

Kenya civil society join hands to address drought, deforestation and insecurity



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Action for Sustainable Change Kenya (AFOSC Kenya) organised a community meeting in Mandera West County to discuss how to address identified threats through local action and advocacy. Local communities were sensitised on the outcomes of the *Frontline* survey and mobilised to conduct low-cost, feasible actions to build resilience to disasters. Local coalitions composed of women and youth groups and community-based organisations

were established to build a movement for change at the sub-county level.

These groups, with the support of AFOSC Kenya, undertook lobbying efforts targeted at the County officials, local Members of Parliament and other stakeholders to raise awareness on local disasters using the evidence generated in the *Frontline* Survey. This included seminars, 'peace caravans', and live talk shows. The efforts to build a network at the sub-County level were later expanded to build a nationwide network for change, when 14 Civil Society Organisations were mobilised to define priority disaster events and a joint advocacy plan to bring realistic and desired change.



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