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Organization Profile – Conservation Alive Kenya (CoAKE)

About CoAKE

We are a not-for-profit organization registered under the NGO Coordination Act to champion Climate Change adaptation and resilience, environmental and land governance and advocacy while also harnessing existing natural resources to improve the livelihoods of the respective local communities.

Programs

1. *Sustainable Blue Economy*

CoAKE empowers communities to utilize ocean resources for economic growth, improving of the livelihoods and job creation, while also guaranteeing the health of the marine ecosystem. Together with the fishing communities and other line stakeholders, both state and non-state actors, we have made joint concerted efforts towards restoration of degraded mangrove sites, advocated for better fishing practises, better value addition and explored sound storage facilities and market for produce.

2. *Extractive Industry*

Ocean sand mining/ excavation, offshore petroleum exploration and drilling as well as mineral mining has had a net impact to the lives and livelihoods of indigenous communities while also posing critical harm to the marine and terrestrial ecosystem. CoAKE has constantly engaged and will engage/ sensitize the local communities, mobilize the local political leadership, the county government of Kwale, petition the national assembly through to the cabinet secretaries in ensuring enacted laws on extractive activities are in tandem with all facets of human rights for local communities.

3. *Forest and Clean Energy*

Forests provide plenty of ecosystem services which support life on earth despite being depleted partly to meet energy needs for poor communities. CoAKE in collaboration with local communities have established and sustained action towards conserving forests, invested in low/ zero-carbon energy alternatives such as biomass briquettes and biogas production for sustainability and net benefits to present and future generations.

4. *Land Management and Advocacy*

CoAKE together with local community farmers work through established modern climate-smart agriculture models, community based natural resources management involving complete participation of indigenous communities and other state actors and non-state actors, policy and decision-making on resource utilization, taking into consideration customary practices, knowledge systems in management, regulatory and enforcement processes.

5. *DRR, Climate Governance and Policy*

In collaboration with the local indigenous communities, CoAKE has continued to combat the impacts of climate change that have been felt through climate-related calamities and disasters. Efforts towards Disaster Risk Reduction remain key in building communities' climate change adaptation and resilience. CoAKE will not tire from continuously engaging with rights-holders, policy and decision-makers towards realization of a citizen-led climate change bill for Kwale county.

6. *Preservation of Indigenous knowledge*

Kaya elders have exclusive access to the kayas. Reverence towards the elders as well as the supernatural have for ages served in conserving the indigenous forests which have existed for centuries. Additionally, kaya elders remain as custodians of indigenous information on medicinal value of trees in the forests, a critical service that nature provides man. Passing down such knowledge to successive generations remains critical in effort towards conservation of forests. CoAKE is working in partnership with Kaya elders in 13 sites of Kaya Forests to ensure this is realized.