



# MONTHLY BULLETIN

## Activity Highlights

### Promoting Tax Justice to women traders in Siaya County

In the month of March, we conducted assessments in 15 markets in Siaya Sub County to gauge women traders' involvement in budget decisions and revenue allocation. Our aim is to promote tax justice and advocate for a favorable business environment for small-scale traders. This was done under Uchumi Huru projected supported by The African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)



*Rose Akinyi, SIMUN Staff, engaging a business woman during assessment exercise in Boro Market*

### Expanding Clean Water Access to vulnerable communities



*Beatrice Oduor, SIMUN Staff, drinking water filtered by Uzima water filters as a gesture of its effectiveness*

From March 4th to 8th, we collaborated with Villanova University and Start with One Kenya to distribute 100 Uzima Water filters in Sumba and Uwasi, Usonga ward. This initiative aims to combat waterborne diseases and enhance community health.

### Women Voices amplification through Radio Advocacy

In a bid to amplify women's voices, we engaged in a special talk show on Radio Mikayi celebrating International Women's Day 2024. Focusing on the theme 'Invest In Women Accelerate Change,' we sparked meaningful conversations and championed women's rights.



*Florence Ouma, SIMUN Staff, during a radio talk show at Radio Mikayi*





*Audit firm, board representatives and finance department staff in a closeout meeting after annual audit was conducted*

## Annual Audit Closeout Meeting

As part of our efforts to ensure compliance, we conducted our annual audit exercise, concluding with a closeout meeting with board representatives and the audit firm. This critical process helps us understand our strengths and areas for improvement.

## A Visit to Nina Special School

In collaboration with our partners from Villanova University and Start with One Kenya, we visited Nina Special School to assess our previous support and plan future engagements. We enjoyed memorable moments with the children and are committed to enhancing their lives through continued partnership.



*A student from Villanova University bonding with pupils at Nina Special School*

## Uchumi Huru Project Research findings validation



*Hillary Omondi, Programs Coordinator SIMUN, engaging stakeholders during research findings validation meeting*

On March 13th, under our Uchumi Huru Project, we convened a stakeholder meeting to validate research findings on tax justice in 15 markets across Alego-Usonga subcounty. The attached link to the findings provide valuable insights from the exercise.

[<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17ss0RqhILMAaTIPSRu9ewcAE0fBf-6CO/view?usp=sharing>]

## Power Analysis Sessions with right holders

Our recent power analysis sessions engaged 52 right holders across West Alego, West Uyoma, and North Alego wards. The purpose was to boost widows' confidence. Through collaborative discussions, we aim to empower and uplift marginalized voices in our community.



*A section of right holders during power analysis sessions in West Uyoma Ward.*





*A member of Siaya County Children Advisory Committee giving his inputs during formation of the Siaya County Child Policy*

## **Advancing Child Welfare through Siaya County Child Policy Development**

On 13th March, we actively contributed to shaping the Siaya County Child Policy, reaffirming our dedication to child welfare. This ongoing effort ensures protection, rights, and opportunities for every child, paving their way to a better future.

## **Community Consultation: Addressing Climate-Induced Displacement**

During the month of March, we participated in a 3-day consultation to identify practices addressing displacement in the context of climate change in our community. Collaborating with global networks under the Platform on Disaster Displacement, we worked alongside partners to find solutions.



*Hillary Omondi, second from right, with other partners during a consultation meeting with global networks.*

## **Feedback meeting with our Community SRHR Champions**



*Hillary Omondi, Programs coordinator SIMUN, engaging community SRHR Champions at Umala VTC.*

In our recent session, we engaged with our community Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights champions, gathering valuable feedback on their journey, accomplishments, and hurdles. This insightful exchange will guide us in refining our support and empowering them further.

## **Bridging Generations: Localizing GBV and Teen Pregnancy Response**

In March, we had a series of 'Intergenerational Dialogues' across Simenya, Rangala, Umala, Nyamila, Karemo, and Sirembe Sub-Locations in Siaya County. These sessions focused on localizing prevention and response to GBV and teen pregnancy, encouraging community dialogue and action.



*A young mother from Umala giving her sentiments during intergenerational dialogue.*