



# **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA (CCDA Africa)**

**Christian Community Development**

**Association (CCDA)**

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## **FAITH PLAN**

**CHRISTIAN FAITH BASED EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ON  
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CIVIC EDUCATION, COUNSELLING,  
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY IN KENYA**

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## **BACKGROUND**

Christian Community Development of Africa (CCDA) is an umbrella organization and voice to independent churches, affiliated Ministries, and Individual Development Actors. The organization is designed to give apostolic leadership and oversight to churches and indigenous Ministries as well as Individual actors who are independent. It draws its membership from registered churches / ministries / clergy and other faith leaders operating within Kenya and seeks to harmonize and promote unity amongst church leaders, churches and the members as stipulated in God's Holy Word in Acts 2:42 & 2:47. The organization is Christian based, founded on strong Christian Principles since it draws its membership from local denominations. It is registered in Kenya as an umbrella body for Christian Churches, Ministries, Parishes, Churches and Individual Development Actors. The affairs of the organization are managed on a day-to-day basis by a committee appointed by the members during an annual meeting.

The Christian Community Development of Africa (CCDA) was founded in 2013 and became an Associate member of Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) Worldwide. The organization has spread to all 47 Counties of Kenya with a present membership of over 20, 000 members.

## **VISION**

Transformation through the Power of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to become a good example in society, work and walk in integrity.

## **MISSION**

To unite and empower, to help each other, to offer affordable / sponsored Theological training to pastors and Christian workers, to offer interest free loans to Pastors wives, to send pastors for short term missions abroad, to engage in Environmental Conservation, Civic Education, Sustainable Development, to ordain pastors, consecrate Bishops and Archbishops and to become an umbrella body to Christian Churches and independent ministries within the Nation of Kenya.

## **OBJECTIVES**

Our main goal is to advance the Christian Religion by fostering unity and promoting visible unity and co-operation among churches and organizations from churches and independent ministries, for Sustainable Development and Environmental Integrity.

### **We achieve this by:**

- a) Promoting joint efforts in Discipleship, Evangelism, Church Planting, Teaching, Fundraising, Fellowship and Worship.
- b) Harnessing all gifts and energies accessible to the Body of Christ for the work of the Kingdom.
- c) Placing value on the work of individual church leaders and church members and appreciate them by giving them recognition.
- d) Ordain Ministers, consecrate Bishops and inaugurate Archbishops for the efficient working of the member churches and the CCDA.
- e) Finding means to offer encouragement to despairing ministers and church workers to ensure that every minister and church worker continues effectively in his/her calling.
- f) Providing the platform for the study and investigation of all problems relating to the effective expansion of the Body of Christ, and the well-being of humankind including matters concerning economic, social, and political issues, and to offer Spiritual counselling to churches and governments where possible.
- g) Providing facilities and resources for theological education and development of human resources.
- h) Generating and managing funds for the work of the Christian Community Development of Africa (CCDA) and its member churches, and to create opportunities for self-help projects. In this regard there will be established CCDA SACCO in Kenya.
- i) Networking, sharing fellowship and information, and working together with other local and National organizations, which seek to bring together churches for like purposes.
- j) Promoting Youth activities. This will encourage and build young people to seek and to serve the Lord Jesus Christ, and to create opportunities for them to take up the challenge as future leaders.

- k) Serving as an umbrella body for the member churches and organization and to represent them collectively in dealing with issues affecting the churches and Christian organizations.
- l) Setting up an active prayer network among member churches to provide prayer support to churches, church leaders and governments.
- m) Promoting and protecting the physical and spiritual interests of its member churches.
- n) To contribute towards improvement of education and health in developing the sub counties.
- o) Providing spiritual, social, economic, and emotional assistance to people in need.
- p) Engaging in Environmental Conservation Activities and Sustainable Agriculture

## **NATURE OF PROJECT**

Christian Community Development of Africa (CCDA) and Africa Pastoral Training Institute (APTI) in collaboration with Lawndale Community Church and Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, USA are jointly implementing a programme on Christian Faith Based Education for Christian Faith Leaders, combating climate change, civic education, leadership development and enhancing food security in Kenya. This project builds on the Faith-based Education for Sustainable Development Programme and Christian Community Development (CCD) Principles.<sup>1</sup> It also builds on work done by CCDA over the last sixteen years to engage faith communities in sub-Saharan Africa to explore how their communities can respond to the emerging challenges of slum dwellers, climate change impacting on food security, environmental degradation, and biodiversity loss as well as sustainability issues. The project seeks to bring together churches to enhance Civic education and Training of leaders, SACCO and Welfare, Church Projects, Awareness creation on voter registration and Sustainable Development.

Several training sessions have been conducted since the project's inception on a sustainable weekly basis at the various satellite schools (Cohorts) established within the counties and annual sessions at the Africa Pastoral Training Institute in Kibra, Nairobi. The Cohorts collaborate to form the Kenya campus of APTI. These sessions have covered aspects of Bible Survey, Bible

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<sup>1</sup> These principles were developed by the founders of Christian Community Development Association (CCDA), Dr. John Perkins and Prof. Gordon Wayne Coach. The project was launched in Kibra, Nairobi in June 2010 by Prof. Gordon Wayne Coach, the Lead pastor at Lawndale Community Church, Founder Chairman of CCDA and Professor at Northern University, Chicago, USA.

Interpretation, Christian Counselling, Eight Components of Christian Community Development, Climate change adaptation and mitigation; Afforestation and agro-forestry; Conservation agriculture; (farming in God's way) alternative farming practices for food production and Faith-based climate change ESD. Several experiential learning followed as participants were taken through practical discussions within the centre and sensitized on good practices in crop and animal production. The coming trainings scheduled to take place every other month are to complete the remaining portions of the APTI Diploma Programme as well as thematic areas such as Civic Education, waste, biodiversity, energy, and water. The sessions will also help the organizations evaluate possibilities of micro-projects financing, the progress that has been made regarding micro projects implementation and assess various avenues for up-scaling.

As part of the training and capacity-building, the faith-leaders will be treated to field visits to faith groups that have already made substantial progress in micro-project implementation with a view to learning good practices that can be replicated and up-scaled in other regions. Further, the various faith-groups will be expected to report progress in implementation of the micro-projects in their respective areas, including any challenges encountered. The training will also enable the Christian faith leaders to internalize the lessons learnt and practically implement them at their various churches and para-church organizations.

The climax of the training will see the participants partnering with other faith groups, local community-based organizations, schools, and general public to plant trees in various Counties in Kenya on selected days. This will go a long way in uniting the members to create more awareness and sensitize the locals on the importance of adopting ecosystems-based approaches to address climate change and improve livelihoods targeting conservation of the Mau and Mt. Elgon water towers as well as the Kakamega rain forest catchment for Lake Victoria.

The overall goal of the project is to bring together the Christian faith leaders who are enrolled students of APTI from target faith-groups, to further strengthen a comprehensive common understanding of the lessons learnt in the APTI training since June 2011, Civic Education, Leadership Development, climate change and food security issues in their areas, and review projects for commissioning to address the challenge. The project will provide opportunity for further networking and knowledge/experience sharing among the Christian faith groups in addressing food security, Civic Education and Climate change in various Counties in Kenya. The

Project enjoys a wide spectrum of information resource capacity from its personnel and other experts sourced sustainably from the region.

By the end of project period, it is expected that a total of 500,000 people would have been effectively reached in the nation and benefit from the services provided. This will include church members whose pastors are attending the training, communities where these pastors come from and schools that will benefit from trainings on education for sustainable development.

## **PROBLEM JUSTIFICATION**

The regions covering various counties in Kenya continue to experience high incidences of poverty and food insecurity. This could be attributed to low awareness of community members on poverty alleviation strategies and effect of climate change on food security. The girl child is also affected because of lack of provision of essential requirements such as sanitary towels which affect their performance at school, and the adolescent boy seeking casual work to meet their daily needs. This has also led to high incidences of school dropout of the girl child in the region, defeating the cause of education for sustainable development. High poverty level is evident as witnessed in increased crime levels reported in the region. The most vulnerable groups happen to be the youth and women who bear the brunt of these socio-economic evils.

## **TARGET GROUP**

The Project targets Christian faith leaders, members of CCDA who are enrolled students of APTI as well as potential students and their churches. Project implementation will involve consultation with faith group leaders, training of trainers, identification of micro-projects, establishment of Regional Christian Community Development Associations and development of resource materials and raising awareness on climate change, its effects and mitigation measures. The materials produced will include posters with sermon guides for use in the churches.

The project also intends to cover the youth and women by offering credit to them to enable them start small businesses and expand existing ones. Emphasis shall be on expanding existing start-ups through training and financing these enterprises. The project has plans to empower 1000 self-help groups with a total population of 20,000 members in the 47 counties with poultry, dairy

and piggery farming skills. The groups trained will be expected to replicate the same to the wider community. As a result of poverty, many bright students miss opportunities for further education thus a total of 10,000 children/students would be assisted complete education through provision of bursary.

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

1. To strengthen capacity of faith leaders as TOTs in Bible Training, Sustainable land management practices with faith as the motivation (Farming in God's Way)
2. To foster the understanding and practice of Christian Community Development Principles.
3. To enhance understanding of the ecosystems-based approaches to conservation in adaptation to and mitigation against climate change
4. To deliver practical guidelines on management of micro-projects, including evaluation of projects.



## **ACTIVITIES**

1. Training of Trainers of Trainees
2. Disbursement of loans
3. Provision of bursaries
4. Tree planting activity in Kakamega County

## **EXPECTED OUTPUTS**

1. Clear understanding of Christian Community Development Principles.
2. Fortified understanding of climate change and its effects on the communities in the target area.
3. Process to develop sermon guides.
4. Capacity of participants strengthened in practical climate change adaptation and mitigation measures.
5. Important linkages and partnerships strengthened among Christian faith groups.
6. Create networks among Christian faith groups for fostering sharing of experiences and best practices on climate change related adaptation measures.
7. Increased number of Church leaders trained in Civic Education, Theological Education, Mitigation of Climate change and Sustainable Development.
8. Increased number of Voter Registration in various Counties in Kenya.
9. Trees planted at selected venues in various counties in Kenya.
10. Reduction of the crime wave in various Counties in Kenya.

## **STRATEGIES OF IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Focus group discussions with feed-back
2. Plenary Discussions
3. Power point presentations on training areas
4. Reporting of progress in micro-project implementation by faith groups
5. Practical field sessions to faith groups' micro-projects sites
6. Participatory approaches

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Organization Capacity**

The project will be run by:



Project Director (Jared Onserio), who is the founder of CCDA Africa with wide experience in Christian Community Development, Training and Discipleship

Program Manager (Stephen A. Opanga) who holds a master's degree in psychology and counselling, a Postgraduate diploma in Education and a degree in Chemistry and Theological Studies.<sup>2</sup>

The assistant projects officer Dr. Benson Momanyi who has a background in Business finance, social work and community development with over six years' experience in non-governmental organizations. The three will form a team of experts to run the project under a Board of Management.



## **Sustainability of the project**

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<sup>2</sup> He is also a long serving trained pastor who has had significant experience working with an international humanitarian / development NGO, with strong programme development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation experience. Experience of working in East Africa and an understanding of the political, social, and economic situation in the region. Experience developing and implementing strategic plans. Experience of playing a representational role in an NGO and of building professional external networks at senior level. Liaising with senior level government authorities. Experience of security and risk management. Strong financial management experience, including developing, managing, monitoring, and reporting on programme budgets in an efficient and effective manner. Experience developing, leading, and managing teams. Proven experience in establishing and managing partnership agreements. Experience of setting up a country/regional office in a developing country. Team player.

Trainers of trainees will reach out to the whole community and transfer the knowledge acquired for better community development. 1000 self-help groups trained will be provided with loans to set up businesses and from this they will be able to complement the bursaries provided.

## **BUDGET**

A sustainable program for discipleship training and civic education will be very vital to pastors and church leaders. There is need for:

1. Discipleship materials and course books.
2. Training Teachers who will facilitate the program.
3. Logistics like venue, breakfast, and lunches for participants
4. Rolling over on recruiting and communications
5. Secretariat on overseeing the whole programme.
6. Transportation means / van for staff and facilitators across the 47 counties in the country.
7. Sustainability Project for wives of pastors and others.
8. Revolving fund for pastors SACCO.
9. Training of young women on energy saving cookers and basket weaving.

## **MEETINGS HELD WITH VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS**

Following the funding that we received from FaithInvest last December 2022 we have been able to hold a number of planning meetings with various stakeholders:

- 1. Ambassadors of Hope Mission (Shikunga) 29/12/2022**
  - a. To establish a tree nursery at the centre
  - b. Equip the hospital building with medical facilities and enhance outreach to the community.
  - c. Education support to the Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC)
  - d. Improve the Demonstration Fish and Poultry farm.
  - e. Enhance facilities at the Ambassadors of Hope School



**2. Kakamega Pastors Association (KPA), 13/01/2023**

- i. Obtain a van to support the work of the association
- ii. Unite the ministers through prayer and fellowship
- iii. Holistic ministry to the community partnering with the team from Canada
- iv. Organize tree planting exercises at our institutions during the rainy season

**3. Kenya Counselling and Psychological Association (KCPA Kakamega), 11/02/2023**

- a. Establishment of a Rehabilitation / Drop-in Centre for Drug a Substance Abuse.
- b. Develop Outreach teams to Schools and Colleges on Mental Health.
- c. Establish a Tree nursery and Tree Planting exercises to institutions.
- d. Training sessions for Mental Health Workers and Peace makers

**4. County Transformation Programme (CTPK) 3/01/2023**

- i. Establish a Sustainable Tree Nursery
- ii. Establishment of an integrated vocational skills and talent development centre (Continuing work with the German Experts Service for Skills transfer)
- iii. Youth and community leadership mentorship programmes that include environmental and sports.
- iv. Empowerment of the community on their rights, election participation and responsible citizenship

**5. Regional Center of Expertise (RCE-Kakamega Western), 13/12/2022**

- a. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Sensitization for schools and colleges

- b. Tree Planting Exercises in Kakamega Forest (Involvement in the Ingo Marathon)
- c. Gauge and engage young learners awareness, knowledge skills and propel engagement in climate change discussions and actions; enhance their adaptive capacity and empower them to find solutions to address the impacts of climate change
- d. Enhance Creative expression by school going children in Kakamega County (writing essays, painting, drawing and public speaking)

**6. World Christian Professionals Ministries (Kilifi) 30/12/2023**

- i. Outreach to widows and widowers
- ii. Empowerment programmes for schools and colleges
- iii. Tree planting exercises in institutions
- iv. Partnership and cooperative savings and credit society
- v. Computer systems, video, and photography applications for schools
- vi. Education support for orphaned and vulnerable children (OVCs)

**7. Africa Pastoral Training Institute (APTI), 20/01/2023**

- a. Re-programme APTI to start from certificate, diploma, degree masters to doctorate.
- b. Offer transcripts for all courses and authorize testimonials by stamping.
- c. Develop course outlines for our curriculum as well as course manuals.
- d. CCDA Conferences to be established locally, to practice what we've learnt so far.
- e. Cohort trainings to be enhanced to enable continuity of programmes.
- f. Identification of a location / site for establishment of the college / university. This will involve the purchase and construction of facilities.
- g. Establishment of the core management and implementation team of John Perkins Scholars.

We seek to enhance these activities and reach the ever increasing and wider audience in Africa as we partner with like-minded stakeholders, including local, national, and international.

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