

NEWSLETTER

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EDUCATION OUT LOUD (EOL) OPERATIONAL COMPONENT 1 AND 3 MEETING

9th -14th May, 2022



E.O.L Regional Grant Manager Oxfam Ibis, Uganda organized a learning and sharing event in Nairobi that brought together grantees under operational component 1(OC1) and operational component 3(OC3) of the Education out initiative. The target OC1 participants were from countries that OC3 grantees are going to implement initiatives. OC3 grantees have been funded to implement activities of a transnational nature. Part of the objective of the meeting served to introduce OC1 Grantees to the OC3 grantees operating in their countries. The Coalition is an OC1 grantee. The OC3 grantee for Kenya is Kesho Kenya an organization that is also a member of Elimu Yetu Coalition. The Coalition will partner with Kesho on special needs education as it implements OC3 activities in Kenya.

GPE AND ROTARY RECEPTION

10th May, 2022



Mutua and Nairobi Regional Education Coordinator Margaret Lesuuda

GPE co- hosted a reception with Rotary International to dialogue on opportunities for business action and impact. Elimu Yetu Coalition was one of the invitees. Other CSOs represented were Action Aid and FAWE. The event was graced by Principal Secretary for the State department for Early Learning and Basic Education Dr. Julius Juan. Also in Attendance was the Chair of the Parliamentary Committee for Education Hon Florence Mutua. The conversation was around the provision of quality education to every child. Participants also addressed challenges experienced in accessing basic education by marginalized communities. The plight of the Girl Child was especially underscored. Participants agreed on the need to pull resources together and partner in order to meet Education Goals.

ELIMU YETU COALITION MEETING WITH GPE ACTING CEO

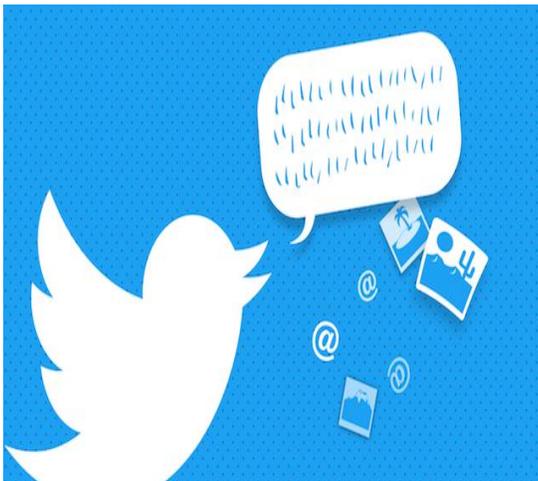


The National Coordinator receiving the recognition plaque from GPE Acting C.E.O Charles North

11th May, 2022

The National Coordinator, Joseph Wasikhongo had the privilege of meeting the Acting C.E.O of the Global Partnership for Education(GPE) Mr. Charles North in Nairobi. The meeting focused on the New GPE Funding Model; and they explored the role the Civil Society would play during the implementation of the Kenya Partnership Compact. During the meeting, the C.E.O presented a plaque to Elimu Yetu in recognition of the commitment of the Coalition towards transforming Education in Kenya.

NATIONAL MEDIA TWT/ REVENUE BIASES AND BURDEN FOR KENYA



20th May, 2022

The National Media Tweet event was prompted by the need to address matters related to the transition to Junior Secondary School occasioned by the “confusion” around the issue within the public domain. Participants drawn from education stakeholders discussed challenges to the process and the most immediate issue was on the absorption of about 2.5million learners transitioning to secondary school with about 50% transitioning from grade 6 of the CBC while the other half from the 8.4.4 system. The transition was also happening amidst congestion in secondary schools, inadequate teachers and the need to train teachers on how to manage the transition. EYC opined that the Ministry should develop guidelines to ensure smooth transition to Junior Secondary.

REVENUE BIASES AND BURDENS IN KENYA



25th May, 2022

On 25th May, 2022 the coalition was invited to a meeting organized by East African Tax and Governance Network (EATGN). Participants had the opportunity to discuss and share experiences on Double Taxation agreements, Public Finance management and debt advocacy, the finance bill and advocating for fair tax policies at national and county levels, Tobacco taxation and advocacy on non-communicable diseases, unpaid care work and community health workers in Kenya.

EYC shared the need for stakeholders in education space to actively participate in tax justice initiatives and committed to work in collaboration with EATGN

JUNE

POLICY ENGAGEMENT MEETING ON COMPETENCY BASED CURRICULUM (CBC)

9th June, 2022

The Secretariat convened a Nairobi-based CSOs meeting at the Kenya Institute of Curriculum development (K.I.C.D) to discuss matters around the CBC. The event was graced by Professor Fatuma Chege, the Principal Secretary (PS) State Department for Implementation of Curriculum Reforms.

The meeting was called amidst growing confusion on the transition to junior secondary schools for the CBC grade 6 learners. She fielded questions from CSOs participants on among other issues; the domiciling and hosting, the training of teachers and current Government plans, key among them being the putting up of infrastructure to accommodate the transition. She further pointed out that Guidelines to inform the transition were completed awaiting necessary approvals.

The meeting was also attended by representatives from the Ministry of education, Teachers Service Commission (TSC), Teacher Unions and Kenya Parents Association.



Prof Fatuma Chege, Government agencies and CSO Representatives

BUDGET TRACKING TRAINING



Budget tracking training Nakuru



Participants Budget tracking training Laikipia County

June, 2022

Budget tracking training was conducted in two counties; Laikipia and Nakuru County.

The trainings were informed by the budget tracking manual revised last year and aimed at supporting civil society organization and education activists across the country to advocate and campaign on issues related to financing for education and accountability in management of education resources at National and County Education Budgets.

COUNTY DIALOGUE MEETING



Kisii County Dialogue meeting



Mandera County Dialogue meeting



Narok County Dialogue meeting



Lamu County Dialogue Meeting

May & June, 2022

County dialogue forum is a platform that brings together key education stakeholders including MoE, TSC, County Government, teacher unions, civil society organizations, media, School Boards of Management among others to discuss the provision of education services within the county. Members were brought together to discuss access to inclusive and equitable quality basic education in selected counties and come up with clear actions for addressing the identified gaps.

This quarter the county dialogue was held in Kisii, Mandera, Vihiga, Narok and Lamu County.

MEETING WITH THE GPE COUNTRY LEAD FOR KENYA



EYC National Coordinator Joseph and GPE Kenya Country Lead Esohe Eigbike

19th June, 2022

The National Coordinator had a meeting with the GPE Kenya Country Lead; Esohe Eigbike. The meeting centered around the implementation of Government GPE supported programmes. Discussions also focused on the role of the CSOs in the impending implementation of Kenya Partnership Compact and initiatives to promote equality and inclusion in terms of access to education especially for Girls

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR NOMADIC EDUCATION IN KENYA (NACONEK) REVIEW MEETING



20th June, 2022

The Ministry of Education and National Council for Nomadic Education in Kenya(NACONEK) brought stakeholders together at Sawela Hotel in Naivasha to discuss the 2009 APBET Policy. The review of the policy was deemed necessary to align the policy with provisions of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) and education reforms including the adoption of the Competency-Based Curriculum_(CBC). Participants reviewed the policy from a historical perspective; and consideration of necessary alignments and made proposals. It was generally agreed that APBET still played a critical role in the provision of education to children.

EDUCATION OUT LOUD (EOL) MID-TERM REVIEW

21st June, 2022



The Meeting was organized for grantees under the Kampala-based Regional Management Unit(RMU) of the E.O.L programme; to discuss the Global mid-term evaluation report of the E.O.L project. Participants were taken through the findings and recommendations of the Report. One of the recommendations made was for the project to be continued but grantees were encouraged to embrace sustainable interventions for continuity.

PARTNERSHIP COMPACT PROJECT DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

22nd - 25th June, 2022



The workshop was convened for purposes of developing the partnership compact. The Ministry of Education, various State departments, development partners and the Education Development Partners Coordinating Group (EDPCG) were invited for the workshop. The departments shared their priorities in relation to the partnership compact. The Ministry will use this information to develop a Project Design for the partnership compact.

PARTNERSHIP CHEMONICS INTERNATIONAL

12th July, 2022



Elimu Yetu Coalition (EYC) National Coordinator met Dr. Andrea Bosch, Senior Technical Advisor; Chemonics international on the possibility of working together with EYC over an application made to USAID on a possible TUSOME 2 programme. The discussions were cordial and it was agreed that when an opportunity presented, EYC would work together with Chemonics.

NATIONAL POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR CAREER GUIDANCE

12th July, 2022



The State department for Post Training and Skills development in the Ministry of Education completed the process of the development of the National Policy framework for Career Guidance in Kenya. The Goal of the policy is to promote lifelong learning, sustained employability and social equity by enhancing access to equitable, quality and relevant career guidance services in education, training and employment.

EYC was invited and participated in the process of validation of the policy through a virtual forum. The Coalition had participated in earlier processes of the development of the policy framework.

MONITORING OF SECONDARY EDUCATION QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SEQIP)

13th – 14th July, 2022



Elimu Yetu Coalition secretariat, Kitui County Quality Assurance Officer and Kitui Education Network members conducted independent monitoring of SEQIP projects in Kitui County.

Key finding from the monitoring visit was; sites for construction of a classroom and a laboratory had already been handed over but the construction had not yet begun even though the work was to end on December 31st, 2022. EYC committed to escalate the matter at the national level to ensure completion of the projects within the time stipulated.

EYC 12TH ANNUAL CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION FOR ALL

27TH -28TH July, 2022



The Civil Society Organizations' Education for All (CSO-EFA) Conference is an annual event organized by Elimu Yetu Coalition (EYC). It is held in two levels; sub-national and national levels. This year's conference started with the Coastal region meeting which was held on 27th and 28th July, 2022. It brought together education stakeholders from the Coastal region at the Vacani Resort, Voi-Taita Taveta.

The theme for the conference is *“Promoting Quality, Equity and Inclusion in Education for Improved Learning Outcomes in Kenya”*.

AUGUST 2022

TRAINING ON TAX JUSTICE AND PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS – ARUSHA TANZANIA



31ST July – 5th Aug, 2022

The training was organized by Education Out Loud (EoL) as part of the learning agenda program to enhance the capacity of project staff on Tax Justice and Public Policy Analysis.

Key action for EYC from the training includes;

- Link up with the National Tax Justice coalition in Kenya to join local advocacy initiatives
- Conduct a budget analysis incorporating tax justice lense
- Include Education Financing and Tax Justice in the National Conference on Education for All agenda

FINANCE CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT – EGYPT



14th – 20th August, 2022

Egyptians without Borders (EWB) is one of the National Education Coalitions (NEC) under the Regional Management Unit (RMU) based in Kampala, Uganda. Egyptians without Borders received full grant support effective 01 April 2022. A training of the Board members, management and staff of Egyptians without Borders in the areas of Financial Management, Accountability and Internal Controls was done with technical support from the Regional Finance Manager – EOL and peer learning from Fauzia Mohammed, Finance & Administration Manager – Elimu Yetu Coalition (Kenya) who shared working experiences from EYC

INTERNATIONAL QUALITY EDUCATION CONFERENCE TANZANIA

17th – 19th August, 2022



The National Education Coalition for Tanzania (TENMET) organised the 2nd International Quality Education Conference.

The Conference brought together development actors in the education sector. National Coalitions from the Eastern and Southern part of Africa were represented.

The theme of the conference was Rethinking the role of education at the key moment of Global Transformation.

The Objectives of the conference were;

- To identify and discuss the future of education through a collective approach.
- To share experiences within Tanzania and beyond on what works well in the delivery of education.
- To disseminate research findings on different education studies carried out in 2021 and 2022.
- To explore and share experience on innovative approaches to education financing – International / and local perspectives.
- To provide opportunities for education stakeholders to showcase their initiatives/interventions/work in the sector.
- To influence education policy change in the right direction in the 21st century.

The EYC National Coordinator was one of the panelists on the topic of *the role of CSO towards implementation of policies and practices in the education sector in Africa*”.



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