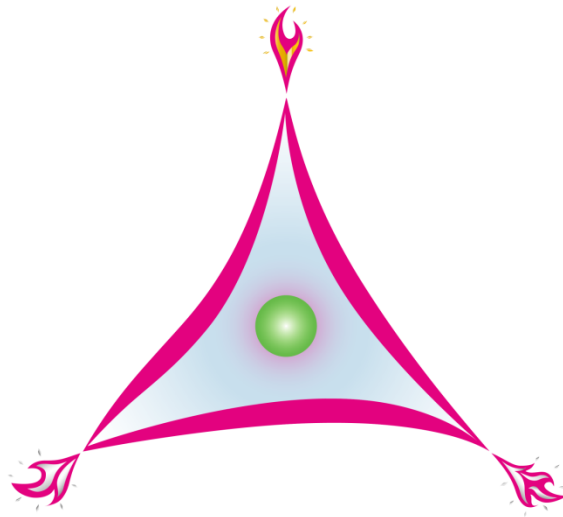


Feminenza



Feminenza Kenya Annual Activity Report 2019

Chairperson's Introduction

Dear reader,

In 2019 we focused on reviewing how the work of Feminenza and specifically the Trauma Healing Community Resilience Development workshop might be made available at a larger scale to communities who can benefit from it. Further we sought ways to fund a practitioner training, that women and men who have already gone through the workshop, have requested for.

During our visit to Kenya in July 2019, we had a series of meetings with potential donors and partners and have followed them up, but they have not yet led to concrete results. A meeting with the Rotary club in Nakuru launched an initiative to reach out to local Rotary Clubs in our European countries and Canada in order to find a Rotary Club that might be interested to apply for International funding for a peacebuilding project.

Further discussions took place about a possible cooperation with Dignity, a Danish organisation focused on preventing torture. A proposal was submitted along with a budget to the organisation for a pilot workshop.

During the visit we met face-to-face with the Full Board of Feminenza Kenya along with our accountant, bookkeeper and lawyer. We were able to have a good discussion about the future of Feminenza Kenya and lay out a roadmap to acquiring full Charity status. During the Board meeting it was agreed that we would start the preparation for the registration process.

We were delighted that Board members Esther Keino and Pacifica Ototo were able to join us for our meeting with the National Steering Committee on Peace Building and Conflict Management and NCIC (National Cohesion & Integration Commission).

Kenya remains an important country for Feminenza's work with a strong support base. The board is committed to continue its work and to support people, particularly during these unprecedented and challenging times, due to the COVID-19 virus.

Monique Weber
Chair Feminenza Kenya

Organisational Development

Governance

The Annual General Meeting for 2018 took place in Kenya on 13th July 2019 which allowed for an in-depth discussion about Feminenza Kenya's future. DMG associates (Dominic Mirie) and Karoki Advocates (Anthony Karoki) advised about the steps and processes needed for Feminenza Kenya to become a Charity. The work towards this was commenced and continues.

The affiliation agreement with Feminenza International was updated and was agreed to and signed by the Feminenza Kenya Board.

Finance

We have continued with the services of our bookkeeper, Kevin Mbugua, who completed the accounts for the years 2018 which were submitted to the Auditor Dominic Mirie. Dominic concluded the audit of our accounts for 2018 and they were signed off by the board.

The opening balance of the Feminenza Kenya account in 2019 was 20,993.85 KES and the closing balance was 29,647.60. A requested grant of 208,080.00 KES from Feminenza international to meet our expenses for 2019, transferred in January 2019, was the only income for the year. Expenditure of 219,367.15 KES consisted of bank fees, taxes, auditing and accountant fees.

Fundraising

The Chair and Treasurer of the Feminenza Kenya Board visited Kenya from 12 to 20 July to seek out new partnerships for future projects. We were able to meet with various donor organisations, NGOs, the Rotary club in Nakuru, participants of the Trauma Healing Community Resilience Development workshops conducted in 2016 (DREAMS Initiative) and 2017 (Elders and member of the Peace Committees in Nakuru).

DFID and Coffey International informed us about the RE-INVENT programme. They expressed an interest to include our THCRD workshop in the programme, but we found out later that it was not possible due to budgetary constraints.

We also met with GIZ (German International Development Fund) and the Rotary Club of Nakuru. They recommended we seek another international Rotary club to partner with them and submit an international funding proposal under peacebuilding. This would be to fund training for THCRD practitioners in Nakuru and Nairobi Kenya. We followed this up by meeting Rotary clubs in the United Kingdom, Denmark and Canada.

We met with the Staff of Global Communities Kenya, who informed us about the completion of the DREAMS Initiative and that USAID would be focusing more on providing funding directly to local NGO's rather than using International NGOs for implementation (such as Global Communities). We explored the possibility, should there funding available for a continuance of the DREAMS Initiative, that Feminenza Kenya could be part of a consortium, together with the St. John's Community Centre and Global Communities in support.

Projects

Impact of the THCRD workshops in 2016 and 2017

While in Kenya, we were able to follow up with participants of two of our THCRD workshops. The first meeting was with some young women who participated in our workshop in 2016 in the context of the DREAMS initiative. They had become the go-to persons within the programme, the young women others would turn to for advice. The young women said that the workshop had been impactful, that it taught them to love again, trust again and it allowed them to make use of the opportunities provided to them as they saw their lives mattered. One of the women interviewed was studying, a few others started a small business and one of them actually had travelled to Europe to show traditional Kenyan dancing. It was very good to witness that the impact of the workshop had been sustainable in the young women and also in one of the counselors who wants to be part of a practitioner training, should it go ahead.



The Feminenza team with some of the girls that attended the THCRD workshop during the DREAMS Initiative programme and Elders/Members of the District Peace Committees that we interviewed in Nakuru.

We also interviewed a group of Elders, members of District Peace Committees, who participated in our THCRD workshop in 2017 which was part of a programme of the Nakuru County Peace Building Consortium, in the context of the DFID/Coffey International funded programme Jamii Thabiti. The workshop focused on the objective: 'Strengthen community level capacity to manage conflict and build trust for peaceful co-existence.' They remarked about the sustainable changes in their life, with more understanding and ability to let go. They also mentioned that the change began in their own family, with their wife and children, causing increasingly bigger ripples as they work in their communities. This group made a strong petition for a THCRD practitioner training to take place in Nakuru.

The Tasaru Rescue Centre

A visit also took place to the Tasaru Rescue centre in Narok, which has been a partner of Feminenza since 2004. This rescue centre provides a safe space and education for [Masai](#) girls escaping early marriage and female genital mutilation and has received funding from Feminenza over the years. It has gone from strength to strength, they received substantial

funding to build their own boarding school for girls and are starting to allow boys to attend as day students.

In 2018 one of the Feminenza volunteers in North America raised funds to provide internet connection for the laptops at the school. It was agreed that Feminenza would raise further funds for 14 webcams, to enable the girls to have video calls. The Director of the school was enthusiastic about Feminenza engaging the girls in a series of workshops (via video conferencing) about self-leadership, which is being prepared. Further a fundraising proposal is being written to a Danish donor organisation, which features a more longterm Feminenza programme for the girls at the Tasaru rescue centre.

Logistics

Feminenza Kenya's Public liability insurance was renewed with Eagle Africa during 2019 but we experienced some difficulty with their bank details during the year. It has now been paid in 2020.

We continued to use the services and premises of DMG associates for our company premises.

The Logistics for the July visit to Kenya were implemented: Flights, Accommodation, in-country transport, scheduling, health, safety and security briefings.

There were no Security or Health and Safety issues.

Signed on behalf of the Feminenza Kenya Board

M. Weber (Chair)