

Meaningful Wellbeing of Communities through Knowledge

(MWOK)

***BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO LOCAL DISASTERS TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT***

**OUR PHILOSOPHY AND BELIEFS OF THEORY OF CHANGE**

**MWOK HO PHILOSOPHY IS THAT OF:**

* Local context;
* Systemic, long-term, realistic approach;
* Humanitarian and development imperatives of the country;
* Participation, consultation and involvement of key internal and external stakeholders;
* Informed by global and regionally agreed development goals and commitments; and
* It is human rights, gender, equity and results-based.

**THEORY OF CHANGE:**

Our theory of Change states that “Through effective “Local Partnership for Community Resilience” (LP4CR) ensuring participation and leverage of local resources; the community-based initiatives can significantly contribute to lessening vulnerabilities among communities living disaster prone areas and enhanced local adaptive capacities for a healthy and productive wellbeing for enhanced socio-economic transformation towards sustainable development”

**UNDERSTANDING OUR THEORY OF CHANGE (LP4CR)**

**Meaningful Well-being:**

* In our concept refers to a good living conditions and overall satisfactions with life as perceived by the communities in a local environment they live in.
* *“In terms of our projects, it refers to the positive outcomes of our interventions that is meaningful for the beneficiaries and for many sectors of community’’*

**Knowledge transformation:**

* In our concept refers to any activity (or activities) undertaken by MWOK with available resources which can transform knowledge into basic and organized information that fits the local context solutions to identified community challenges by adding value to them, and provides optimal benefits to the communities learning experiences and transfers.

**Resilience:**

* in our context refers to the process of adapting well in the face of local disaster risks and threats —such as climate change and variability risks, displacements, or economic stressors that impacts on lives and livelihoods of community for their well-being

**Building community resilience for sustainable development:**

* In our concept refers to set of activities undertaken by MWOK to strengthen local capacity of the communities exposed to disaster hazards using locally available resources to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations and continue to live normally with the prevailing situations

**OUR APPROACH FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILENCE**

We identified ourselves with the following programme areas, with its objectives, strategies and priority actions to achieve expected results through participation, partnership and collaboration with the community, district local governments, national and international development actors/agencies including foundations/charity/philanthropists and private sectors for sustainable development

**COMMUNITY LAND USE MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION)**

**We shall address poor land use and environmental climate risk through promoting local actions for mitigation and adaptions**

1. Support environmental restoration through tree growing in open community lands, on slopes to prevent soil erosion, and around water points for protection and reduce contamination of water sources.
2. Building capacity for climate change adaptation and mitigation including hazard/disaster risk reduction through risk awareness raising, human and institutional capacity development on early warning
3. Promote inclusive local and community actions for climate resilient and low emissions levels (e.g. energy saving cooking stoves with low carbon emission at households)
4. Support solid waste management through collection and sorting facilities, and systems for recycling and reuse as a remedy for immense methane emissions from open landfills
5. Promote risk informed planning for effective local disaster preparedness and response
6. Development of community action plans for district local government’s disaster preparedness and response (village, parish, sub-county, county level)
7. Regular update and validation of district preparedness and response plan based on the updated risk profiles established using Hazard Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (HVCA)

**COMMUNITY HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WASH (PREVENTIVE APPROACH)**

**We shall Strengthen Community and School-Based Health, Nutrition and WASH Interventions** through effective engagement with stakeholders (local government, politicians, teachers, health service providers, NGOs and community leaders: women, men, girls and boys, children, elderly and other special groups)

1. Mobilization, Sensitization and Awareness campaigns on essential Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health and Nutrition services
2. Mobilization, Sensitization and Awareness campaigns for improved water access, Sanitation and Hygiene
3. Mobilization, Sensitization and Awareness campaigns on adolescent sexual reproductive health and rights (ASRHR) services including STI/HIV/AIDS/ FGM /GBV, etc.
4. Capacity development for local re-usable pads for promotion of menstrual and personal hygiene in schools and communities.

**FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTION (CLIMATE SMART AGRIC-MARKET SUPPORT AND VALUE ADDITION)**

**We shall promote Community-Based Climate Smart Agri-Business** through increasing cultural-sensitive production, post harvest handling and strengthening market linkages ensuring value addition along the Food Systems

1. Support smallholder/household farmers to access improved agricultural inputs for increasing production.
2. Support agric-business of post harvest handling, value addition and quality control during storage, distributions and marketing.
3. Support the organisation of farmers (especially women) to form groups or cooperatives bulk marketing

**LIVELIHOODS & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR GENDER-SENSITIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND TRANSFORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

* Supporting life skills development for youths and women in viable enterprises based on the local market economy ensuring financial inclusion and literacy
* Provision of market relevant life skills training support to vulnerable out of school adolescent girls and boys
* Promoting vocational and technical skills as an opportunity to access the informal and formal labour market through wage employment or self-employment

**INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

* Supporting Institutional policies including systems and controls for effective financial management, accountability and project management for effective service delivery and sustainability

**RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS**

* Promoting local research and innovations for evidence-based interventions to community challenges