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WHOLESOME EDUCATION

The Chief Administrative Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Dr. Sarah Ruto, Plants a Tree During the ACK Wholesome Education Ultmate Celebrations at St. Paul's University, Limuru on the 7th of October. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

ADS Holds Peace Symposium

Delegates during the ADS Peace Building Symposium in Kisumu. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

Mainstreaming cohesion, reconstruction of the economy, Institutional Renewal and respect for Human Rights are some of the interventions that can promote sustainable peace and development in Kenya. This came out during the recently held Peace building Symposium organized by the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) through her Social Transformation Arm, the Anglican Development Services (ADS). The Symposium brought together ACK, National and County Government agencies; as well as other partners in the Community Development and Peace subsectors.

With the changing trends in conflicts being witnessed in various parts of the Country, Delegates and speakers attending the Symposium shared on how stakeholders could work together to promote sustainable Peace and Development. The Symposium also provided an opportunity for the Church to showcase her peace building efforts within the country as well as highlight hinderances to National Peace and security.

The ACK Archbishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit gave the Keynote address. He said the Church had over the years actively helped resolve some of the Country's conflicts ranging from Intercommunal, Industrial stalemates as well as political standoffs. He reaffirmed the Church's commitment to "champion good governance, justice, peace, reconciliation and healing among Kenyans for a cohesive and sustainable society."

The National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) represented at the event by Chairman Rev. Dr. Sam Kobia and 2 Commissioners, lauded the ACK's efforts in championing peace in the country. Dr. Kobia urged the Church to use 'her natural diversity Mix' to model cohesion among communities. Referring to intercommunal peace building initiatives that were rolled out by ADS in partnership with the Commission and other stakeholders-in conflict hotspots within Narok County in 2020, he said that the Commission appreciated ACK's presence in the country as a vehicle to promote cohesion in communities.

Other Speakers underscored the need for the Church to actively engage in advocating for right political leadership, political tolerance and independence of Constitutional Institutions overseeing electoral processes.
Cyprian Nyamwamu, a governance expert, urged that the Church should be 'impartial, but not neutral' when participating in Political Discourses. He explained that the Church held such an important role that could be embraced to help shape national Agenda.

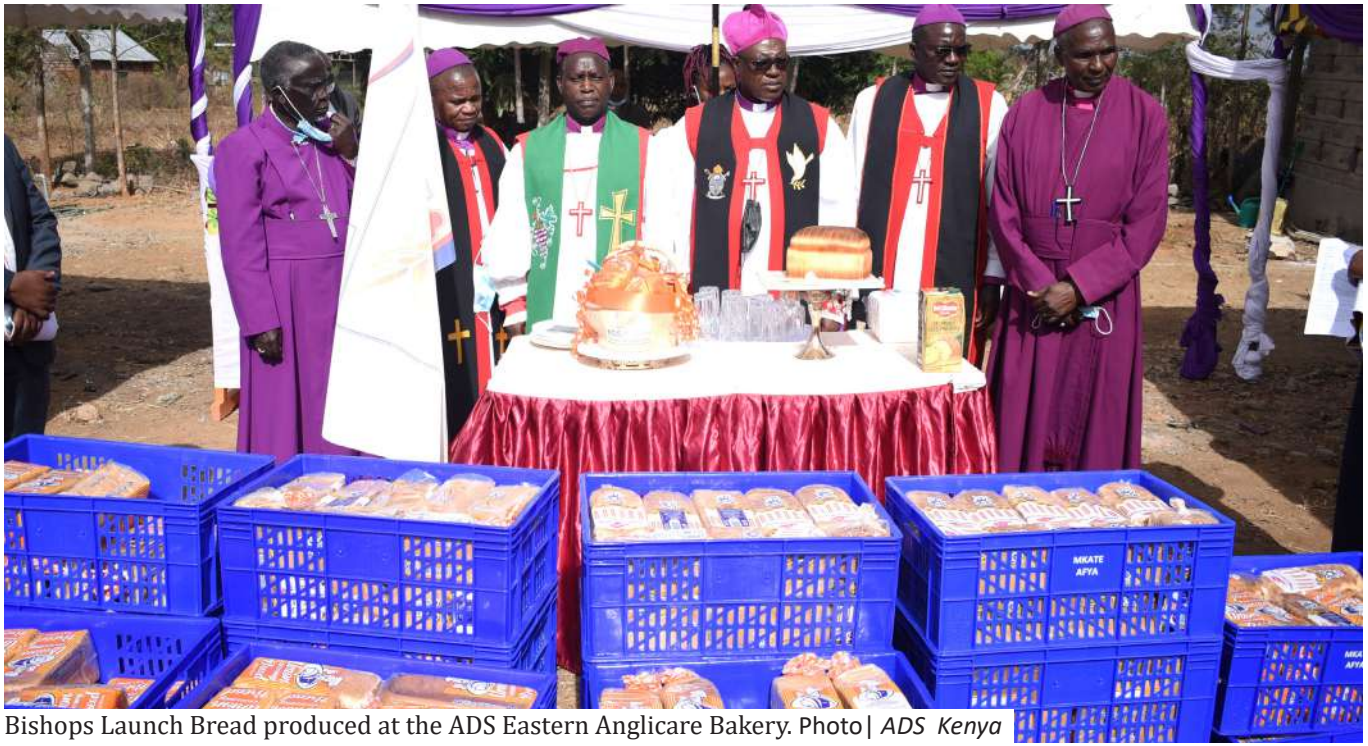
Gender Inclusion

The Symposium also urged that conversations around Peace and Development should provide as much space for women and Youth involvement. Delegates noted that in areas experiencing conflict, women, youth and Children were the most affected groups. To adrress this, "the country needed to offer the youth an opportunity to participate in National Development by offering their skills and talents." This would ensure that they were not vulnerable to exploitation during conflict.
Institutional reforms were also identified as an area that could help rebuild trust in Government agencies among Kenyans. Delegates observed that most Kenyans barely trusted National Institutions owing to their (institutions') misuse to serve interests of few people; and corruption. Further, the symposiums urged that such reforms "ought to be redemptive so as to inspire confidence."

Speakers also noted the need for the Government to design and implement policies that could help revive the economy. This would help empower Kenyans, hence improve the standards of Living.

This year's Symposium was held at the Grand Royal Swiss in Kisumu County, from 11th-14th of October, 2021. It focused on Peace and Development, aimed at Remodelling the Church's Unique Engagement Pathways to Sustainable Peace and Security. ADS organizes symposiums bi-annually, focusing on various select Thematic Areas that inform her programs.

ADS Eastern Launches the Anglicare Bakery



Bishops Launch Bread produced at the ADS Eastern Anglicare Bakery. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

The Anglican Development Services (ADS) Eastern Region- has launched a bakery facility in Wamunyu, Machakos County. Known as *Anglicare Bakery,* the investment is aimed at supporting farmers in the Eastern region access markets for their potato produce, address Food Insecurity and malnutrition among the communities; as well as complimenting sustainability Programs within ADSE. The bread produced at the facility will be partly baked using amaranth and the orange-fleshed sweet potato, a nutritious biofortified sweet potato variety being promoted by ADSE in the Eastern region, in partnership with Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO).

The 33 million Shillings Investment is also expected to supplement ADSE's income streams. This will further support her Community Development initiatives within the Region, covering Machakos, Makueni, Kitui, Garissa, Mandera and Wajir Counties.

The Bakery has a capacity to produce 10,000 loaves a day, providing employment opportunities for dozens of community members. The bread produced will get into the market under the brand name 'Mkate Afya'.

Speaking during the Launch, the ADSE Chief Executive Office John Mutua, underscored the role that ADSE had played in transforming communities over the years. He explained that the bakery would primarily offer the farmers in the region ready market for their produce since

Bishops Launch, ADS Staff,and Community Members Launch a Borehole in ADS Eastern. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

the materials identified for fortification of the bread would be sourced locally from them. This would translate into increased incomes for the community. The Initiative is being implemented under a partnership between ADSE, the Anglican Relief Development Fund (ARDF) and ADS Kenya.

A Borehole was also commissioned during the launch to provide uninterrupted clean water supply to the nearby community and within the ADSE Headquarters in Wamuyu. The borehole is expected to provide a source yield of about 11M3/hour, enough to sustain the Headquarters operations with the surplus being supplied to neighboring community members.

The Launch service was attended by among others, ACK Diocesan Bishops Joseph Mutungi (Machakos), Francis Matui (Makueni), Gideon Muneni (Kitui), and David Ngangi (Garissa) as well as Retired (ACK) Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi and retired (ACK) Bishop Joseph Kanuku; clergy, ADS Kenya Executive Director Bwibo Adieri, community Members, and representatives from partner organizations.

Goverment Lauds ACK's role in the Education Sector

The Archbishop, Bishops, Goverment Officials,partners with the Wholesome Teens Tour Team. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

The Ministry of Education has lauded the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) for her role in Championing Value Based Education in the country. In a speech by the Minister of Education, Prof. George Magoha, read on his behalf by the Chief Administrative Secretary in the Ministry of Education Dr. Sara Ruto, the Ministry avowed that the Approach being spearheaded by the Church "helped Learners attain Physical social, cognitive and emotional Growth" and not just sharpen their academic Skills. This, Prof. Magoha explained, complimented the Government's goal in the Roll out of the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC). "The CBC seeks to support learners to explore their talents thus ensuring that all students and Citizens are engaged, empowered and ethical," the CS noted. He also called on the Church to ensure that the education promoted Community Service among learners.

The ACK Archbishop, The Most Rev. Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit, affirmed that the Church recognized the role education played in molding a person. He explained that on this basis, "the church advocates for shaping values and capacities of the Person," that can help transform the Nation. He said that the Church would supporting the Education sector to ensure that "the effects of an Education Process resulted in the formation of a better Nation." This, he said, would ensure that the value of the process helped other people within the whole Society and not just an individual.

The event was held on the 7th of October, 2021 at St. Paul's University in Limuru where the University's Joshua and Timothy School of Theology of Building was launched.

The 2021 Annual Theme for ACK is Wholesome Education.

Among other initiatives, the church has partnered with other stakeholders on a *Wholesome Teens Caravans* to Schools across the Country. The aim is to support learners with spiritual welbeing and general mentorship programs.

A Member clergy during a Wholesome Teens Tour in All Saints Cathedral. Diocese. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

Members of the Wholesome Teens Tour perform a skit during one of their Visits . Photo| *ADS Kenya*

The Archbishop Launches the Wholesome Teens Tour Caravan at the All Saints Catheral, Nairobi. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

Wholesome Health:

Partnerships for Increase Healthcare access

A Medical Camp at the Kibera Human Development Clinic. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

The Kibera Human Development Project (KHDP) is a health facility located in Nairobi's Kibera Informal Settlement Area. Considered the 2nd Largest Slum in Africa, Kibera is home to an estimated 250,000 people. Majority of this population depends on Informal jobs within various parts of Nairobi for their livelihoods. Faced with competing household needs, residents also grapple with challenges in access to quality and affordable healthcare. The availability of numerous nearby health installations does not translate to easy access to healthcares. This is due to the high costs of Medicare and stretched capacity for the facilities to serve more people.

KHDP is among the few facilities in the area that offer affordable health services to the residents. It is managed by the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) Holy Trinity Church and has been in existence for over 3 decades. It is among various other facilities in the country that receive medical support from Health Partners International Canada (HPIC). This support compliments, among other programs, Maternal Child Health programs, general disease as well as Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) management.

Stanley Simiyu is a Health Officer at the Facility. He says that the facility has witnessed a steady rise in the number of women seeking MCH Services at the facility due to the affordable costs and quality of services offered.

The Facility is among the three within the area that received equipment and medicines to support Prevention, early detection and better management of NCDs.

The Other Health facilities include Kibera DO and Lang'ata. As many as about 24,000 people are currently being reached under the NCD intervention area. About 30 Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) have been enlisted to create awareness on healthy living, early screening and link NCD patients to credible Health facilities for treatment. The CHVs who include Health Workers,] Clergy and Community Champions receive regular training to enhance on NCD management.

Public sensitization Programs have also been rolled out in Schools and Churches to create awareness of NCDs. Additionally, the Facility also received general medical items to support the treatment of other diseases and improve the general infrastructure.

A Health Officer at the KHDC offers Mother and Child Health (MCH) Services . Photo| *ADS Kenya*

Medical Supplies Mobilised under a Partnership between HPIC and ADS Kenya. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

Kapsabet Hosts Green Anglicans Celebrations

The Archbishop Launches the Green Anglicans Movement of Kenya, Kapsabet Diocese Chapter. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

The 2021 Green Anglicans Day was marked in Kapsabet Diocese on the 10th of October. The celebrations were presided over by The Archbishop of The Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK), The Most Rev. Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit; hosted by the Kapsabet Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Korir, clergy and Faithfuls in the Diocese. The Green Anglicans Movement of Kenya -Kapsabet Chapter was also launched during the Celebration service that was attended by Hundreds of Christians.

The Archbishop called upon the congregants to embrace the Mission of Ecology being rolled out by the Church to help restore the environment. He also urged the youth to proactively participate in Conservation efforts within the Diocese.

Kapsabet Diocese joins the Growing number of Anglican Dioceses in the Country that have officially launched the Movement. Other Dioceses are also engaged in various Conservation efforts such as tree growing, adoption of Green Energy and practicing safe and Proper waste management as guided by the Green Anglicans Strategic Interventions areas.

During the Celebration Period, The Diocese showcases her initiatives in climate Smart farming implemented within communities through the *Farmer Field Schools.*

A Farmer at a Model Farmer Field School in Kapsabet Diocese. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

The Archbishop visits a Model Farmer Field School in Kapsabet Diocese. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

A Model Farmer Field School in Kapsabet Diocese. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

A Sample Kitchen Garden Innovation in a Farmer Field School in Kapsabet Diocese. Photo| *ADS Kenya*

Episcopal Transistion

The new Bishop of the ACK Diocese of Maralal, the Rt. Rev. David Lebarleyia during the Consecration and Enthronement service on the 3rd of October in Maralal, Samburu County.
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