

As the county government of Mombasa moves with rapidity to implement the urban renewal and regeneration programs, the affected estates and households stand to lose if steps are taken to address the human rights concerns associated with these projects. Forced evictions are eminent and there exists no record or data to protect the affected households. Further, the lack of unity and weak capacities among communities in terms of their understanding of their housing rights leaves them vulnerable and pre-disposed. Hakijamii conducted a training to empower the estate leadership teams on human rights-based approaches to housing and provided a platform for solidarity building.

The training further introduced the concept of enumeration which will ensure all the affected families are properly identified and a database developed to help the county government in terms of planning and ensuring the exact households that benefit from the projects. This will safeguard the authenticity of beneficiaries while at the same time addressing the fraudulent and illegitimate acquisition of houses by cartels and corrupt officials. Strategic action plans were derived from the meeting including the prioritization of Likoni as an interest area, an immediate meeting to finalize the enumeration tool, conducting an enumeration a head of the planned project commencement period and the need to unite and build solidarity among communities in the affected estates.

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