolution, and the importance of protecting and facilitating peaceful protests.
5. The Kenyan Government to ensure that law enforcement fully complies at all times with international human rights law and standards on policing peaceful protests.
6. We urge the government and all stakeholders to address the root causes that led to these protests and ensure that genuine grievances are heard and addressed .



B. Kenya is marching slowly into a police state

The last few months Kenyans have witnessed waves of protests by various groups, including civil society organizations, general public, public service vehicle (PSV) operators, taxi drivers, a section of civil servants and political opposition, as an expression of anger over the soaring cost of living, controversial tax hikes contained in the Finance Act, and mandatory retesting for all PSV drivers.

Majority of these groups spilled into the streets to exercise the freedom of assembly and right to protest with hopes that the state agencies responsible would listen to the plights. Unfortunately, these groups have been met with brutal force by the security agencies resulting in serious injuries, extra-judicial execution, and forced disappearances.

From July 7 to 19, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) have reported 27 extrajudicial, summary, and arbitrary executions (EJE) – Fatal police shootings. While President Ruto had promised to end the era of police killer squads, the recent unfoldings reveal that the security agencies have clear intentions to execute protestors. In fact, it has been reported that some of these officers masquerade as journalists in order to arrest and execute protestors. The five deaths in Mlolongo are clear examples of state-ordered executions.

gun-shot wound on the back. This shows that there was clear intention by the security agents to shoot-to-kill. All the five shootings took place miles away from the ExpressWay where the main protests were ongoing.

During the protests, the Defenders Coalition was concerned that 34 HRDs were arrested on July 7 in Nairobi and Turkana Counties respectively, 1 HRD was assaulted, arrested, and detained without access to medical attention on 12 July, 2 in Kajiado County on 12 July, 2 HRDs were attacked at their office on 19 July 2023 while one, Boniface Ogutu was abducted on 20 July. His whereabouts are still unknown. Additionally, we are also shocked by reports of alleged torching of Nyando Justice Centre by police officers. The center that has been in operation for close to 10 years is an immediate neighbor to Ahero Police Station.

On 7 July 2023, 45 Human Rights Defenders from various parts of the Country were arrested while exercising their right to peaceful assembly

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Summary of concerning issues regarding realization of Article 37 Rights (1 Jan- 31 July 2023)

1. Arrests: Fifty-five (55) HRDs 2 and other over 400 citizens including politicians unlawfully arrested while exercising the freedom of assembly.
2. Police used excessive force to disperse peaceful protests in which protestors were injured.
3. Police Killings: At least thirty-five (35) people reportedly died because of police killing during a policing protest.
4. Impunity: No police officers have been held accountable for their actions during protest policing.
5. The most affected counties are Nairobi, Kisumu, Migori, Nakuru, Kajiado, Machakos and Makueni.
6. Media freedom: Over twenty-five (25) journalists were injured while in the line of duty.



C. Freedom of Assembly: The situation of the Right to Protest

Following increased restrictions and violations against public assemblies, the Defenders Coalition set out to monitor the extent to which Kenyans freely exercised their freedom of assembly, specifically through protests.

Over the years, Kenya’s civic space has been considered as shrinking. In 2022 and 2023, CIVICUS Monitor declared Kenya’s civic space as obstructed due to a number of reasons.

For instance, the exercise of Article 37 of the Constitution of Kenya is often restricted by subsidiary laws like the Public Orders Management Act, the Penal Code, and Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act (2018).

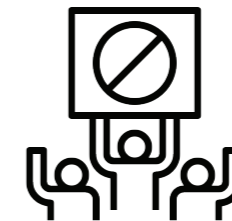
In 2022 alone, the Defenders Coalition responded to over 80 HRDs in distress due to restrictions on the freedom of assembly.

The HRDs were either brutally arrested, detained for not more than 2 days, and violently dispersed. Later, the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP) would charge them with malicious charges not limited to unlawful assembly or causing disturbance.

In January 2023, the Defenders Coalition set out to document the violations on HRDs peacefully using assemblies to petition the state and agitate for certain rights.



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D. Media Freedom Under Siege

The Defenders Coalition joined other civil society organizations under the umbrella of the Civic Freedoms Forum, to condemn the reckless and irresponsible statements made by Cabinet Secretary for Trade, Moses Kuria following media's reporting on governance and accountability issues in his ministry.

The media in Kenya, as in many countries globally, is under attack from the government over what the government terms as the "media's failure to report on the successes but rather report on the failures of the government."

During the reporting period, the Defenders Coalition documented threats on specific media house - Nation Media Group- that can be attributed to the outcome of one of their investigative pieces.

To the surprise of many, a top state official - Cabinet Secretary for Trade, Moses Kuria - spearheaded a tirade of irresponsible remarks on the media house on several occasions.

The Cabinet Secretary is reported to have made remarks that targeted the Nation Media Group, stating that the said media house needs to decide whether they are the opposition or the press. This statement was made during the Akorino Annual Convention held in Embu County. The CS is further reported to have threatened to sack government officers who would be found to have placed advertisements with the Nation Media Group.

In our view, these attacks amount to suppression of freedom of expression. These coordinated attacks and intimidation deny the media and even Kenyans the freedom to share information and express a range of ideas, opinions and political views. The corollary to this is that if people are not free to receive information in the form of a range of ideas, opinions and political views, they will not be sufficiently well informed to make appropriate and meaningful engage with the government.

It is disappointing to note that 12 years after the promulgation of a very progressive Bill of Rights within the Kenyan Constitution, rights are still treated as privileges. The freedom of the media is guaranteed under Article 34 of the Kenyan Constitution.



The right is also guaranteed under regional and international human rights instruments ratified by Kenya, including, Article 9 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights (Banjul Charter) and Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

We, therefore, condemn, in the strongest terms possible, the actions and statements made by Moses Kuria and reiterate that it was in total disregard of his constitutional rights.



Moses Kuria, Cabinet Secretary for Trade

Media freedom is critical in for various reasons

1. Media is a classical platform for truth-seeking and an marketplace of ideas, which in turn develops, hone and refine people's ideas, opinions and views, helps people to reject, discard or replace ideas, opinions and views, the media convinces others of their arguments, ideas, opinions and views and lastly provides a platform for people to consider and assess arguments, ideas, opinions and views of others.
2. We remind all Kenyans and the political class that the media's role of monitoring the activities of public administrations and other institutions and practices that directly and indirectly affect the public ensures increased transparency and accountability in governance.

3. The media plays an advocacy role by highlighting the plight of ordinary citizens due to the conviction that its life or that of the citizens can be improved or worsened depending on how public authority is exercised. The press as an advocate will report not only on what is happening but on what should be happening.



E. Engagement with Nakuru Court Users Committee(CUC)

On 13 July, the Defenders Coalition partnered with the Centre for Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance (CEDGG) and Midriff Hurinet to engage the Nakuru County Court Users Committee (CUC).

The engagement is part of the ongoing efforts to adopt a Human Rights Based Approach framework while tackling organized crimes and gangs in Nakuru.

The process which kicked off in June 2022 initially brought together various actors for purposes of co-creating HRBA response mechanisms by all stakeholders.

Various actors such as the Judiciary, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), Community, civil society organizations and correctional services Justice attended the meeting and have expressed keenness to adopt the strategy to address the key issues surrounding the continued existence of criminal gangs in the Nakuru.

It is our goal that a HRB approach in the process will also enhance the safety and security of civil society actors who protect and promote the rights of the gangs such as right to life and right to be presented before a court of law for fair hearing.

why engage with County Court Users Committees?

“ Defenders Coalition encourages HRDs to join the CUC as a special interest group to: Enhance the understanding of the circumstances under which certain HRDs are in confrontation with the law (where judicial persecution is taking place), addressing issues such as case backlogs and delay/circumventing the administration of justice and enhance access to information by the public. ”



F. Engagement with UN Mechanisms

In June, the Defenders Coalition and its partners conducted a successful week-long engagements with states, United Nations special mechanisms and procedures on state of human rights and frontline human rights defenders on the sidelines of the 53rd Human Rights Council Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.

Defenders Coalition together with its partner and National Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission highlighted the situation of Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) HRDs following the Supreme Court's ruling on the right of association of sexual minorities in Kenya.

Through the engagement, we expressed the need for member states of the UN HRC to engage Kenya on the need to put in place mechanisms that would otherwise create a safe environment for SOGIE HRDs and supporters to operate.

It was concerning that within just three months of the court ruling, Defenders Coalition received over 100 cases where SOGIE HRDs needed emergency support, with majority of them receiving much needed support.

The prevailing working environment for SOGIE activists is concerning. Our attention must be brought to these concerns considering the trends in the anti-gay legislative frameworks that have been passed within the East African region in recent years.

In Kenya, the Defenders Coalition expresses concern on the safety and security of SOGIE rights defenders in the event that some of the draconian proposed laws including the Family Protection Bill are passed.



G. Hurray, new pool of advocacy champions is in place

In July, DefendDefenders, Amnesty International - Netherlands and Defenders Coalition conducted a week-long capacity enhancement exercise on national, regional and international advocacy.

Among others, the training aimed to:

1. Enhance the knowledge and skills of HRDs in Kenya in national, regional and international advocacy mechanisms.
2. Build a pool of HRDs with skills and knowledge to train others on national, regional and international advocacy

“ This was a wonderful opportunity to learn from each other, in detail, on the issues that we are advocating for. I am happy to go home with renewed confidence and skill on how to advance mu cause differently and with great impact. Agnes Mbucho, Kwale County. ”

- Agnes Mbucho, Kwale County

HRD
HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS
2023 AWARDS

Nominations now open

Nominate outstanding individuals who have demonstrated **Courage, Innovation & Impact** in the promotion and protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in your community.

go to: www.defenderscoalition.org / send a voice nomination via 0716 200100

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS
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The Call for nominations for the 2023 Human Rights Defenders Awards is out, nominate someone now!

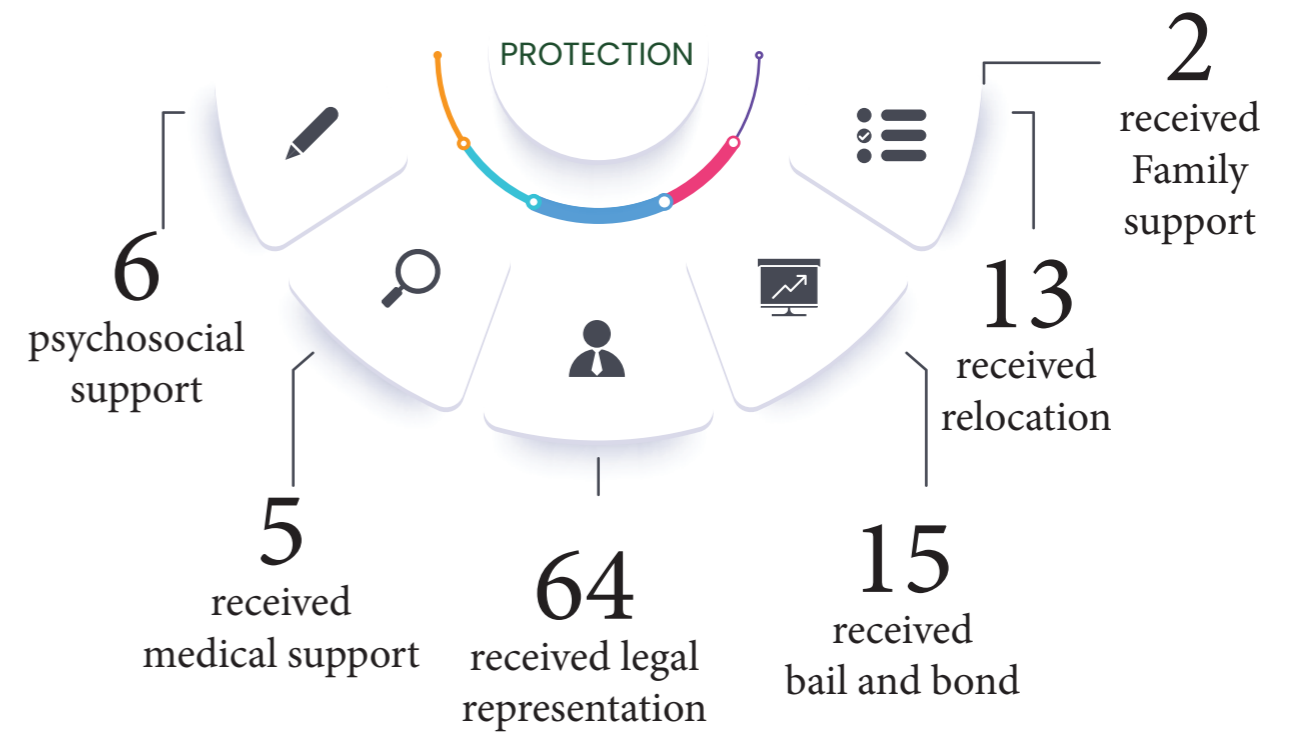
[Click here to nominate](#)

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 IN JUNE AND JULY



TOWARDS THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN KENYA



A. Ongoing Matters pertaining criminalization of Human Rights Defenders in Various Courts of Law

On 19th July 2023, Human Rights Defenders John Maigua and Darwin Wangeci were arraigned in Nanyuki Law Courts for plea taking.

They two HRDs are facing trumped-up charges of unlawful Assembly, erecting a roadblock, incitement to violence, and creating disturbance, which they pleaded not guilty to.

The matter is set for mention on 3rd August 2023.



On 19th June 2023, our legal team together with WHRDs from Isiolo county attended the hearing of the case of the late Comrade Elizabeth Ekaru who was murdered in January 2022. On this day, two witnesses presented their statements to the court. The next hearing date will be on 18th September where two final witnesses are expected to give their statements



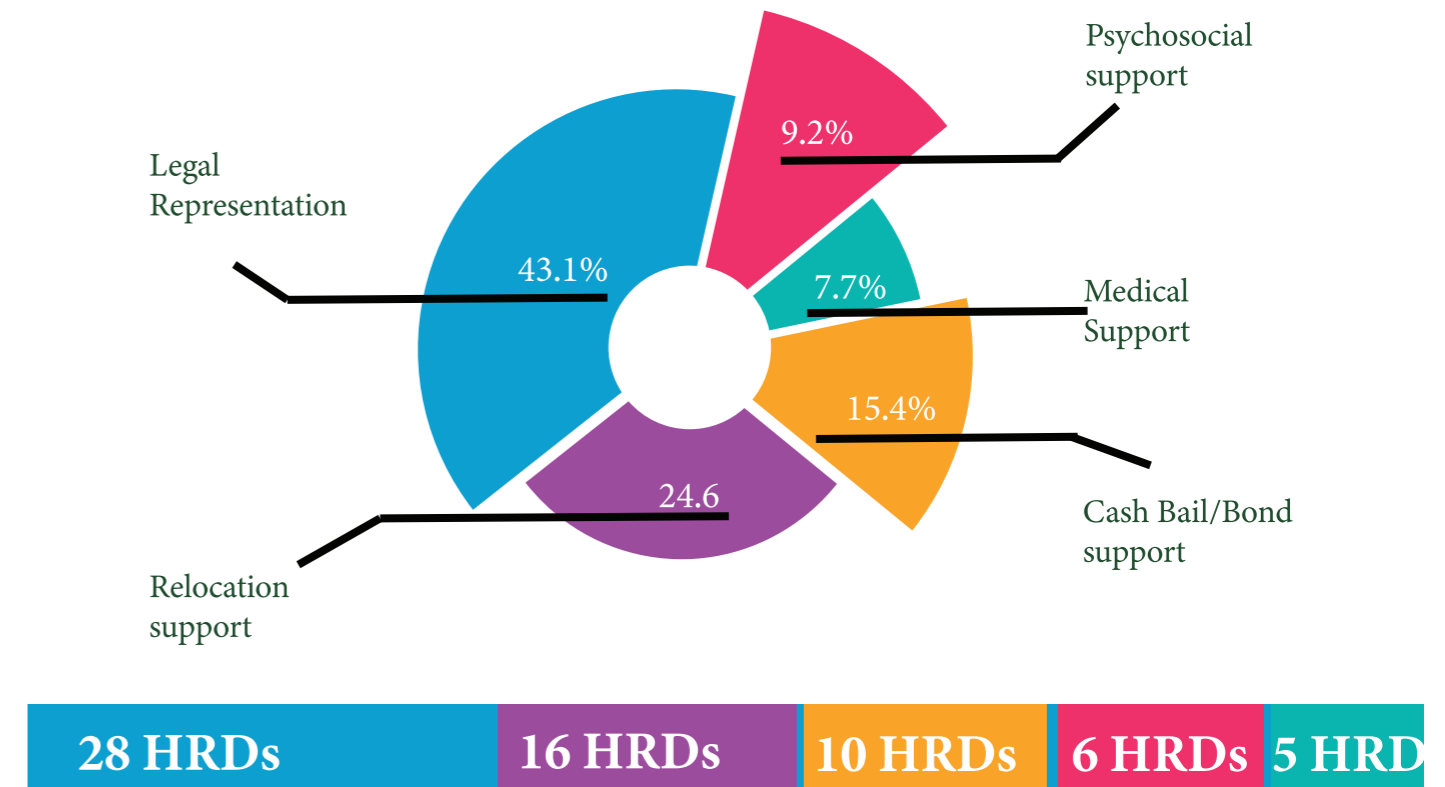
On 7th July 2023, three (3) Human Rights Defenders were arrested in Lodwar. The HRDs were taking part in demonstrations protesting against the high cost of living and high taxes imposed by the government through the Finance Bill. The three were arraigned in Lodwar Law Courts on 10 July and charged with unlawful assembly. Matter went up for mention on 26th July 2023. The hearing on the matter will commence on 25 October 2023.

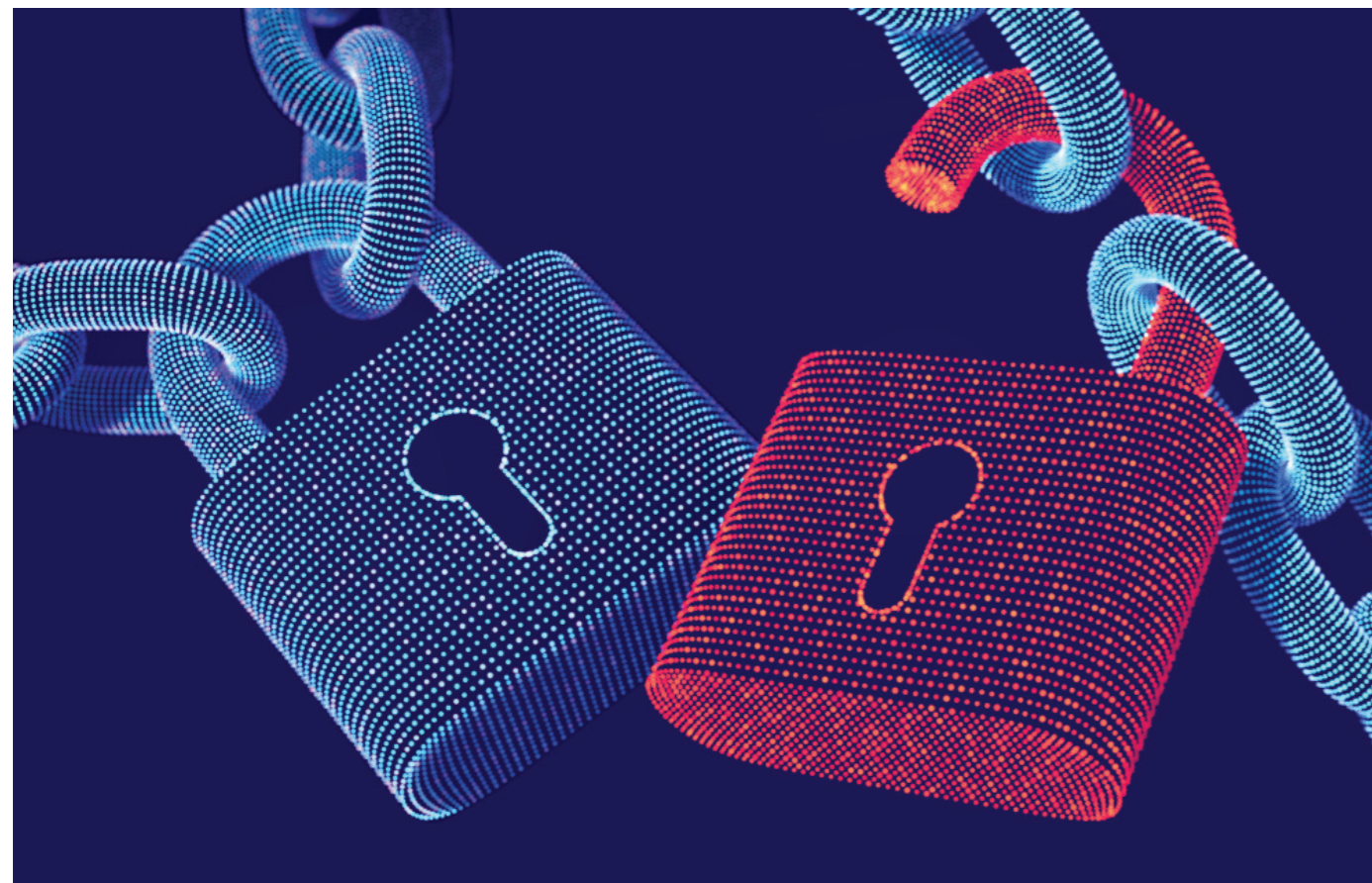
B. Rapid Response and Protection in numbers

HRDs have increasingly exercised their fundamental right to assemble, demonstrate, picket, and petition. However, this has led to a sharp increase in arbitrary arrests and unlawful detention of HRDs by the police.

In response to this critical issue, the Defenders Coalition’s rapid response team has continued to swiftly provide legal representation and cash bail/bond to secure HRDs release thus giving them the confidence to continue amplifying their voices.

Other forms of support that HRDs have continued receiving include relocation support, medical support and psychosocial support with the specific numbers as indicated below.





C. Capacity Building on Security Management

Physical and Digital Security Management Trainings:

- The Defenders Coalition continued to equip HRDs with critical skills on personal and organizational security management.
- Over the period, 70 HRDs have directly benefited from this initiative. To put into perspective, 20 Journalists drawn from the Eastern Part of Kenya were reached, 20 members of the Western Chapter Social Justice Centres and 30 HRDs from Bungoma county were reached.

The skills gained from the trainings enhances the confidence among HRDs regarding personal and organizational safety and security.

D. Organizations Security enhancement

Additionally, the Defenders Coalition conducted security audits for two organizations, with the aim of identifying existing security gaps and vulnerabilities.

Through this process, the Defenders Coalition provided implementable solutions to fortify the audited organizations' security infrastructure.

This proactive approach ensures that HRDs and their organizations are better prepared to withstand potential threats/risks and continue their essential human rights work.

Anne Owinga, Protection Officer, pens down her experience working with human rights defenders - July 2023



The rampant occurrence of arbitrary and unlawful arrests and detentions has become a distressing pattern during peaceful protests led by Human Rights Defenders (HRDs). Over the course of the past month, I personally bore witness to a series of events that showcased the unrelenting persecution faced by HRDs.

These brave individuals were subjected to a barrage of harassment, intimidation, and threats in their pursuit of justice. It's disheartening that all these protests were aligned with the tenets of Article 37 of the constitution, which explicitly guarantees the right to peaceful assembly, demonstration, picketing, and presenting petitions to public authorities. Regrettably, the reality on the ground has been vastly different.

Within this timeframe, I observed several deplorable practices employed by the police to quell the efforts of Human Rights Defenders during their protests. Some officers posed as journalists with intentions to make arrests, while others deployed teargas, resorted to arbitrary arrests, employed physical violence, and even utilized high-velocity water cannons to disband peaceful gatherings.

In my role as a protection officer, hardly a week goes by without the need to accompany our legal team to police stations and courts to secure the release of arrested HRDs. Recently on 31st July 2023, a distressing incident involved the arrest and charging of three HRDs with the trivial offense of littering. When they dared to question the grounds for their arrests, they were subjected to physical assault and unfairly branded as activists and public agitators. This troubling situation serves as clear evidence of effort to si-

lence Human Rights Defenders. The implications are direct- those advocating for human rights become muted, who will step forward to advocate for us?

On July 20th, an incident occurred where a human rights advocate was forcibly taken by six unidentified individuals suspected to be police officers riding motorcycles in a location within Kisumu. He was then transported to an undisclosed location where he endured severe torture for days. Subsequently, he was left in a sugarcane plantation. He later positively identified the six assailants as police officers.

During the commemoration of the Saba Saba protests on 7th July 2023, a total of 34 HRDs were arrested in Nairobi while participating peacefully in demonstrations against the escalating cost of living and the government's imposition of high taxes through the Finance Act. I was among those who gathered at the Nairobi central police station on 8th July 2023 at exactly 11.40am to rally for the release of the detained HRDs. Tragically, our efforts were met with teargas. In the midst of the chaos, as I fled with tears streaming down my face and gasping for breath, I couldn't help but contemplate how I would cope if this appalling scenario became the new norm. This incident happened only three days after I assumed my role. Since then, I've fortified myself and taken up the mantle of protecting Human Rights Defenders, offering them the support they urgently require. This support encompasses sourcing legal aid and accompaniment, providing psychosocial assistance, arranging medical referrals, facilitating relocations, and securing safe housing for those who must move from their current locations.



Photo Gallery from June and July



Feedback from our beneficiaries during the period

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 We will not relent.
 We will not be cowed.
 let it be known . Shame on the
 Police for disrupting peaceful
 protesrs. Thank you @Defender-
 sKE for legal assistance. -
 Uhai Wetu

Defenders Coaliton, your work is
 much appreciated.
 Forward with HRD digital and
 ophysical security training. Vi-
 vaaa!!
 Akumu Ouko



Great Job Defenders.
 We are proud of you and your
 accomplishments.
 Keep it Up!
 _ Agnes Okose

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From Left: Wanjiru Irungu, Njeri Gakuo, Odhiambo Oyoko, Wanjeri Nderu, Irene Mutile, Albert Migoa, Boniface Ogola, Salima Njoki, James Alaman and Njeri Mwangi during the resource team retreat in June 2023.

A. Mental Wellbeing Resource Team retreat

On the 15th and 16th June 2023, the quarterly meetings for the CSOs working group on mental health for streamlining and advocating for policy reforms met to discuss the issues HRDs have been facing in the previous quarter.

HRDs mental health with a focus on 5 key areas being information sharing, coordination and harmonization of activities and major commemorations, policy influence and development, advocacy, and capacity building.

Due to the nature of work of human rights defenders; often they face threats, violence, arrests, abductions, and imprisonment by the state. In addition, they tend to experience livelihood challenges because of their inability to sustain stable sources of income due to the stigma or deliberate undermining of their businesses. Also, HRDs working on contested issues such as LGBTQ+ rights are especially vulnerable and at risk.

Human Rights Defenders Mental Wellbeing Resource Technical Team is a team of 9 individuals who are mental health champions with representation from the social justice centers, The Ni Mama Net, CSOs & mental health professionals/ practitioners.

The aim of the resource team is to assist in identifying a framework to support good practice for positive



ENHANCING THE SOCIO- ECONOMIC WELLBEING AND CAPACITIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS TO EFFECTIVELY DEFEND THE CIVIC SPACE IN KENYA



Participants pose for a group photo during the review of the 2020 -2025 Strategic Plan in June 2023.

A. We are in the middle of our 2020-2025 strategic plan

The Defenders Coalition’s Strategic Plan, a comprehensive document outlining the organization’s long-term vision, strategic objectives, targets, and priorities for the Coalition during the programming period of 2020-2025.

In June 2023, the Defenders Coalition conducted a midterm review of this strategic plan to assess the organization’s progress in the implementation of the strategic plan.

The review aimed to identify challenges, draw lessons from the experiences, and develop a way forward to effectively address any obstacles and continue mak-

ing strides towards realizing its mission.

In attendance were various stakeholders, including the Secretariat, allies, Human rights defenders, partners, beneficiaries and the Board of Trustees



The Award presented to Defenders Coalition on 27 July 2023.

A. Defenders Coalition recognized during PEMA Kenya’s 15-year Anniversary

Defenders Coalition was elated by the recognition of the impact of our work during a colorful and well organized 15 years anniversary gathering by Pema Kenya.

We witnessed a communion of love, commitment and resilience. 15 years of dedication to people and their cause. The organization has grown, creatively delivering services, expanding the movement and networks in the most unbelievable way.

During the event which took place on 27 July, Defenders Coalition was recognized under the “Long Term Partnerships and Collaborations at the National Level Award”, a significant recognition of its

dedication to advancing the protection, safety, and security response for allies, (Genders and Sexual Minorities) GSM community members, and LGBTQ+ human rights defenders. It showcases the organization’s impactful work and collaborative efforts in the field of human rights.

Such events and awards are not only an acknowledgment of past accomplishments but also provide motivation and inspiration for Pema Kenya and their partners to continue their valuable work in advocating for the rights of GSM individuals and promoting social inclusion in Kenya’s coastal region and beyond.



Below is a captivating account of their remarkable experiences throughout this extraordinary endeavor.

• Mt. Le Satima Experience

Amidst the awe-inspiring beauty of Table Mountain, our team of human rights defenders set off on an exhilarating hike.

The towering peaks and lush valleys served as a fitting backdrop for the discussions on the critical issues they championed. Sharing experiences and perspectives, strategizing on ways to amplify advocacy efforts and create a lasting impact in their communities.

With each step they took, they were not only pushing their physical limits but also breaking barriers in the fight for justice.

A. Scaling mountains and hills for setting up Haki Centre

In their pursuit of fundraising for the establishment of the Haki Village, a dedicated team of human rights defenders embarked on a transformative journey on the 17th of June, exploring the captivating landscapes of Table Mountain in Aberdare Ranges.

Bound together by their unwavering dedication to justice and human rights, they united to raise awareness, advocate for change, and gather funds. Exactly one month later, on the 29th of July, they resumed their mission, venturing once more into the majestic terrains of Aberdare Ranges to conquer Mt Satima.

• Table Mountain Experience

On the 29th of July, the team embraced once again the rugged terrain of Aberdare Ranges and the majestic height of Mount Satima.

The challenge posed by these mountains mirrored the uphill battle for human rights, reinforcing their determination to overcome adversity and effect meaningful change.

The experience of hiking for justice in Table Mountain, Aberdare Ranges, and Mount Satima left an indelible mark on each member of the team. Their determination to uphold human rights grew stronger, and their commitment to working together as a cohesive force became unwavering.

As they returned from their journeys, they carried with them the memories of breathtaking landscapes and meaningful encounters, inspiring them to continue their vital work as human rights defenders and advocates of justice.

JOIN US AT THE NEXT HIKE

Destination: Mt. Kenya Day Hike
Date: 16 September 2023

Amount: KES 2,750
Group of 4 - KES 10,000

Payment to:

Mpesa Paybill - 810896
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Thank you

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