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# Introduction



It is with deep gratitude and great honor that I present Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!'s annual report, a reflection of the transformative journey we have undertaken together this year. This report celebrates our shared achievements, resilience, and steadfast commitment to uniting Kenyans under the banner of 'Ni Sisi!'.

The past year has been a whirlwind of dynamic civic engagement and digital activism. Our programs: **Maskani Ya Taifa, The Elephant, Movement Building**, and the **Wellness Resilience Resource Hub** have thrived, pushing boundaries and redefining the role of citizens in governance. From engaging debates to innovative digital campaigns,

we've created spaces where Kenyans can express, challenge, and reimagine their realities.

Our Maskani Ya Taifa platform amplified citizen voices online and offline, driving discussions that challenge narratives of marginalization and inequality. The Elephant continued to foster thought-provoking dialogue, documenting Kenya's socio-political evolution and mentoring budding civic leaders. In Movement Building, we have established Ni Sisi! Chapters, and mobilized diverse communities across counties, creating inclusive Sauti Yetu forums where every voice matters. Meanwhile, the Wellness Resilience Resource Hub offered a

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sanctuary for civic actors, allowing them to rest, reflect, and recharge for the battles ahead.

An outstanding phenomenon was the surge of digital activism during the Gen Z-led protests against the Finance Bill 2024. Young Kenyans, armed with smartphones and hashtags, demonstrated the power of collective action in holding leaders accountable. This year, the youth's heightened awareness in governance matters has been both humbling and inspiring, reminding us that the future is in capable hands.

As we look forward, our focus will be on deepening our reach, expanding our digital platforms, and nurturing a new generation of civic leaders. We envision a Kenya where every citizen feels empowered to shape their destiny, where unity prevails over division, and where governance is by the people and for the people and for posterity.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible

partnerships we've forged along the way. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our allies, including **Transparency International - Kenya**, **Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC)**, **Okoa Uchumi**, and **Civic Freedoms Forum** among other partners. Your support has been invaluable in driving our mission forward.

I also take this opportunity to recognize and express my deepest appreciation to our Board of Trustees. Your vision, guidance, and unwavering commitment have been instrumental in shaping our path and ensuring our impact resonates across the nation.

The support we got from the Ford Foundation, Open Society Foundation, Uraia, UNDP and Civil Rights Defenders enabled us to do our work. We say *asante sana!*

Together, we are not just building a movement; we are building a future.

In solidarity,

**Dr. Kawive Wambua**  
Ag. CEO, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!

# Maskani Ya Taifa

In a Kenya where harmful stories often silence hope, Maskani Ya Taifa (MYT) steps in as a game-changer. It's more than a program, it's a movement empowering citizens to own their stories, shape public conversations, and actively participate in governance.



*Linet Akeyo, Programs Officer Maskani ya Taifa*

In 2024, MYT became the pulse of civic action, uniting communities both on the ground and online to rewrite the nation's story. From vibrant county hubs like #MaskaniKwale, #MaskaniMombasa, and #MaskaniEldoret, where citizens identified and addressed local issues, to powerful online campaigns such as

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#HealthcareCrisis, which trended at number one nationally, #FloodsKE, #ProtectOurConstitution, and #WomenLivesMatterKE, MYT proved that when citizens lead, meaningful change follows.

These hubs weren't just places to meet, they were spaces of learning, planning, and action, where communities took charge of their futures. Meanwhile, MYT's digital presence exploded, turning hashtags into real movements. Citizens joined Twitter Spaces like the Finance Bill 2024 discussion, breaking down complex policies and sparking public action.

By collaborating with CSOs, coalitions, and advocacy networks, MYT transformed trending campaigns into impactful advocacy. Through innovative civic tech, MYT amplified citizen voices, demanding transparency and accountability at every level.

MYT isn't just a program, it's a movement. From county halls to trending hashtags, every conversation and action contributed to a stronger, more accountable Kenya.

Maskani Ya Taifa: One hub, one click, one change at a time

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## #MaskaniMombasa: Empowering Change Through Dialogue

On March 10, 2024, #MaskaniMombasa brought together 20 participants, most under 35, to tackle the pressing issues of substance abuse, addiction, and mental health in their community. The conversation was a powerful call to action, emphasizing the need for education, mental health services, and community support to steer individuals toward healthier choices.

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Participants highlighted the importance of awareness campaigns to combat drug abuse and enhance mental health literacy, especially among the youth. Proposed solutions included establishing more rehabilitation centers, launching prevention initiatives, and advocating to destigmatize mental health. Collaborative efforts among stakeholders were seen as crucial to building a resilient, supportive community.

#MaskaniMombasa showcased the power of open dialogue in driving transformative change and strengthening social cohesion.



*A Maskani Conversation in Mombasa, Kenya*

# Maskani Ya Taifa

## Building a Safer, Stronger Tiwi: Community Action in 2024

This year, **#MaskaniKwale** spearheaded transformative conversations in Tiwi, Kwale County, tackling key issues head-on. From bolstering community policing through neighbourhood watch programs to addressing the growing concerns around gender-based violence, the message was clear: safety is a shared

responsibility. Citizens demanded accountability and transparency from duty-bearers, calling for decisive action to restore trust and peace.

Through community forums and advocacy campaigns, Tiwi residents showed the power of collective action—proving that when people come together, a safer, stronger future is within reach.



*A Maskani Conversation in Kwale, Kenya*

# Maskani Ya Taifa

## #MaskaniEldoret

In 2024, **#MaskaniEldoret** became a vibrant platform for tackling pressing issues in democracy and governance. Youth leadership took center stage, with discussions revealing critical gaps in representation and a call for more inclusive decision-making. Participants didn't hold back—job scandals were laid bare, sparking demands for transparency and accountability in hiring processes.

Debates on Eldoret's potential city status highlighted the need for inclusive development strategies, with a strong focus on public participation. From improving health, education, and SRHR services to upgrading infrastructure like roads, drainage, and sewer systems, the message was clear: sustainable development starts with good governance.



*A Maskani Conversation in Eldoret, Kenya*

# Wellness

The **Wellness Resilience Resource Hub** is a sanctuary dedicated to supporting civic actors in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Designed for public interest advocates and their families, the Hub offers spaces for rest, reflection, healing, and growth. Facilitated by Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!, Uganda National NGO Forum, and Tanzania's Legal and Human Rights Centre, it fosters resilience and well-being for those advancing civil society.

Throughout the year, the Wellness Resilience Resource Hub has been a cornerstone of psychological support for individuals and organizations across Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. In May, we hosted several wellness clinics,



*A mental health awareness session with Crime Si Poa Kenya in Ngara, Nairobi*

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addressing various mental health topics thoughtfully tailored to audience requests. These sessions provided guidance and a sense of community for many grappling with emotional challenges.

We stood alongside journalists covering the harrowing Shakahola stories and the gravediggers who bore the weight of uncovering mass graves. Their resilience inspired us to ensure they had the mental support needed to process such traumatic experiences.



# Wellness

During the #RejectFinanceBill protests, we extended a hand to young people who took to the streets, offering support before, during, and after their courageous stand. We provide psychological support to frontline responders who were at the forefront of assisting victims during flooding, protests, and the retrieval of bodies in Kware. Their dedication and resilience inspired us to ensure they had the mental and emotional resources needed to navigate these challenging circumstances.

Throughout the year, we conducted mental awareness training for various organizations, including Crime Si Poa, Feminist for peace Right and Justice centre as well as members of Maskani Hub. These sessions were held across multiple counties in Kenya, aiming to empower participants with practical tools to enhance emotional well-being, manage stress, and build resilience. By engaging diverse groups, we fostered a broader understanding of mental health and its importance in personal and community development.

In addition to in-person sessions, we've actively shared mental health resources on our online platforms, including the East Africa Wellness Resource Hub and our website. These digital efforts have extended the reach of our work, ensuring that vital information and support are accessible to a wider



*Salima Macharia, psychologist and Wellness Officer*

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audience across the region. By combining hands-on training with online resource sharing, we have fostered a comprehensive approach to mental health awareness and support.

Our work has also reached social justice centres and countless civic actors, reinforcing the spirit of resilience within the civic ecosystem. As 2024 draws to a close, we are reminded of the vital role we play in supporting those who dedicate their lives to the public good. Together, we continue to heal, reflect, and grow stronger.

## Tulia Wellness Space in Uganda

Our wellness partners Uganda National NGO Forum established the Tulia Wellness Space, a haven dedicated to supporting civic actors and partners. This initiative provides therapy sessions tailored to address the mental and emotional challenges of their demanding roles. The Tulia Wellness Space reflects a commitment to fostering resilience and well-being within the civil society sector, promoting a healthier and more effective environment for impactful work.

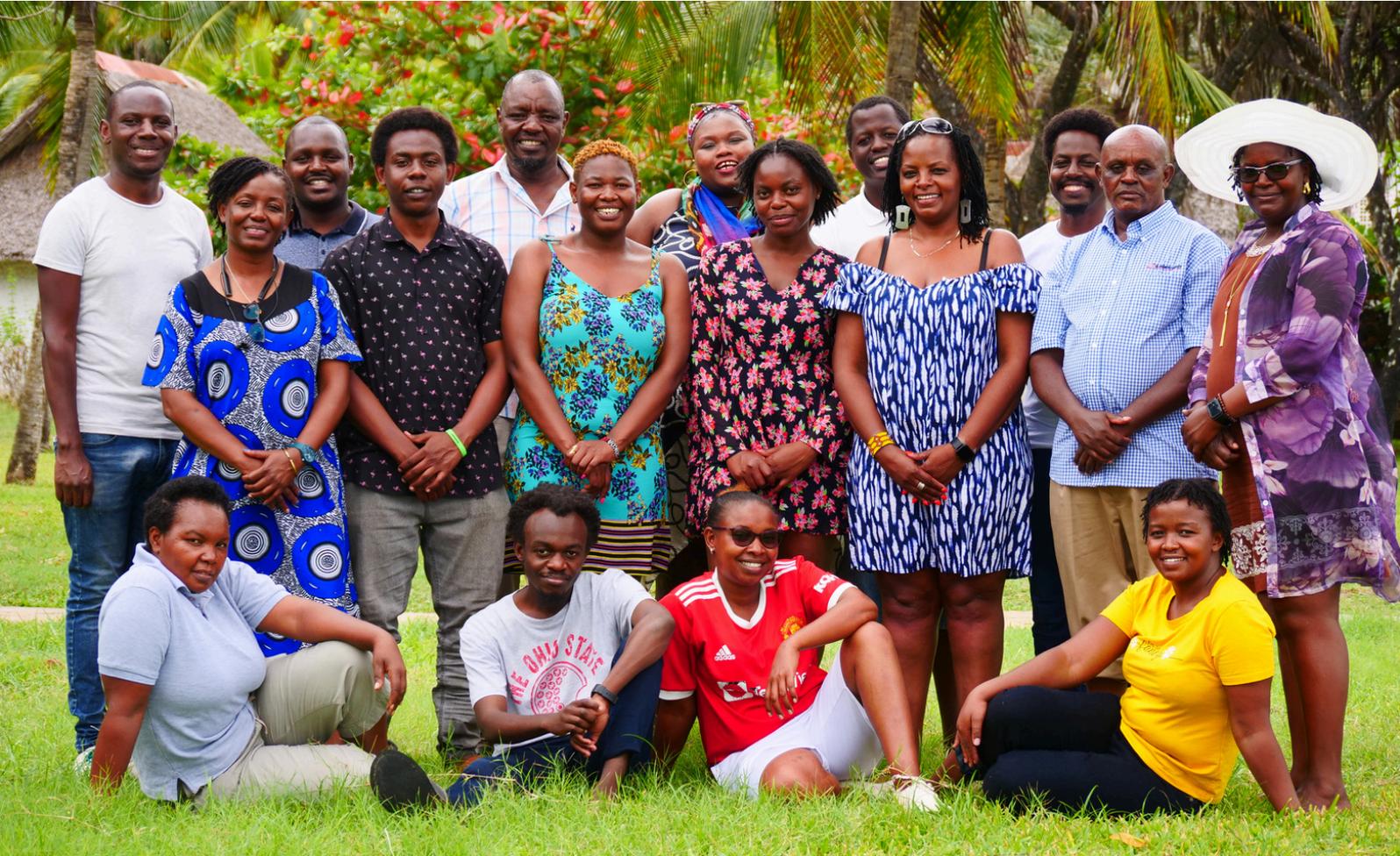


*The Tulia Wellness Space in Kampala, Uganda*

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## Respite for Staff

When the Gen Z protests erupted, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! wasn't just an observer, we were in the thick of it. We marched in solidarity, stood toe-to-toe with the tension, and made our voices thunder online. We were the backbone, amplifying cries for justice while offering psychological support to those crushed by the weight of it all. But in the quiet moments between the chaos, we felt it too, the exhaustion, the strain, the emotional bruises no one could see. A repose was calling. With the unwavering support of Civil Rights Defenders, our wellness program turned a long-overdue page: it was time to care for the caregivers.



*The team in Diani, Kenya*

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Picture this: no titles, no formalities, just raw emotions and shared burdens laid bare. At first, some of us clung tightly to our defenses, unsure how to let go. But with the gentle guidance of a trauma-informed psychologist, those walls began to crumble. What followed wasn't just vulnerability. It was a powerful rediscovery of strength through shared humanity. We laughed, cried, and drew our emotions in ways we hadn't imagined.



*The team engrossed in an outdoor activity*

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It wasn't just a retreat; it was a revival. A reminder that even the strongest need rest. And as we came out of it, we knew we were returning stronger, ready to keep fighting for justice, for others, and most importantly, for each other.



*Celebrating connection and renewed energy*

# Wellness

## Prioritizing Mental Health: Building Resilient Communities

In a hall bathed in sunlight and alive with the vibrant hum of conversation, changemakers from Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania came together for a mission that could reshape the future of mental health in civic spaces. Hosted by Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!, this wasn't just another training—it was a powerful rallying cry. A call for civic actors and human rights defenders to reclaim their well-being in a world that often pushes them to the brink. The training challenged them to unlearn harmful stereotypes, reflect on their well-being, and embrace WHO's vision of mental health as a state of resilience, productivity, and meaningful contribution to the community.



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Through this curriculum, a powerful message was clear: prioritizing mental health is not just beneficial, it's essential for building strong, sustainable civic spaces and resilient communities across East Africa.

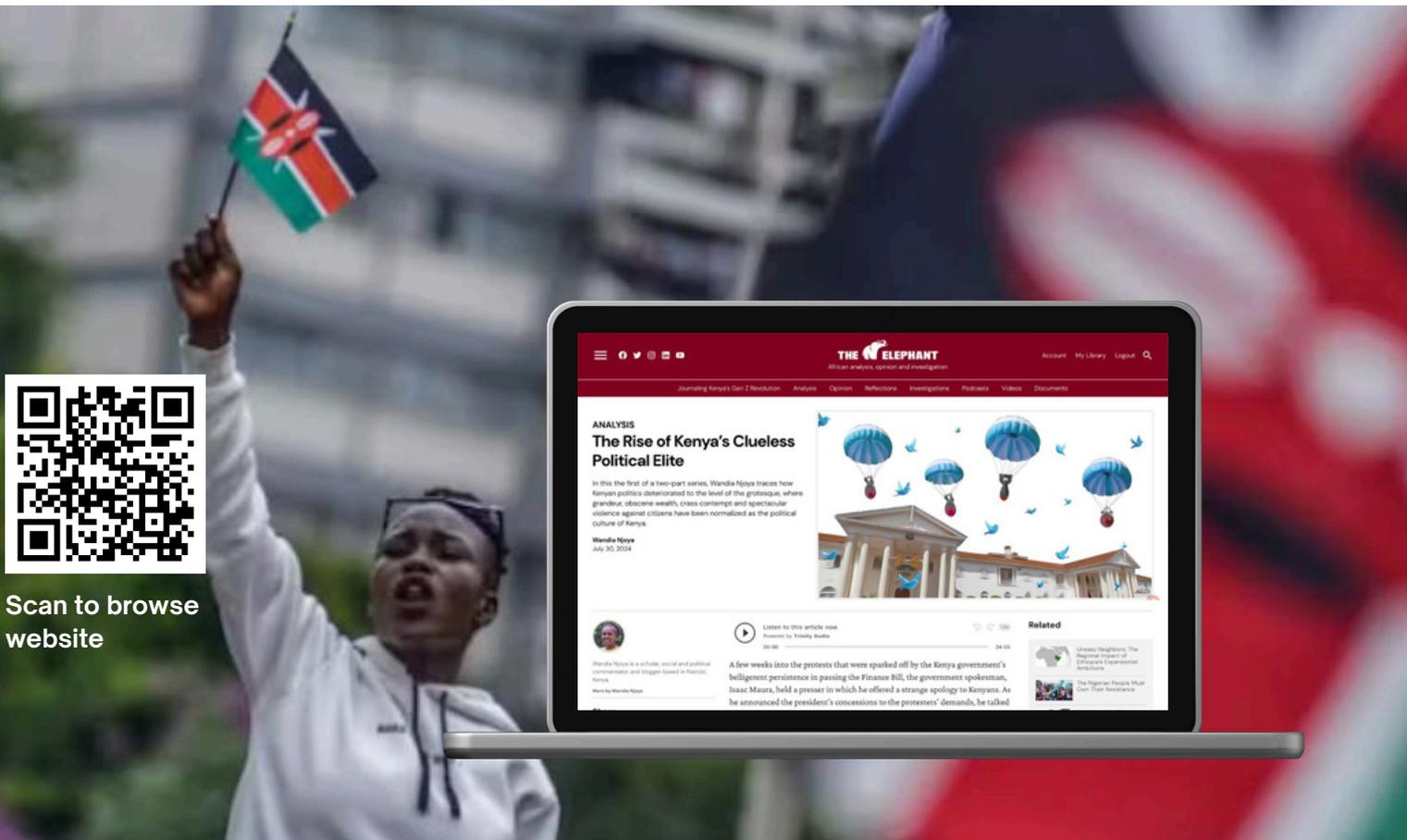


*Mental health curriculum training with participants from Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania*

# The Elephant

In a society where political culture often mirrors the status quo, the Kesho program dares to dream bigger. Rooted in the belief that a progressive civic sphere is the heartbeat of meaningful change, this initiative is more than a movement—it's a call to action. Kesho mobilizes progressive Kenyans to envision and build a society that values dignity, integrity, and hard-earned success.

At the heart of this transformation is **The Elephant**, a dynamic platform that challenges narratives, interrogates history, and reimagines the future. Together with Uongozi Lab and strategic community outreach, Kesho fosters deep, reflective conversations, both online and on the ground, empowering citizens to reclaim their voice and reshape their public sphere.



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*The Elephant. A new-media platform championing independent journalism.*

# The Elephant

In 2024, *The Elephant* continued to redefine how Kenyans and the wider African community engage with social, political, and cultural issues. Rooted in Pan-African ideals, the platform amplified marginalized voices and championed dignity and inclusivity. It became a powerful space for dialogue, community-building, and truth-seeking, boldly challenging inequalities while reimagining a more just society.

Through its partnerships with organizations like the Ford Foundation, The Elephant published 209 pieces of content, including investigative articles, podcasts, videos, and photostories. These stories touched on pressing topics, such as the Gen Z protests and the Affordable Housing Act, offering fresh perspectives and sparking critical conversations. With over 610,000 views and 261,000 unique visitors, The Elephant’s audience grew steadily, drawing readers from across Kenya and beyond, including the USA, Germany, and Ethiopia.

The platform's social media presence was equally impactful, with over 5,000 monthly interactions on Twitter/X alone, extending its reach to an estimated 8.5 million people. By amplifying youth-led movements like the Gen Z protests, The Elephant showcased the power of young people in driving civic change and inspired broader engagement in governance and social justice.

## 2024 in numbers



# The Elephant

Beyond storytelling, The Elephant empowered civic movements through training on governance and advocacy. It also published groundbreaking research on shrinking civic spaces, highlighting both challenges and the resilience of civil society organizations across East Africa.

As The Elephant looks ahead, it remains a beacon for change—empowering communities, inspiring action, and fostering a Pan-African vision of inclusivity and dignity. Together, we can continue challenging oppressive systems and imagine a brighter future for Africa. Support our work by **joining the herd** today.

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# Movement Building

At the heart of Inuka Kenya's work lies the Movement Building program, a powerful initiative that unites people across Kenya's diverse counties to drive civic action and create lasting change. Through *Ni Sisi! Chapters*, individuals from different ethnicities, socio-economic backgrounds, abilities, genders, and faiths come together to form vibrant networks committed to a shared vision of justice, unity, and good governance.

These chapters are grounded in the belief that true transformation begins when citizens take ownership of their governance and resources. At the county level, where decisions about resource allocation are made, chapters act as hubs for collaboration and advocacy. They serve as incubators for grassroots ideas and provide resources for community groups, from informal movements to established NGOs.



*Eunice Wanjiku, Program Officer for Movement Building*

# Movement Building

The Movement Building Program empowers these networks with training, mentorship, and tools to amplify their impact. Members identify local challenges, craft context-specific solutions, and create platforms where citizen voices are not just heard but acted upon. With a focus on self-sustainability, each chapter builds leadership that ensures resilience and long-term impact.

Through these efforts, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! fosters an active, informed, and united citizenry, strengthening grassroots organizations and promoting transparency and social justice across the nation. The Movement Building Program is more than an initiative, it is a catalyst for change, proving that when communities come together, they can reshape Kenya's future for the better.

## Strengthening Grassroots Advocacy

In 2024, the Movement Building Program achieved significant milestones in fostering civic engagement and strengthening grassroots advocacy across Kenya. A standout accomplishment was the establishment of Ni Sisi! Chapters in Eldoret, Kwale, and Mombasa. These chapters have empowered communities to actively participate in governance, advocate for accountability, and foster unity.

[Click here to join the movement.](#)



*Nisisi Chapter members during political education*

# Movement Building

## Sauti Yetu Program: Amplifying Citizen Voices

Sauti Yetu is a transformative civic engagement initiative designed to empower communities to actively exercise their democratic rights and build meaningful connections with elected and appointed leaders. By creating non-partisan spaces for dialogue, the program fosters collaboration on local issues and strengthens relationships between citizens and government.

Focused on enhancing citizen participation in governance, Sauti Yetu enables oversight of government actions and supports democratic reforms. The program prioritizes marginalized and minority groups, working both online and offline at the county level. Through Joint Community Forums, Mentorship Programs, Capacity Building, Political Debates, and Thematic Meetings, Sauti Yetu equips citizens to engage effectively in political and decision-making processes, paving the way for inclusive and participatory democracy.

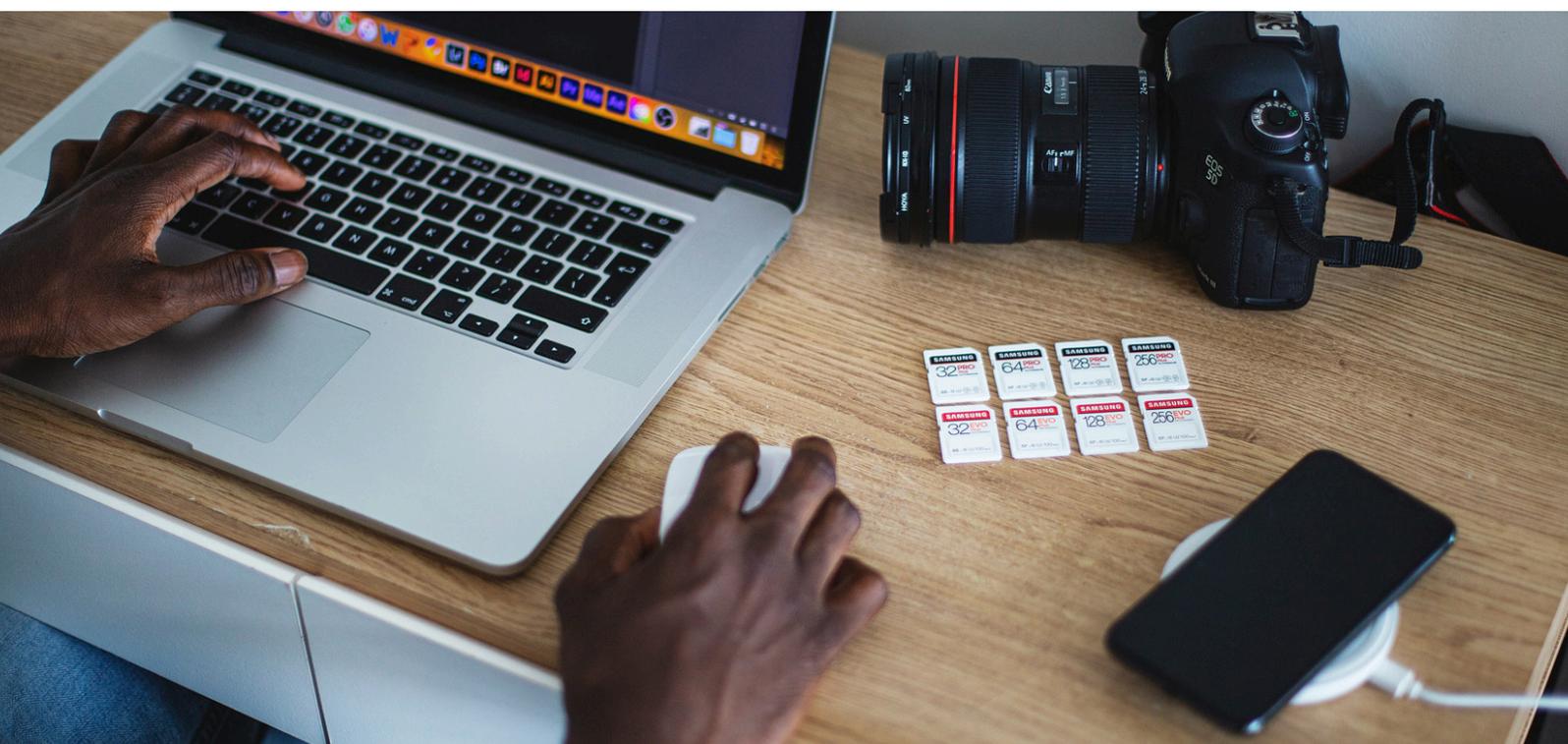


*A Sauti Yetu Joint Community Forum*

# Digital Convergence

In a fast-evolving digital era, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! embraced the power of technology to enhance advocacy and engagement. This year, our ICT and Communications teams united to revolutionize how we connect with citizens and amplify their voices. To safeguard our work, we trained staff and partners on digital security, equipping them to protect sensitive data and navigate online spaces confidently. Our Communications Department saw a leap in online engagement, using platforms like X, Facebook, and TikTok to foster connections, tell impactful stories, and promote active citizenship.

Behind the scenes, ICT experts streamlined operations by auditing data processes, maintaining cloud resources, and building user-friendly websites. These efforts boosted transparency, accountability, and efficiency across all programs. Together, ICT and Communication bridged technology and advocacy, ensuring every voice counts. We are shaping the future of civic action in the digital age.



# Digital Convergence

## Digital Safety Training

To ensure the safety of our digital presence, our Digital Convergence and Communications teams attended a day of digital resilience training organized by KICTANet and Tatua Digital Centre. The training provided essential skills and knowledge to enhance our digital security, enabling us to better safeguard our online platforms and protect against potential threats. This session strengthened our ability to maintain a secure digital environment for Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! and our stakeholders.



*A digital training session conducted by KICTANet*

# Online Communities

Inuka Kenya’s online communities are more than just followers, they’re the heartbeat of our advocacy. With Maskani leading the way on X, rallying over 50K voices around advocacy, we’ve created a digital hub where ideas meet action. This year, we ventured further, embracing TikTok and Instagram to amplify our reach and tell our stories in ways that captivate and inspire. From hard-hitting reels to vibrant posts, we’ve transformed clicks into a catalyst for meaningful conversations.

Our digital platforms are where engagement meets empowerment. They are spaces for dialogue, collective action, and uniting Kenyans for a brighter tomorrow. Every comment, share, and like fuels our vision, proving that the power of community transcends borders, both physical and virtual. Together, we’re building the Ni Sisi! movement that echoes far beyond the screen. Join the movement by following us on the accounts below. Let’s build the future together—one click at a time!

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# Partner Events

## Weaving Resilience Convening

In April 2024, 73 passionate individuals from over 30 organizations and hubs across the Global South gathered in Rio de Janeiro for the Weaving Resilience event. The gathering brought together a vibrant community of change-makers, activists, and leaders, all focused on strengthening resilience, enhancing wellness, and building a collective global network.

Among the attendees were Dr. Kawive Wambua, our CEO, and Salima Macharia, our Wellness Officer, who represented Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! from the East African region. They joined the meeting to exchange ideas and learn from others in the pursuit of building stronger, more resilient organizations in challenging times.



*The Weaving Resilience Community in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

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The event was rich with opportunities for peer learning. Dr. Wambua engaged in thought-provoking discussions on leadership and governance, while Salima contributed her expertise in organizational wellness and mental health. Despite the long days and the challenges of jetlag, the energy was infectious, and the sense of community was unwavering. Conversations flowed seamlessly, with participants sharing their experiences, strategies, and challenges, all united by a common goal of resilience.



*Dr. Wambua speaking at the Weaving Resilience gathering*

As the event came to a close, there was a renewed sense of purpose among the attendees. The Weaving Resilience Network emerged stronger, with new relationships, shared insights, and a clearer vision for the future. Dr. Wambua and Salima returned to Kenya inspired, their hearts full of new ideas and a deeper commitment to our mission.

We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be part of this transformative gathering, and for the chance to contribute to and learn from a global network of change-makers. The connections made and lessons learned will continue to shape our work as we move forward, weaving resilience together.

# Partner Events

## Weaving Resilience for Human Rights in East Africa

On March 16, 2023, 20 human rights defenders (HRDs) from 16 organizations gathered in Zanzibar for an inspiring retreat under the Weaving Resilience Initiative, led by DefendDefenders and supported by the Ford Foundation. The two-day event brought together four key hubs—HRD Protection, Digital Resilience, Wellness, and Financial Resilience—to foster collaboration and innovative solutions for the challenges HRDs face across East Africa. From cross-border protection efforts shared by the HRD Protection Hub to digital safety strategies from KICTAnet and CIPESA, and holistic care from INUKA Ni Sisi!, the retreat addressed vital issues, including wellness integration, digital threats, and long-term sustainability.

The retreat culminated in joint action plans, strengthening networks, and a renewed commitment to creating a safer, more resilient environment for HRDs in East Africa. The Weaving Resilience Initiative is not just a partnership—it's a movement redefining human rights advocacy in the region, igniting hope and inspiring bold action for the future. This is only the beginning of a transformative journey.



*Human rights defenders at the retreat in Zanzibar*

# Partner Events

## Inuka Kenya Joins Twaweza East Africa for Health Report Launch

On June 6th, Inuka Kenya partnered with **Twaweza East Africa** to unveil a timely health sector report titled *Shifting to SHIF: Time for a health check ahead of the launch of the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) in July*. The findings paint a vivid picture of citizens' current struggles with healthcare services, from frustrations with NHIF coverage to the debate between public and private care.

As SHIF promises to widen access to critical health services, the report's insights underscore the need for reforms that truly listen to the people. Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! stands ready to amplify these voices as the country gears up for this pivotal shift.



*Civil Society partners at the launch of Twaweza East Africa's health sector report*

# Partner Events

## Empowering Citizens for Regional Integration: Insights from the East African Civil Society Summit 2024

In June 2024, over 300 changemakers, including representatives from East African CSOs, government officials, academics, and development partners, gathered at Mt. Meru Hotel, Arusha, Tanzania, for the East African Civil Society Summit. Themed “Harnessing Citizens’ Potential in Regional Integration Processes,” the summit spotlighted how technology can combat climate change and bolster regional food security.

Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! made a significant impact by delivering a keynote on “Civic Space: CSO Resilience in the Region.” The presentation sparked dynamic conversations about a proposed Regional CSO Bill, challenges in donor funding, and how national lessons could inform regional civic engagement. Additionally, findings from a study on Civil Society Resilience provided actionable insights into fostering CSO sustainability.



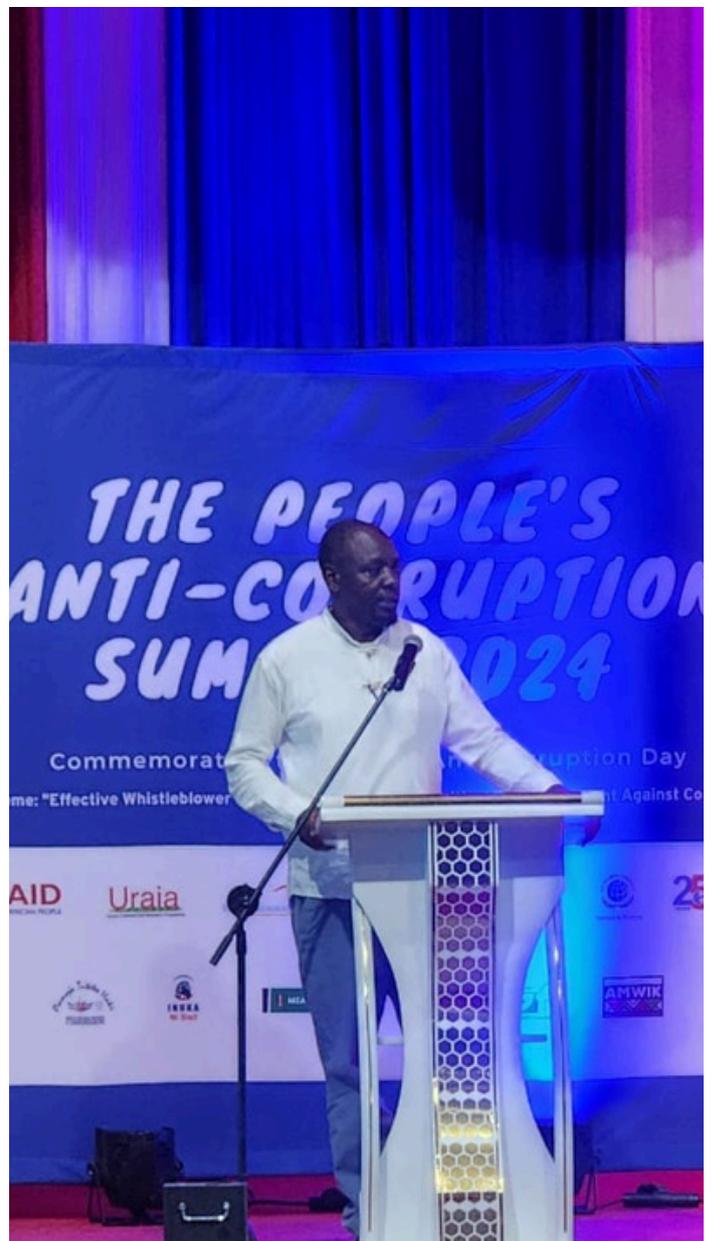
*Eunice Wanjiku at the East African Civil Society Organisations Forum in Arusha*

# Partner Events

Looking ahead, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! is poised to join the East African Civil Society Organisations Forum (EACSOFF) through the Kenyan Chapter—a strategic step to strengthen regional networks for movement-building and wellness advocacy across East Africa.

## The People's Anti-Corruption Summit

On 8th July, changemakers united at The People's Anti-Corruption Summit to champion whistleblower protection as a critical tool in combating corruption. Under the theme, “Effective Whistleblower Protection Mechanism: A Critical Tool in the Fight Against Corruption,” the summit spotlighted the courage of whistleblowers and called for stronger safeguards to protect them. Engaging discussions unpacked systemic challenges fueling corruption, explored policy gaps, and identified solutions to fortify institutions and promote accountability. The summit was a powerful reminder that the fight against corruption demands collective action, unwavering support for truth-tellers, and a united commitment to eliminating impunity in society.



*Dr. Kawive Wambua, Ag.CEO of Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!, delivering his remarks at the People's Anti-Corruption Summit*

# Partner Events

## Debt and Corruption Citizen Assembly

In August 2024, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! joined forces with Okoa Uchumi partners to address Kenya's debt crisis and entrenched corruption through the Debt & Anti-Corruption Citizen Assembly. This powerful coalition sought to challenge the status quo and advocate for fiscal justice and accountability, emphasizing that debt and corruption are not just economic challenges but existential threats to the nation. Stories from everyday Kenyans—businesses burdened by unfair taxes, families denied healthcare, and communities suffering from neglected infrastructure—highlighted the urgent need for change. The assembly called for empowering citizens, enhancing financial accountability, and driving grassroots-led reforms to demand integrity and transparency at every level. This movement envisions a future where public resources serve the people, not the corrupt few.



*Panel discussion at the Debt and Anti-Corruption Citizen Assembly*

# Partner Events

## Civic Voice Initiative

In partnership with Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!, the Civic Voice Initiative has been at the forefront of championing civic engagement, political education, and advocacy, driving transformative change across communities. Through impactful activities such as youth leadership training, policy dialogues, and targeted advocacy campaigns, Civic Voice has empowered young people to reclaim their agency and actively participate in shaping their democratic future. This year alone, several insightful reports have highlighted the strides made in increasing youth representation and amplifying their voices in key decision-making spaces. We celebrate Civic Voice Initiative for its unwavering commitment to building a generation of informed, proactive, and visionary youth whose collective efforts are paving the way for a more inclusive and participatory society. Together, we are sowing the seeds of a thriving democracy where young people lead from the front.



*Abdul Noormohamed, Project Director of the Civic Voice Initiative*

# Partner Events

## Katiba @14: A Journey of Reflection and Resilience

On August 27, 2024, Kenya marked 14 years since the adoption of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, a milestone celebrated for its vision of equality, justice, and human rights. In Kisumu's Nyalenda and Manyatta, over 1,200 community members gathered for a reflective discussion on the Constitution's impact on their lives.



*An evening of reflection and dialogue at the Mazingira Institute*

Facilitated by Dr. Kawive Wambua of Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!, this event, organized by the CSO Network, Haki Ni Yetu Consortium, KHRC, and grassroots partners, bridged the gap between the Constitution's promises and the realities faced by many. Participants highlighted challenges like corruption, police brutality, and educational inequality, calling for a renewed commitment to the Constitution's ideals. As Dr. Wambua stated, "Katiba @14 is more than a commemoration; it's a call to action for every Kenyan."

# Partner Events

## Standing Up for Civic Rights: Voices at the 4th Annual Civic Space Protection Summit

Inuka Kenya, alongside other civil society organizations, participated in the 4th Annual Civic Space Protection Summit in Mombasa on September 18-19, 2024. The summit focused on the shrinking civic space in Kenya, highlighting threats to constitutional rights and freedoms. Key concerns included the government's disregard for court orders, such as the defiance by former acting Inspector-General of Police, Gilbert Masengeli, and the erosion of judicial oversight. The summit also condemned police violence during peaceful protests, exemplified by the case of Trevor Mathenge, a student injured by police, and voiced opposition to the Assemblies and Demonstrations Bill of 2024.



*Civil society organizations during the 4th Annual Civic Space Protection Summit held in Mombasa, Kenya*

Digital activism and freedom of expression emerged as central issues, with concerns over state surveillance and online harassment forcing many activists into self-censorship. The summit concluded with a powerful call for resilience and unity, urging civil society to stand firm in the fight for justice and democracy, even in the face of increasing dangers, including the loss of over 60 activists in recent years.

# Partner Events

## Standing for Integrity – Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! Joins the 2024 Integrity Walk

On September 28th, 2024, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! proudly joined forces with Transparency International Kenya for the 2024 Integrity Walk under the powerful #StandForIntegrity banner. It was a day dedicated to raising our collective voices for better governance, greater accountability, and a commitment to fighting corruption.



*Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! staff members with Sheila Masinde, the Executive Director of Transparency International*

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## 2nd Annual Media-CSO Conference

The 2nd Annual Media-CSO Conference brought together journalists, civil society leaders, and advocates to discuss "Safeguarding Freedoms in the Digital Age." Key topics included the potential and risks of AI in journalism, the protection of journalists and whistleblowers, and the importance of information access for transparency in Kenya's devolved governance. The conference also addressed the emotional toll of journalism, emphasizing the need for mental health support and the economic sustainability of media through innovative funding and digital security. Participants highlighted the vital role of a fearless press in upholding democracy, concluding with a renewed commitment to collaboration and resilience in building a sustainable media ecosystem.



*Inuka Kenya and fellow CSO partners at the 2nd Annual Media-CSO Conference*

# Milestones

## A New Chapter for Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! A New Home

In October 2024, Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! embarked on an exciting new journey that marks a pivotal moment in our growth as an organization. After nine years of calling Wood Avenue, Kilimani, our home, it was time for a fresh start. A change of scenery, a move that symbolized not just a new address but the realization of a dream that had been in the works for years.

Since June 2015, our office at Wood Avenue served as the heart of our mission – a space where ideas blossomed, projects took shape, and our passionate team worked tirelessly toward making governance, democracy, and human rights a reality for all Kenyans. But as the years passed, we knew that to expand our impact and better serve our community, we needed a space that aligned with our ambitions and growing needs.

Thus, the move to Highway Heights, located along Marcus Garvey Road in Kilimani, was born. It wasn't just a relocation of desks and chairs; it was a moment of transformation. This new space represents more than just walls and windows – it embodies our aspirations for a better, more conducive work environment that fosters creativity, collaboration, and progress.



*Our new offices at Highway Heights, Marcus Garvey Rd, Nairobi*

# Financial Highlights

In 2024, the Finance Department successfully ensured the accuracy and integrity of financial information, records, and reports submitted to donors throughout the year. This was accomplished through ongoing assessments of the financial position, strategic support for program budgeting, and strict adherence to financial and procurement policies, all while upholding a robust internal control framework.

## Key achievements:

- A clean audit opinion
- Timely and accurate reporting to donors
- Effective cash flow management
- Strong financial support for programmatic activities
- Efficient disposal of unused assets
- Successful procurement of office space for Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi!



# Reach Us

Thank you for your interest in Inuka Kenya Ni Sisi! and the work we do.

We would love to hear from you. To get in touch with us or learn more about our work, kindly use the communication channels on this page.

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