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A scandal brewing at Kasarani CDF

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THERE is uncertainty on the whereabouts of KSH 471 500 that was withdrawn on July 18th 2007 by the Kasarani CDF sub committee for the Mathare North road project by Mr. William Omondi Agara in the company of Mr. Phillip Odero Ochacha and one Vitalis Otullo, from the Co-operative bank account number 0112088731900. Our sources have confirmed that the money was given to Mr. William Agara and has not been handed over to the project committee.

Prior to the above withdrawal, another withdrawal of KSH 360 000 was made from the same account. *Korogocho Mirror* has also learnt that Mr. William Agara gave KSH 60 000 to the Kasarani MP for his personal use from the same amount. KSH 156 000 had also been previously withdrawn and given to the MP on request with a condition that it will be refunded. Up to now the said amount has never been refunded.

The said money was being managed by the Mathare road project committee through Shelter Community Project (Mathare) whose signatories are Messrs. William Agara, Vitalis Otullo and Phillip Odero Ochacha.

On July 18th 2007, the chairman of Shelter Community Project coerced Mr. Phillip Odero into resigning from being one of the bank account signatories. Mr. Phillip Odero duly tendered his resignation letter to the Manager of the Co-operative bank at Canon House on July 23rd 2007. However, on a twist of events, Mr. Phillip Odero wrote another letter to the same bank manager asking him to stop Mr. William Agara and Vitalis Otullo from withdrawing money from the account claiming that the two have taken advantage by mismanaging undisclosed amount of money. The case has already been filed at the Muthaiga police station.

"When a project has been allocated some money from the CDF, the money is normally taken to the project

committee bank account. Hon. William Omondi proxies are usually mandatory signatories," alleges Mr. Silas Amanga, a former CDF committee member.

"How else do you expect us to monitor the funds?" retorted the MP when contacted by *Korogocho Mirror* over the issue.

This is against the backdrop of the CDF cheque that was coincidentally handed over from the Kasarani MP through a proxy to the Sports Minister, Hon. Maina Kamanda at a church funds drive worth KSH 10 000. Upon scrutinizing the cheque, the Sports Minister said that he would hand over the cheque to the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACA).



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The aforementioned relatives have been playing the important role of scrutinizing and recommending project proposals to be forwarded to the Minister for eventual inclusion in the printed estimates of the following financial year.

"There is no single time that we have ever discussed any project allocation. The MP always came up with a list of projects to be funded by the kitty. It's like few individuals made the key CDF decisions over their dinner table. I had to resign because I didn't want to be somebody else rubber stamp," alleges Mr. Silas Singoro Amanga. "His son was the supervisor when we were graveling Korogocho/Ngomongo road," said he.

MPs have the mandate of deciding whom to incorporate into the management of the CDF or not. The CDF Act 2003 stipulates that the CDF committee members shall be in the office for a period of two years and they are eligible for re-election for equivalent periods of time save for the ex-officio members.

"I wonder whether the National Management Committee who has among other roles the responsibility to ensure prudent management of the fund, is aware of what is happening in Kasarani," wonders Pastor Samson Kinuthia.

The CDF act 2003 provides for the community participation right from the location level. "There is no time that the Korogocho residents have been mobilized and organized for the purposes of mapping out their needs and priorities that were to be funded by the CDF," says Mr. Charles Waweru, a community development worker and resident of Korogocho.

For the past four financial years, starting from 2003-2007, the Kasarani CDF kitty has received a total of KSH 101 479 045.

Analysis of CDF projects' status reports from 2003-2007

No.	Name of the project	Project allocation	Amount paid	Project status
1	Kariobangi North/Mwiki police post construction	3,320,000	2,820,000	Complete
2	Gumba/Githurai murram road	500,000	500,000	Complete
3	Korogocho Electricity supply	13,850,000	1,350,000	Started
4	Kariobangi North Development Youth Center	12,800,000	1,000,000	On going
5	Kamae/Kwanja water project	2,300,000	2,300,000	Completed
6	Running constituency office	2,863,615	2,863,615	Implemented
7	Bursary	3,800,000	3,020,210	Given out
8	Chandaria Pr. School 4 classes construction	3,200,000	2,350,000	Completed
9	Storm water drainage in Thome	500,000	500,000	Completed
10	Kamiti prisons bore hole	2,200,000	600,000	On going
11	Emergency Fund	9,482,014	1,200,000	On going
12	Korogocho goat market	5,612,775	2,400,000	On going
13	Mathare North road construction	12,000,000	4,000,000	On going
14	Foot bridge linking Mwiki & Dandora	2,800,000	2,800,000	Completed
15	Mathare 4A playing field	500,000	500,000	Completed
16	Environment:Garbage / sewer	4,000,000	1,700,000	On going
17	Korogocho Gomongo Road grading & graveling	1,000,000	1,000,000	Completed
18	Other road grading/graveling	5,000,000	-----	On going
19	Ruaraka High school laboratory	3,200,000	2,500,000	Completed

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Hussein confirms race for Kasarani



By Jackyn Awino

MR Hussein Rashid Mohammed, 30, the Executive Director of Extreme Sports has finally confirmed that he is in the race for the Kasarani parliamentary seat.

“Kasarani is a metropolitan constituency where over the years has been ravaged by absolute poverty that have led to poor health, high illiteracy levels and lack of employment opportunities,” explains Hussein. “Kasarani is marred with a lot of tribalism. I would like to change that perception given that I have been brought up in the slums of Kawangware and Kibera where I have co-existed with people from different ethnic groups,” says Mr Hussein.

He further expounds that his key strategic issues that he shall deal with during his tenure are health, education and employment.

“When people are healthy, they are able to generate income for their up keep. When people are educated, they are in a position of gaining skills that shall lead to individual empowerment and when employment opportunities are opened up, they shall adequately and gainfully exercise their skills,” he expounds.

In an exclusive interview organized by CUP Kenya, the publishers of **Korogocho Mirror** newspapers and aired live on Koch FM, beneficiaries of Mr Hussein’s development projects which has benefited over 3000 youths directly all over the slums in Nairobi jammed the telephone lines as they wanted to air their congratulatory messages to the man whom they considered to be their savior.

“Hussein is very youthful, was

brought up in some of the most pathetic slums in Nairobi and is in touch with the problems facing youth not only in Kasarani but the whole country,” says Dominic Wachira, a resident of Mwiki.

Some of the initiatives that are attributed to Mr. Hussein’s efforts are Lucky Summer computer college, Babadogo batik youth project, Youth entrepreneurship fund in Mathare, Kariobangi, Mwiki, Githurai and Korogocho that each targeted over 20 youth groups. He is also nationally applauded for initiating youth football programme since 2004 all over Nairobi where he has pumped millions of money in terms of paying staff salaries, purchasing gifts to the winning teams and giving monetary rewards right from the quarter finals to the final match winners. He has contributed towards the rehabilitation of Roysambu football ground and also assisted in the development of Roysambu Primary School.

“Hussein is the hope for the youth. We want a better future and that future lies in him,” alleges Janet Wairimu, a resident of Kariobangi. “Time has come for us to vote for one of our own. We have all seen his development records and there is no dispute about that. I believe that what we need to do is to vote him in for him to continue with his good work,” cites Dominic Mwangi aka Domingo, a resident of Korogocho.

However, Hussein’s candidature has already irked other candidates in Kasarani who fear his networking and mobilization capabilities and closeness to the youth. He is credited with organizing the super eight-soccer tournament.

Kasarani constituency has the extremes of the very rich and the very poor, and is home to several light industries.

Above: Mr. Hussein with a group of youth after a recent clean up campaign.

Inset: Mr. Hussein Rashid Mohammed.



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An MP that fears his constituents

HERE is no doubt any longer, going by an indisputable fact, that a lot of millions set aside for development projects under constituency development fund (CDF) in Kasarani has been stashed in different accounts bearing different names other than Kasarani CDF for the benefit of Kasarani MP, Mr William Omondi and his cronies.

In the recent past we saw in disbelief a cheque being handed over in a church harambee bearing the CDF details. Kasarani residents are therefore wondering if their MP doesn't know what projects the CDF kitty is supposed to implement.

Recently, Mr William Omondi was invited to a talk show in Koch FM and confirmed to avail himself. For a period of one week listeners called-in to present questions they wanted their MP asked.

Few hours before the talk show the presenter phoned the area MP only to be surprised that he had changed his mind claiming that he was headed to a serious meeting with one of the powerful politician in Kenya.

On realizing that Mr Omondi had changed his mind, angry listeners requested the presenter to call their MP and on their behalf ask him questions pertaining CDF projects.

It was unfortunate to find out that Mr William Omondi had cheated his constituents that he was attending a serious meeting; this was evident when a Mrs Risper Omondi received the call and handed over to the MP after being requested to do so by the presenter, unknowing that she was on air and Kasarani constituents were listening to their lies.

But if Mr Omondi has put his ear to the ground, he might as well have heard whispers from his constituents claiming they are dissatisfied with his way of handling CDF projects.

This should easily tell him that besides what he claims to have done to his people, his constituents are knowledgeable enough and have rough estimates on which projects can be implemented with millions and hundreds of thousands.

Above all, we urge the Kasarani MP to come clear on matters related to CDF, Aids fund, roads fund, and constituency bursary as a matter of accountability to his constituents.

In terms of responsibility, Mr Omondi cannot, politically or legally, turn a deaf ear to claims that CDF cash has been swindled if he intends to be elected again.

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Wezi weheshimiwa

By Raphael Obonyo

THE recent reports of how the Kasarani MP, Hon. William Omondi attempted to present a cheque drawn from the CDF kitty to make a personal contribution towards a church fund drive is not only shameful but more so a confirmation of how MPs use public funds for personal gain. More shocking are the contradictions that followed when the area MP and the Fund managers attempted to explain the scandal. The two reminded me of a case where an accused pleaded guilty while his lawyer kept insisting that he was not guilty. If you were a judge in the case how would you arrive at your verdict? No doubt, dealing with two liars is worse than dealing with just one.

Back to our constituency, the scandal brings to the fore the blatant corruption that mar management of CDF in Kasarani and similar constituencies. It highlights how dishonorable members of parliament-wezi waheshimiwa and their sycophants are mismanaging CDF in most parts of the country. Some have even placed their relatives and friends in the fund committees to protect their personal interests. This means that decisions affecting the constituents are arrived at in simple dinner gathering at the MPs house as reported elsewhere in this publication. Do you know what they offer as an excuse for doing that? That trust is so expensive to lease out to outsiders.

When devolved funds like CDF were established, the objective was to incorporate community participation in decision making for economic and social development. Ideally, such programmes are noble as they provide an opportunity for citizens to actively engage in development at the local level and to have input in decisions concerning living conditions, access to resources and decision making structures. But unfortunately, they are not achieving much.

Though there are several key factors that stifle the effectiveness of the funds, the main obstacle include lack of cooperation from political leaders and the public fund managers. Apparently, politicians and like-minded public fund managers seem not to be interested in supporting people's participation

and information flow. Many people have difficulty accessing the institutions and processes that affect decisions.

Consequently, the processes have been marred with blatant corruption that is compounded with impunity and lack of accountability. Many MPs and their cohorts public fund managers misinterpret demands for accountability to mean mistrust. Some are even bold enough to brush off demands for accountability that they claim is ill driven. They don't seem to realize that accountability simply means regarding people as actors in governance and in particular decision making and mere implementers of decisions generated in the board rooms by a clique of individuals.

Indeed, peoples' participation and accountability must be taken seriously at all levels. People must remain in the guiding principles and the driver of the process. But in the light of the political realities, this will never be an easy task, much effort and strategy is required in organizing local groups to mobilize mass support and exercise a watchdog function to ensure that political resources are properly managed for the common good.

On the other hand, the Government, National Management Committees and the Kenya Anti Corruption Commission must sharpen their teeth to deal decisively with the rogue honorable and managers who misappropriate public funds. They must be held to account.

The case of Kasarani CDF calls for urgent need to reform CDF management by delinking it from the parliamentarians. In this view, there is need to devise effective community ownership and accountability mechanisms to ensure the impact of funds. It is vital to acknowledge that until we eliminate politicians from the management of devolved funds the much-needed development will remain a distant dream.

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COMMENT/ANALYSIS

ANALYSIS

The peasantry families' involvement in politics



By David Okoth

What happened to the sons and daughters of the Ayieko's, Kambos', Okotis' and many more others? Does it mean that they are not part and parcel of the same Kenyan human race? Why do we keep on being led by the same families? The Mudavadis', the Odingas', the Nyagahs', the Ngallas', the Kenyattas and the list is endless.

I may sound so inquisitive at this point but what makes me ask all these questions is the fact that Kenya has slowly been transformed into a monarchy state. Does it mean that it's only these families that can give us the leadership we want? This trend is not near from ending; my observation has directed me to a position that qualifies me to ascertain that the children of the power brokers that is, the ministers, the permanent secretaries, the parliamentarians and the prominent personalities in the civil society, forming the next government.

This has been the trend and it means that successive families have been locked out of the leadership equation by pre-independence families' leadership that quickly closes ranks as soon as it senses any attempts to assail its position.

At times when some individual from unknown families has proved too forceful for the ruling families, they have been physically eliminated as was both the late Tom Mboya and JM Kariuki. Needless to emphasize, the Kenyan political scene is still dominated by the pre-independence families who are still not ready to hand over the reigns to other families of the peasant farmers.

Terming them "leaders of tomorrow" conscious of this precedent and driven by the essence of their being politically conscious, the peasant farmers families are rising to the occasion with new ideas, energy and zeal to stake their claim on leadership. They are declaring from their political doldrums that they are no longer "leaders of tomorrow" but "leaders of today".

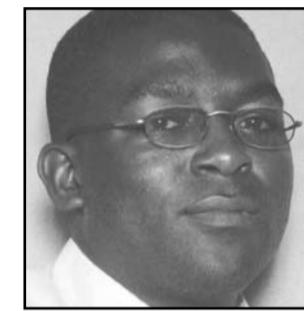
The trend of agitation for these young families for leadership in Kenya rises against a background of the burdens of unemployment, poverty, crime and general insecurity, corruption, HIV/AIDS, tribalism, nepotism, breakdown in family life and values amongst others which disproportionately affect them. Indeed, under the "old families" leadership Kenya remains one of the most unequal society in the world and with the ruling families doing little to redress this criminal imbalance.

I have come to realize that indeed politics is not a "dirty game" but a "game of families". I wonder who put a curse on these peasant farmers' families to be discriminated and stigmatized upon. I am ready to offer a burnt offering to spell away this curse so that these families can engage with the families that the so called party "owners". Wake up daughters and sons of the peasant farmers! As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, everybody can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve.

You don't have to make your subject and verb to agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to don't know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love.

POINT BLANK

Stem off the honourable thugs



By Aggrey Willis Otieno.

THE rationale behind the establishment of the CDF cannot be contested at this point in time.

Largely, all the citizens of this nation agree to a large extend that the establishment of the fund may as well go down as one of the best avenues of development this nation ever tried.

In the short while the fund has existed, it has made a difference though little in the lives of many people living in the slums.

The political elite now agrees almost entirely that the government has wasted enormous resources in the last 40 years or so through the purely centralized system.

That far, that good but: the fund should actually be offering more than it is doing at the moment. This is a fund that has a large potential but its constricted and muzzled by politics and politicians for political mileage.

What the fund is lacking at the moment are the requisite structures to sustain it. This is what provides the existing loophole for misuse and embezzlement.

With the existing provisions as stipulated in the CDF Act 2003, many of us will not fare any better than the MPs we are currently complaining about if we are put in the same reigns of leadership.

The thing we should be doing is to put mechanisms in place to end the blame game. Structures that limit the powers of the MPs should be fixed around the Act to create room for professional conduct and prudent management of the fund through transferring mandate from the politicians to some other broad based participatory structure.

There are problems with the project identification modes, and the general participation of the citizens. For example, there are no guidelines given on even the basic qualifications of the constituency office employees.

What Kenyans are complaining about is the lack of separation of powers. What is stunning is that the parliament is making the law and the MPs are implementing it!

This is against the principle of separation of powers and undermines cardinal rules of good governance. This does not augur well for the building of a democratic state.

Most committees that run the fund, just like the MPs, lack the technical capacity to account for the resources and if some have, they are isolated and uncoordinated.

Moreover, the fund does not also provide for some expenditure like transport within the constituency or even allowances for officials who run the fund, creating a situation where either inertia or theft will overcome those appointed or selected to run the CDF.

There is also an element of duplication in many of the projects implemented in the same geographical location. There are situations in which the Local Authority Transfer Fund (LATF) and other line ministries implement similar projects, mostly on paper to facilitate theft of funds.

The MPs need to be engaged in rigorous vetting and offer explanations on how they used the fund before the end of their term. There is also need to establish a structured collaboration mechanism to aid in counter checking projects funding in the same geographical area to see what other development agents are doing in the same area. Most importantly, the citizenry need to be more vigilant to detect any looting from the funds by the *honorable* thugs!

WHAT OTHERS SAY

This time who is fooling who?



Many wonder whether most of these positions will go to slum women

Dear Korogocho Mirror,

IT has come to my attention that centralized hierarchically leadership led by a narrowly based ruling elite will not possibly wield authority for long in a nation crying our for a decentralized system that could offer greater financial, administration and resource management autonomy.

The so much trumpeted reforms have not yet delivered the sustained growth needed to wipe out poverty, though figures have been exaggerated and in some cases fabricated to suit political propaganda. All this nonsense though intriguing and much of it is provocative, it has certainly provoked a host of arguments that cant hold water.

In pluralist's democracies, parties traditionally serve as the principle institution that mediates societal interstestate on pertinent issues affecting the former. In Kenya, however, parties to date have played only a marginal role in interest mediation. They have been turned into vehicles of draconian sycophants whose key agenda has been to squeeze the hardworking Kenyans dry. I strongly believe that capitalism is positively linked with democracy, shares its values and culture, and facilitates its development. There is logic in the relationship between level of economic development and democratic institutions not pseudodemocracies or *democrazies* whose posh lifestyles are sustained by the blood, sweat and tears of Kenyans. The so-called 5% economic growth has not been felt by *mama mboga* or *mtu wa kibarua* in the village.

A perfect example of authoritarian pluralism is the hefty 2.5 billion-pay package proposed by naïve august house. It exhibits outright gluttony. Not even there European counterparts enjoy what these political gluttons seem to lavish. The only moment MPs are united in Kenya is when it all comes to looting Kenyans.

The raging debate of more seats for women is a total fallacy drummed up by beneficiaries of atrocities inflicted on wananchi by political machinations. My question to the so-called activists is, which women? Is it the elites wives,

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concubines, sycophants or cronies? What Kenyans need is an objective principled and value based leadership, not the conspiracy of men vs. women agenda.

How do an ordinary *mama mboga* stand to gain from such an expensive initiative? Instead it will be more disadvantageous to the supposed beneficiary. What a big irony? 210 current MPs are so lazy that the house has consistently suffered from lack of quorums. I am so sure that no woman from the slums will attain it that easily. In any case nobody compels a woman in ballot boxes to vote against their will. What people need is proper sensitization of the public on significance of voting. Minority group agenda is a ploy to steal once more. Long live Kenya!

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The Harambee contribution that never was

Dear Koch Mirror,

AM perturbed by the realization that the constituency Development Fund (CDF) was formed to benefit and market Members of Parliament.

With the realization that they have about four official months left in parliament, the legislators have now started to make use of any tool exposed to them to make sure they influence voters to re-elect them.

Though the NARC Government officially banned Harambees on grounds that funds raised through such for a never benefited the public due to corruption, such Harambees are now taking place openly. Our own MP Hon. William Omondi sent a contribution to a church funds drive using a CDF cheque that was not accepted by the Sports minister Hon. Maina Kamanda who was the chief-guest. Harambees conducted by sitting MPs or prospective contestants have no beneficial meaning to the public.

Such fora are only used by politicians to delude us that they (MPs) who have been fence sitting and failed to initiate development since we elected them to parliament are indeed development conscious and oriented.

CDF is now just a tool to confuse us in order to give them votes in the coming general elections.

To all you guys at Koch Mirror, please continue helping us to keep these greedy leaders on toes!

**Joseph Kamau,
Mwiki.**

Reader identifies paper she could not ignore

Dear Koch Mirror,

I came across your newspaper in Kibera and wanted to ignore it but I decided to read it after closely perusing the headline and the briefs on the contents.

It turned out to be a gold mine of information on various issues of governance, human rights advocacy and community development. You are truly championing for the rights of the urban poor.

I have become so informed and I am even shocked at how much research you do before putting all that information down in black and white.

I amaze my colleagues and neighbours when I explain at length on how we can participate as citizens to make Kenya a better country and to make a contribution towards attaining the Millennium Development Goals and general development.

I wish you all the best for helping ordinary Kenyans and even some of our leaders to learn more from you. Keep up the good work.

**Anne Kiiru,
Ardent Korogocho Mirror reader.**

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Mapoz Position

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So many celebs in Korogocho and its environs have been struggling to market their songs countrywide but in vain. Finally, they have a reason to celebrate.

The Coalition of Urban Poor in Kenya (CUP Kenya) the publisher of *Korogocho Mirror* has organized talented artistes' workshop later this month and some of the topics that the facilitators would talk about include marketing, songwriting and free styling among other topics.

Elsewhere, Koch FM is now broadcasting. I have heard a lot of artistes complaining while being interviewed by Mapoz reporters that their music does not get air play in national radio stations. If your music is well produced Koch FM, I believe, will not deny you that golden opportunity you have waiting for: giving your music air play and marketing you to thousands of its listeners.

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What more can I say? I wish a successful month and hope to hear from you, our dear readers, on what you want to see in the Mapoz magazine.

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Who is Akon?

Aliaune Thiam, known as Akon, born in Senegal, is an R&B singer who released his debut album "Trouble" in 2004, which included the singles "Locked Up" [Remix] (featuring Styles P), "Bonanza" and "Ghetto". "Locked Up" reached the top 10 in the US, and the top 5 in the UK.

"Ghetto" also became a radio hit when it was remixed to include verses from legendary rappers Notorious B.I.G. (Christopher Wallace) and 2Pac (Tupac Shakur).

Recently, he has also released the single "Lonely" (sampled Bobby Vinton), which has reached top 10 on the US charts.

The mere act of surviving on a day to day basis is the foundation from which a true artist builds his craft.

Multi-talented newcomer AKON is no exception to this rule.

His dynamic debut album, Trouble, a collection of stirring songs, creatively reflects the ups and downs of the singer/songwriter/producer's life experiences. A crafty blend of soulful hip-hop, TROUBLE is AKON's vibrant first time tour-de-force. Trouble evolved from the struggles I went through and what I did and am still doing to correct those things," offers AKON, who has had his fair share of adolescent problems with both the legal and school system, as is reflected in his redemption song "Trouble Nobody." "I've got a habit of writing about everything I go through," he explains, "and this album gives a glimpse of where I am now."

To understand where AKON is right now is just half the equation. The other half lies in where he came from: this young artist possesses a unique history.

A Senegalese African, AKON moved to the United States when he was seven. His family is headed by legendary percussionist and jazz musician Mor Thiam, whose expertise for playing the Djembe, a traditional African drum, has been touted as "unrivaled."

It was AKON's deep rooted love and passion for music, evolving from filial admiration, which allowed him to turn his life around, despite his trouble as a youth residing in New Jersey. AKON began playing several different percussion instruments and eventually embraced hip-hop music and culture, despite his initial disdain for the genre.

"When I first heard hip-hop I thought it was rubbish because I didn't understand the concept of people talking over music,"

AKON recalls, "But as I started growing up, living a little and listening to the lyrics, I realized that I was going through a lot of stuff these rappers were talking about and I could relate."

Once hip-hop took over his life, AKON's musical development exploded and he began channeling his energy into writing and producing his own music. Songs such as

"Show Out" display how much hip-hop has influenced him. Over the sparsely yet hard hitting groove, "Don't tempt me/Cuz I'm close to the edge/I'm trying not to lose my head," ring the lyrics that cleverly integrates original school lyrics. At the same time, the song pays homage to hip-hop pioneers all while maintaining its own identity.

His first single "Bananza (Belly Dance)" exhibits another side of the artist. On this song AKON puts forth a feel-good

vibe. Singing over a seductive and sensual beat, "Bananza (Belly Dance)," is one of AKON's most irresistible tracks.

The song integrates a unique up tempo dance beat with a distinct wind instrumentation floating in the background guaranteed to improve every listener's mood. The reason for this, AKON says, "There are a lot of negative things going on today."

"We need to party and just have fun," he continues, "'Bananza...' is a party record. You just go in the club, party and enjoy those beautiful women." Life does not solely revolve around beautiful women and leisure time and AKON is well aware of this.

On the somber, soulful "Ghetto" and the meditative, impressive "Journey," AKON gives listeners an in-depth look into a harsher world, one that is just as gripping as it is chilling.

But rather than sensationalize his own drama,

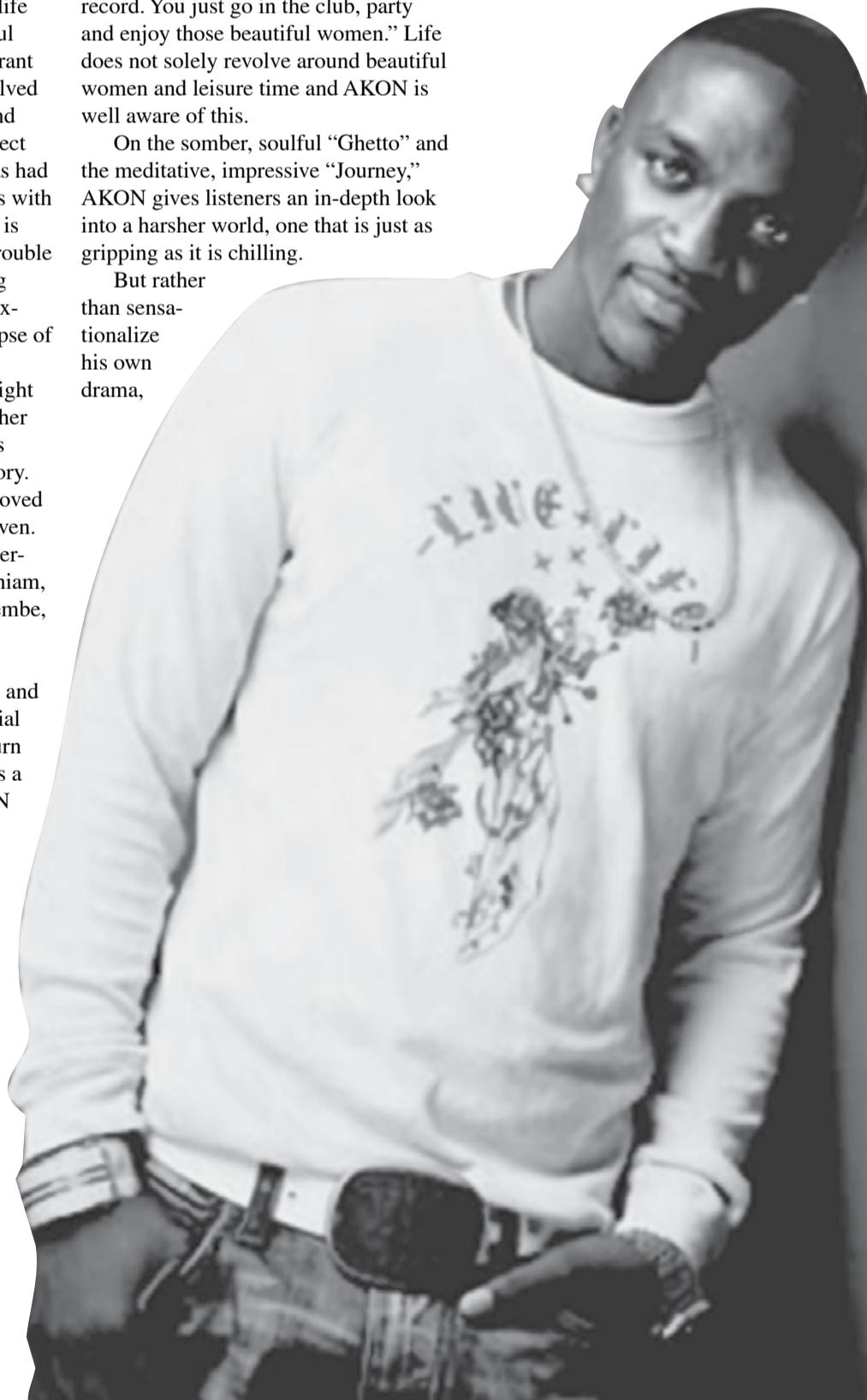
AKON transmits, to his audience, the feeling of being a part of his inner circle.

AKON's personal appeal and ability to reach a listener is a part of his whole package: a package that includes, most importantly, his distinctive vocals and a relaxed singing style. It is as though he is speaking to you as he sings in a very intimate manner.

"When I sing the sound comes from the mood that I am in. These records are coming straight from the heart," AKON divulges.

Genuine and honest, AKON's music is a step in a new direction: a trajectory that will lead us on a delightfully fulfilling path.

Says AKON, "When I'm on the mic, I'm just giving the listener a part of me." Be prepared to receive it.



HUMOUR

Bernard Adera's Diary

Poly-Tricks

Vijana Tugutuke

One hundred and twenty three shames on the mouth of whoever wants us to believe otherwise, that the vijana tugutuke campaign was meant to drum up support for a single individual- Key-backy.

Many have always believed that vijana tugutuke was a brilliant idea to have youths registered as voters to enhance their participation in national politics. But supporting a single presidential candidate was not one of the objectives, and if it was, it must have been hidden from many. And so Vijana tugutuke with Key-backy is off the mark. So that clever person should think of something else to deceive us. ...Oh Babylon system set us free... free...!



RAILA Agwambo Chairman Tinga, Hummer, Nyundo, Randa, Sandpaper, Malomalo off peak Langata constituency, Odinga is the president and final.

Anything besides that is strange in Gomongo, the only place in the planet earth where opinion polls have always placed the Jatelo top of all presidential candidates with 1000%!

Gomongo Odwadu hotel, the porridge center is the place you will find me irrigating my throat with hot porridge. And it's the only place I know on earth where I get fresh news-political news that is.

Still on siasa, Odwadu Hotel, the Hilton of Gomongo, I was meeting some breeds of 'Anywola' and they were telling me that prezzy Key-backy packing his bags and leave the house at the hill in the speed of light before Tinga gets there. I was being sent messages like this one, 'if you see him before we do just tell him that he is a liar,' First they say that Key-baki should be sacked for not manufacturing the half a million jobs as he had promised. They told me that some guys in his circle were corrupt that corruption was their middle name, and one needed to count his fingers after shaking their hands.

MOTI n DODI.....By Anderson Selewa



Live on the Koch side of life

IN Korogocho, the tremor stricken residents were becoming more serious with their heads, and so everyone was walking with some load on their heads, reason? To keep the head firmly connected to the entire body. Strange isn't it?

If things are to continue like this, sooner than later, we shall be hearing things like this, "Welcome to tremor customer care center. To continue in English press one, to continue in Kiswahili press two... to pay your electricity bills press hash, to pay your water bill press star*... to invite your head to walk away from you, press zero...stay tuned!

Any contributions?

Readers do you have any contributions to this column?

Zitumeni, zitumeni to: korogochomirror@yahoo.co.uk...

Pass it over

His wash-it the mayor of Nairobi, whose office is at the City Whole, would surely score less than zero if he sat for a mathematic paper set by the puffers. Banning cigarettes in Public did not go down well with the cigarette chewers. They could not believe that somebody who has seen people smoking since childhood could suddenly decide to behave like a class two kid. Banning the burners from burning themselves with the cancer stick.

Some cigarette chewers in Korogocho, suggested that Dick should undergo an immediate brain transplant as quickly as possible because he must be smoking something stronger than cigarette, possibly pass it over. Bans like breathing in public, sweating in public and perhaps walking in darkness when the council has lit the city at night.

Still on Koch, some non-smokers were ready to smoke Dick Ole Wathika. They were saying that what the son of Wathika did was equal to capital zero. They said that they get constant supply of more toxic smoke from the Dandora dumpsite that a trillion cigarettes burnt in a small room with one hundred and thirteen people locked in it. So what is the effect of a single cigarette compared to that?

FEATURE

Are slums tourist sites?



By Raphael Obonyo

IT is a saddening reality that despite the many visitors that tour slums or rather peoples settlements especially in Kenya the living standards in such areas still remain unchanged not by an inch. Indeed, every celebrity that comes to Kenya is taken to either, Kibera, Korogocho or Mathare or such like areas but all they leave behind are a litany of promises which in many cases never come to pass. Just recently the UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-Moon added his name to the list of the renowned personalities that have toured the Kibera slums.

It is reported that he encouraged the residents of Kibera urging them to keep their faith and hope alive. While this is remarkable, it would be vital to note that the residents of Kibera and such other slums have kept their faith for far too long, it is the Government, political leaders, some NGOs, developmental agencies the International community and the visitors who tour the area as a zoo that renege on their promises. In this respect we need much practical work than just words and sympathy. Kibera which is one of the biggest slums in East and Central Africa has over the years hosted a stream of celebrities but the levels of poverty are still unprecedented. Residents are deprived of basic services such as water, electricity, healthcare, nutrition, shelter, education, roads and so on. Is it that the slum and many others have become a tourist attraction and improving them would keep away the tourists? But even if that was the case, there is still a critical component of responsible tourism which is to ensure that communities within and around the tourism site benefit. In lieu of this what is seen every time a renowned personality visits such areas is cosmetic adjustments and heavy security which trample on their already limited rights. Seemingly this is an ignored concept. Instead People in the slums are already subjected to enough misery why should we again insult them more by making them look like they are animals in a park. It is true they need hope to reverse such trends but above all else they need genuine and committed partnership. They need concerted, sustained and determined action not just sympathy and mere words.

I agree entirely with the retired president of South Africa Mr. Nelson Mandela who once said that overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity but an act of justice. Truly, Poverty curtails people's right to dignity and a decent life, it prevents people from enjoying their human rights, right to education, right to health, right to safe drinking water, right to employment, right to shelter and a litany of others. In this respect, the struggle to improve the living standards of the people of Kibera and other impoverished areas should be viewed as protection of a fundamental human right and not charity.

(Above) A view of the sprawling Korogocho slums.

(Right) Part of the 'tourist' attraction sites



Tried, Tested and Trusted



I Maxwell Ochieng Ochar from Korogocho ward hereby declare my candidature for the leadership of the above ward as a councilor through Orange Democratic Party (ODM-KENYA).

I believe that together with the good people of Korogocho, we may do great things together and change the almost impossible situation around us. I ask you great men and women of Korogocho to give me the tools, the trust, the authority and the means, and I will do the job.

God bless Kenya, God bless Korogocho.

WOMEN

The pain of being raped

AN evening in 2002 when my Buddies and I were heading home we were car jacked and unfortunately

I was Sexually Assaulted being the only female in the quorum. I spent six hours with the perpetrators and went through the ordeal of violation Physically, Emotionally, Psychologically and Spiritually, hence taking me two and a half years to recover. I was taken in a thicket where the perpetrator asked me at gunpoint to take off my pants where I hesitated because I could not visualize or accept what was about to happen to me while his colleague guarded the entrance.

In my hesitation the perpetrator removed a bullet and handed it to me to have a feel of what would penetrate my body if I did not comply. In a state of shock and disbelief that for me there was no escape he undid my pants an event that I remember vividly for I was numb and in denial "Why me God". He told me to bend down still holding the gun to my head and the bullet still in my hand.....he penetrated me from the back.

To be honest with you reader my mind and body switched off at that moment I tried crying, screaming, running, vomiting and any thing else you would imagine off but I couldn't, am trying to remember the events at that time but I can't (memory lapse). I found myself dressed and on the road with the perpetrators robbing people who were coming from work or a night out at around 6am, as I started coming back to reality and realized what had happened I felt violated, cheated and filthy.

The perpetrators gave me a hundred shilling note from the cash they had stolen from my buddies, I and the other passerby for they didn't have cash in small denominations, all this time they weren't in a hurry to finish what they had set to do. One of them was given the responsibility of taking me to the bus stop where I took a matatu to Buru buru police station not knowing where I will begin or end, fortunately when I alighted at the junction of Buru buru I saw a police car thinking that they will come to my aid and empathize with me for what I went through. Rude shock when I told them of what had transpired the best they would say is "umelolewa ama una boyfriend usiwambie chocote watakuwacha" (are you married or have a boyfriend don't tell them anything because if you do they will disown you).

When we went to record the statement they recognized the robbery as it were "robbery with violence" and Rape to them was not a crime, even the initiative of taking me to hospital was not significant to them. As they went to pick their boss from his residence

**Ha! Ha! Kama huna chali...
don't worry...You will be OK!**



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they dropped me at Donholm where I took another matatu home, in all this I was a human being with no feelings (numbness took over my whole body).

After I alighted the matatu the first person I saw was my sister heading to work who was shocked to see me in the situation I was in (dripping wet, confused, tired, sleepy, frustrated). All I asked her to do is call her work place and say she will be late, we went back home took a shower, changed cloths (not recommended to preserve evidence) but I did it anyway and we were on the way to Hospital. In doing all this I did not have any money on me borrowed what my sister had and in all this I was not thinking of calling my parents and telling them what had happened because as a family we lacked communication (a dysfunctional family).

On reaching St. Mary's Hospital (all this time am using public means you can imagine the terror) I told them what had happened and they collected samples from my vaginal walls to test for any sexual

transmitted Disease. I haven't gotten any first aid counseling at this point and to add salt to the injury the perpetrator(s) had syphilis or gonorrhea that I got to know when I requested for help from my aunty who worked then for AAR on reading the result slip. I could not stand the fact that I might be risking my life by waiting for treatment at St. Mary's Hospital where they were overwhelmed by patients because they have reasonable rates for treatment which at the time seemed appropriate for me because I didn't have the cash to go to a private hospital for treatment.

When my aunt saw the result slip she was shocked and asked where I had gotten it from which I could not explain so I left the explanations to my sister who had accompanied me and sought refuge to a couch where I fell asleep as I waited for my aunt to arrange for me to see a doctor. At last I saw a doctor and who prescribed medicine (ARV's, morning after, others for the STD, a HIV and UDRL test) worth over Kshs30, 000.00 and insisted that I should get them and start using them before 48 hours were over. With the cash my sister had and borrowed from my Aunt I managed to get all the prescribed medicine for a month, in all this I withdrew from every one like for two months, locked myself in the house where I was living alone.

After sometime I was forced to get out of the house to earn a living because soon I would be thrown out by the landlord, the first few weeks in town I was horrified because I would see the faces of the perpetrators every where I went but I pressed on. Unable to cope with the situation I went to see a counselor two sessions but one the third of I chickened out and saw no sense in continuing with the therapy because I blamed myself because

of what had happened to me and the only way I saw out was consumption of alcohol for two and half years.

If I was to turn the clock back I shouldn't have given up the therapy sessions for what ever reasons and consumption of alcohol, drugs or turning to prostitution does not help in the healing process at all wouldn't advocate for it. At some point because of the violation of my body I didn't know if I had lost my sexuality so I would prey on men I knew and have sex "mechanical" with them but played it safe by using a condom because my HIV status was Negative and need it to stay that way. In my drinking spree I met a gentleman whom I got to know and fell in love and still is to my surprise I never saw him as one of the perpetrators reality checked in that I have not been myself for sometime and needed to deal with my anger and resentment towards men for not all are ruthless.

I took a step in cleaning up my act and registered myself at Amani Counseling Center for a certificate course in Psychotherapy where I had to deal with all my issues and learn on how to help others going through the same violation off Sexual Assault. As at now am pursuing A Higher Diploma in psychotherapy and glad to let you know that being a victim of Sexual Assault and having gone through the above experiences I have established Wangi Kanja Foundation (K) to be a home for victims of Sexual Assault both female and Male (young and old).

My wishes are to have a justice system that will support victims of

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YOUTH

Ask Nancy

QUESTION:

Dear Nancy,

I am an 18 year old guy in form four. I have been swimming in a pool of problems since I joined form 1 because I prefer girls' company to boys. I am in a mixed school and this has put me in conflict with a particular male teacher from last year. He imagines I am having sex with all the girls I talk to. This is not true. Now I am going to sit for my KCSE and I don't want this teacher to continue hating me. I also don't want to stop talking to the girls.

Help me please,
Festo.

Dear Festo,

Your popularity with girls seems a disadvantage for you where this teacher is concerned. It is a pity he cannot believe that it is possible to be friends with girls without having sex with them. This problem may be made worse by what he believes to be correct even when he has no evidence no matter how hard you try to prove yourself.

It is an advantage for you that you will do your exams this year and will leave him with his unhelpful thoughts. Since your conscience is clear, it is advisable not to get into a confrontation with him or try to emphasize your popularity. Instead, get busy with examination preparation and do less socializing since in any case the forthcoming exams will demand more time from you. Concentrate on this and he will soon realize you do not have time for conflict. You will not require to stop talking to the girls. You will only require to plan your time appropriately so as not to look as though that is the only reason you are in school.

Once you occupy yourself with your exam preparation and not show him that you are noticing every move or comment he makes, he will soon realize he is not affecting you and will get busy minding other business also.

QUESTION:

Dear Nancy,

I am a 16 year old girl in form 2. I have a boyfriend who got divorced 2 years ago. He has been disturbing me for almost 1 year wanting me to marry him after I finish school. I do not trust him. I fear he may refuse me to go to college if I marry him and maybe divorce me too. He has two children. I am confused. I am also not sure whether it is right to marry a divorcee.

I need your help.

-Nerea.

Dear Nerea,

I appreciate your fear that this man may stop you from going to college. I also identify with your fear that he may divorce you too, considering that he has been divorced before. I imagine the fact that you love him yet cannot trust him confuses you even more.

While at this point in your life I would encourage you to think about your school work, I also realize this is something disturbing you and it needs to be sorted out. To start with, I believe there must be reasons that made your friend divorce when he did. It is not clear whether in the time you have known him he has explained this to you. Knowing this would be a step towards reducing your anxiety about this friendship. There is also need for you to discuss your college plans with him so that you see whether he is willing to wait for you to finish college.

Once the circumstances are clear to you, then you will be in a better position to make a decision. You must realize that this calls for new responsibility and you need to evaluate your ability to cope with it. Do not lose track of the fact that he may be interested in you because he needs someone to look after the children and not necessarily because he loves you. You need to think seriously about the fact that your age and the fact that you are still in school may give him a chance to exploit your inexperience.

This situation calls for you to put finishing school as a priority and focus on how to achieve that. At this time, anyone you befriend must not derail you from your long term plan and neither should your friend do so. If after all these considerations you are still not sure, follow your instinct and give it time, you are still very young.

LISTEN Mr. would be defiler!

Because I am this simpler, let our daughters grow into real women without ever being playthings for lustful men, don't you pull down their dignity because the big brother is watching even the shanties...

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NEWS

Analysis of CDF projects' status reports from 2003-2007

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Kasarani cdf reports from 2003-2007: Source cdf website: www.cdf.go.ke/kasarani

No.	Name of the project	Project allocation	Amount paid	Project status
20	Monitoring & Evaluation	2,000,000	1,000,000	On going
21	Drive in & Githurai Pri. Schools	2,500,000	1,800,000	On going
22	Kariobangi North Chief camp	1,000,000	1,000,000	On going
23	Bababogo/Luck Summer Road murring	1,000,000	1,000,000	Completed
24	Kariobangi Market/Mwiki toilets	1,133,755	1,133,755	Completed
25	Kariobangi Marternity rehabilitation	1,000,000	-----	On going
26	Mathare 4A/4B foot bridge	500,000	500,000	Completed
27	Murema primary school	2,600,000	2,600,000	Completed
28	Public toilets projects	3,400,000	-----	On going
29	Korogocho Market administration project	800,000	-----	On going
30	Scouting office at Kasarani DOs Compound	800,000	-----	On going
31	Desks for 100 complimentary schools	1,000,000	-----	On going
32	Painting Githurai, Chandaria & Drive in Schools	1,000,000	-----	On going
33	Electricity	2,516,886	-----	On going
Grand Total		101,479,045	-----	

Computation done from the information published on the CDF website and didn't take into consideration the 2006/2007 project status report that has not been published.

By Aggrey Otieno.

“

According to CDF regulations, unstated CDF projects' allocations have to be returned to the Ministry. Why is it that most of the development projects have not taken off?

”

Why is the constituency office housed at Church house where the MP has been conducting private business through the name Akiba Housing Development Co. Ltd prior to his election to parliament in 2002 up to now? Why shouldn't we think that it's a matter of conflict of interest? Isn't it improper use of public resources?

The emergency reserve is a portion of the fund, equivalent to 5% of the

total CDF allocation that is meant to remain unallocated and is available for emergencies that may occur at the constituency. For the past four years, Kasarani constituency has been allocated over KSH 9 million yet only KSH 1 200 000 has been used for handling emergency issues. What was the amount used for?

Why did the MP nominate his wife and relatives to the CDF committee? Why make a personal contribution to a funds drive with money to be withdrawn from the CDF kitty?

“There is dire need for an independent evaluation under the supervision of KACA officials, of all the CDF projects in order for us to know the actual progress report of the said projects before the forthcoming general elections,” said Mr. Hesbon Otieno, a human rights activist. “It's only then that we shall be contented,” he further adds.

The pain of being raped

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Sexual Assault and a recovery center that they will call home as they recover and help them integrate back to the society fully recovered.

It's a painful experience that too many people are going through and they have no place to turn to. Wangu Kanja Foundation (K) established in 2006, is in the midst of making great changes in its understanding and remedying of the injuries and injustices of Sexual Assault (rape/sodomy).

As a Victim of Sexual Assault you will encounter negative reactions from others you must not give up, it's very

important for you to remember that there are other people right in your own society who do understand? There are people close by who are willing to fight for your rights, and people who are willing to help you every step of the way. It's because of God's Grace that I was able to come through it and establish a Non- Political, Non Profit making and Charitable Organization with the aim of helping all Sexual Assault Victims country wide. Today, many Sexual Assault victims continue to encounter the challenges of victimization from their families, friends, acquaintances, and authorities.

Our society needs to be sensitized about Sexual Assault and the Implications it has on the victims holistically. We at Wangu Kanja Foundation (K) focus on providing support,

protection, and legal advice in the eventualities of Sexual Assault. A common problem for Sexual Assault victims is that it's very difficult to ask for help because Sexual Assault has made them feel ashamed, weak, and wounded.

If you're finding it difficult to ask for help, here's what to do: pick up the phone and call Wangu Kanja Foundation (K) where we will be your special friends and give you the help you require. If you are not able to do it, ask a friend/ member of your family that you trust to call for assistance and it will be dispatched to you ASAP! We at Wangu Kanja Foundation (K) are there to meet all

your needs and we look forward to being of assistance to you and the Kenyan Community as a whole.

For more information do not hesitate to get in touch with us:

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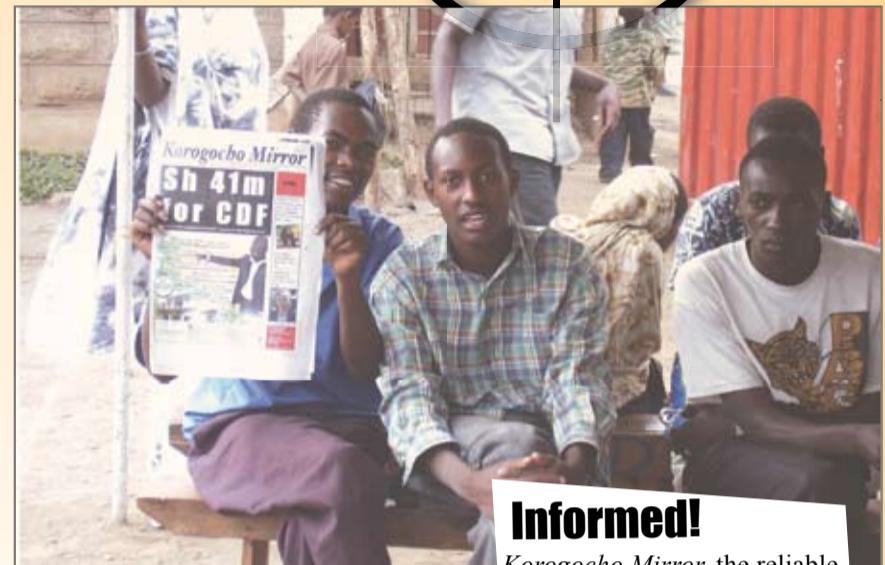
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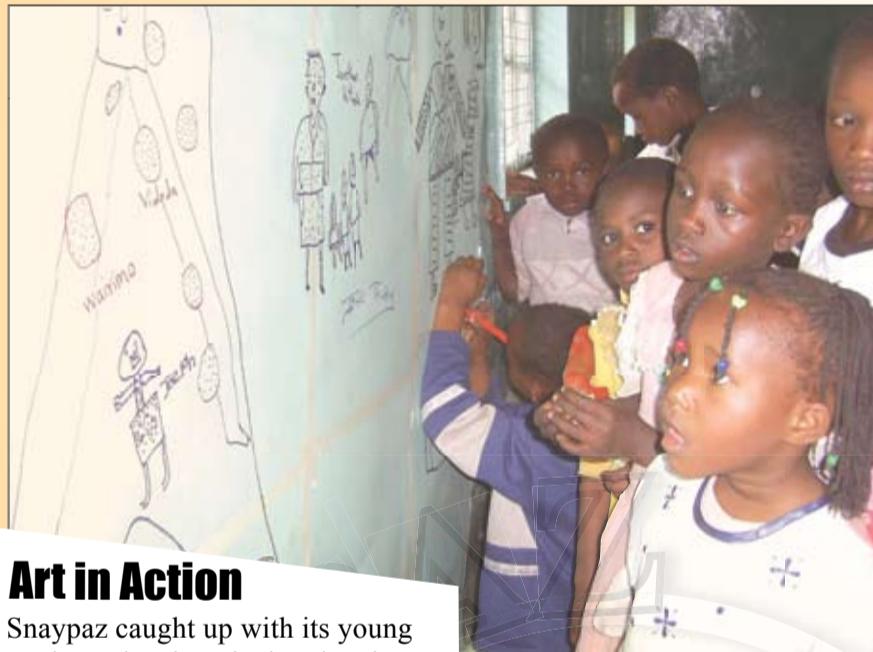
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Saying it loud and clear



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Art in Action

Snaypaz caught up with its young readers who shared what they know about HIV.



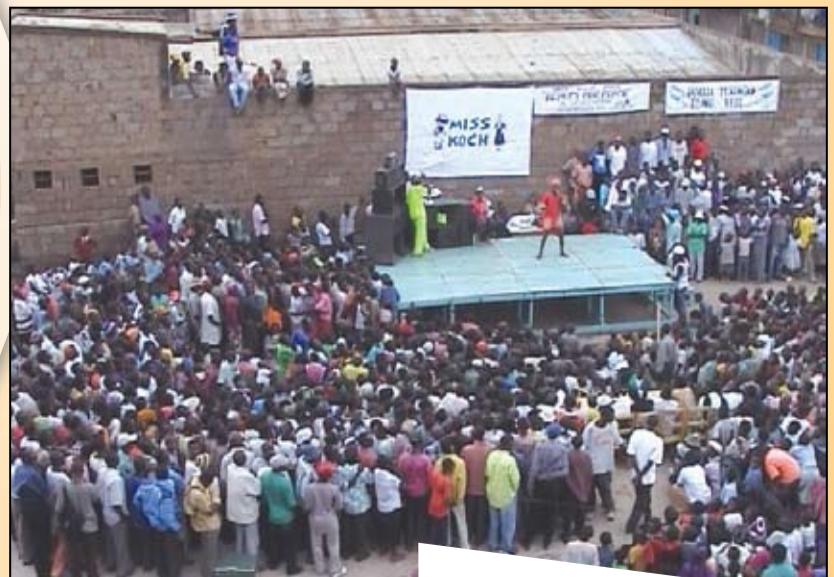
Time off

Women from sharing a light moment after a community meeting in Korogocho.



Partners

Women in Dagoretti participating in decision making process in matters concerning their community.



Aerial view

The Miss Koch activity Korogocho has always been a great crowd puller.

SPORT

The FA Premier League Fixture

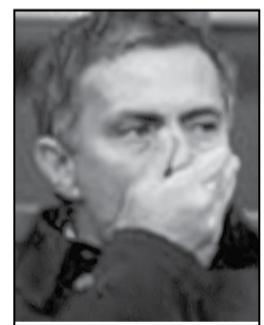
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Saturday, 11 August 2007	Aston Villa v Liverpool	17:15
	Bolton v Newcastle	15:00
	Derby v Portsmouth	15:00
	Everton v Wigan	15:00
	Middlesbrough v Blackburn	15:00
	Sunderland v Tottenham	12:45
Sunday, 12 August 2007	West Ham v Man City	15:00
	Arsenal v Fulham	12:00
	Chelsea v Birmingham	13:30
	Man Utd v Reading	16:00
Tuesday, 14 August 2007	Tottenham v Everton	20:00
Wednesday, 15 August 2007	Birmingham v Sunderland	19:45
	Fulham v Bolton	19:45
	Man City v Derby	19:45
	Portsmouth v Man Utd	19:45
	Reading v Chelsea	20:00
	Wigan v Middlesbrough	20:00
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	Newcastle v Aston Villa	15:00
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	Reading v Everton	15:00
	Tottenham v Derby	15:00
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Saturday, 25 August 2007	Arsenal v Man City	15:00
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	Middlesbrough v Newcastle	13:30
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Saturday, 15 September 2007	Birmingham v Bolton	15:00
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	Everton v Man Utd	15:00
	Portsmouth v Liverpool	15:00
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	Tottenham v Arsenal	15:00
	West Ham v Middlesbrough	15:00
	Wigan v Fulham	15:00
Sunday, 16 September 2007	Man City v Aston Villa	16:00
Monday, 17 September 2007	Derby v Newcastle	20:00
Saturday, 22 September 2007	Arsenal v Derby	15:00
	Blackburn v Portsmouth	15:00
	Fulham v Man City	15:00
	Liverpool v Birmingham	15:00
	Middlesbrough v Sunderland	15:00
	Reading v Wigan	15:00

The men and teams to watch!



Arsene Wenger-Arsenal Coach.



Jose Mourinho-Chelsea Coach.



Sir Alex-Manchester United Coach.

Day/Date	Teams	Time
Sunday, 23 September 2007	Aston Villa v Everton	14:00
	Bolton v Tottenham	15:00
	Man Utd v Chelsea	16:00
	Newcastle v West Ham	13:30
Saturday, 29 September 2007	Birmingham v Man Utd	15:00
	Chelsea v Fulham	15:00
	Derby v Bolton	15:00
	Man City v Newcastle	12:45
	Portsmouth v Reading	15:00
	Sunderland v Blackburn	15:00
Sunday, 30 September 2007	West Ham v Arsenal	15:00
	Wigan v Liverpool	15:00
	Everton v Middlesbrough	16:00
Monday, 1 October 2007	Tottenham v Aston Villa	20:00
Saturday, 6 October 2007	Aston Villa v West Ham	15:00
	Blackburn v Birmingham	15:00
	Man Utd v Wigan	15:00
Sunday, 7 October 2007	Arsenal v Sunderland	12:00
	Bolton v Chelsea	15:00
	Fulham v Portsmouth	16:10
	Liverpool v Tottenham	15:00
	Man City v Middlesbrough	15:00
	Newcastle v Everton	15:00
Saturday, 20 October 2007	Reading v Derby	14:00
	Arsenal v Bolton	15:00
	Aston Villa v Man Utd	15:00
	Blackburn v Reading	15:00
	Everton v Liverpool	15:00
	Fulham v Derby	15:00
Sunday, 21 October 2007	Man City v Birmingham	15:00
	Middlesbrough v Chelsea	15:00
	Wigan v Portsmouth	15:00
	West Ham v Sunderland	16:00
	Newcastle v Tottenham	20:00
Saturday, 27 October 2007	Birmingham v Wigan	15:00
	Chelsea v Man City	15:00
	Derby v Everton	15:00
	Man Utd v Middlesbrough	15:00
	Portsmouth v West Ham	15:00
	Reading v Newcastle	15:00
Sunday, 28 October 2007	Sunderland v Fulham	15:00
	Tottenham v Blackburn	15:00
	Bolton v Aston Villa	13:30
Saturday, 3 November 2007	Liverpool v Arsenal	16:00
	Arsenal v Man Utd	15:00
	Aston Villa v Derby	15:00
	Blackburn v Liverpool	15:00
	Everton v Birmingham	15:00
	Fulham v Reading	15:00
Sunday, 4 November 2007	Middlesbrough v Tottenham	15:00
	Newcastle v Portsmout	15:00
	Wigan v Chelsea	15:00
	West Ham v Bolton	16:00
	Man City v Sunderland	20:00
Saturday, 10 November 2007	Bolton v Middlesbrough	15:00
	Chelsea v Everton	15:00
	Derby v West Ham	15:00
	Liverpool v Fulham	15:00
	Man Utd v Blackburn	15:00
	Sunderland v Newcastle	15:00
Sunday, 11 November 2007	Tottenham v Wigan	15:00
	Birmingham v Aston Villa	13:00
	Portsmouth v Man City	16:00
Monday, 12 November 2007	Reading v Arsenal	20:00

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