

Annual Report

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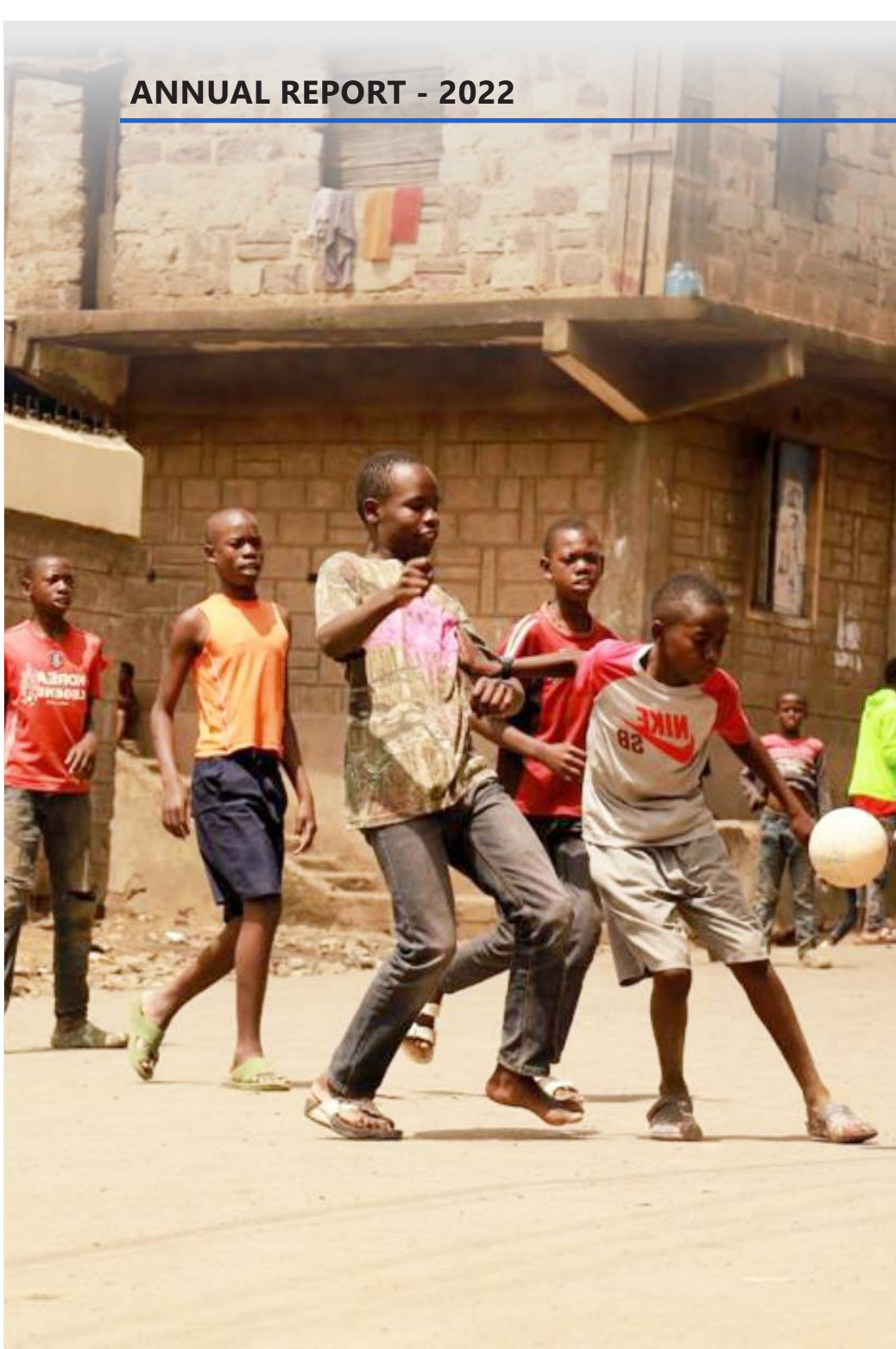
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About Re-Imagining New Communities

Re-Imagining New Communities (RNC), is a peacebuilding and communication organization based in Nairobi, Kenya. RNC uses storytelling, art and art-based approaches as a tool to tell and showcase stories of impact from communities, organizations and entities working towards attainment of sustainable development goals and other interventions.

The organization is founded on strong foundational values that emphasize inclusion and support for the low-income communities especially in the urban settlements of Nairobi and rural Kenya.

We envision a world where every person's contribution is valued and celebrated.

Our work comprises of four key areas

1

Peacebuilding

We design and implement highly effective peacebuilding activities that develop and produce a new generation of peacebuilders, changemakers, conscious artists, and community leaders who have the ability to tackle some of the most underlying societal issues in creative and innovative ways.

2

Participatory Action Research

Data and evidence are very key to our work and engagement with relevant stakeholders. Thus, we design research projects that emphasize direct engagement of local priorities and perspectives ensuring that communities are at the center of identifying and resolving the challenges affecting them.

3

Community Dialogues and Training

Everyone (young or old) has a role to play in building a healthier and more vibrant community. Thus, we tailor conversations and approaches that respond to the needs of specific groups of people. We, carefully, look at the setting, the people and the most appropriate means of engagement

4

Strategic Communication

Most grassroots organizations are doing amazing work but they aren't documenting and communicating on their impact. Through our strategic communication and documentation approach we train and build the capacity of these organizations on how to communicate on their work and impact.

Key Milestones in 2022



June

Contributed to the national #ReadAloud Campaign by StoryMoja Publisher, to set an unofficial world record.

February

Issued a statement on the Russia- Ukraine War, calling on the international community find a peaceful solution to the crisis.

May

Through the support of Moran Publishers and All for Books, we donated to 100 storybooks to three schools run by Inua Village to Global Foundation.



July

Had five Tv and radio interviews-with Elevate TV, Look Up TV and Radio Maisha, on the Kenya's 2022 General Elections.

April

Supported Inua Village to Global Foundation's campaign on fighting jigger infestation in Vihiga County. Over 70 households were treated and provided with hygiene packs and medicine.



Children Led Community Peace Labs (CLCP-Labs)

RNC continued to support the alumni of its first cohort of CLCP-Labs. Out of the 16 trained children peacebuilders from Nairobi's urban settlements, 6 of them have been supported to establish peace labs in their schools, train other children in their communities and continuously build their capacity as changemakers.

Participatory Action Research (PAR)

RNC has been supporting United States Institute of Peace and The Regenerative School in developing an online course on PAR and peacebuilding for Generation Change Fellows in Colombia.

Part of the support included advisory role in designing of the course as well production of video lessons with key focus on PAR practitioners from Kenya.



Community Dialogues and training

This year, we trained and built the capacity of 10 community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, churches and self-help groups from Nairobi, Kakamega, Kajiado and Marsabit. A total of 150 members of the organizations directly benefited from these engagements.

Supporting Inua Village to Global Foundation (IVTGF)

Since February this year, RNC has been supporting Inua Village to Global Foundation through documentation of its work, training of the staff members and teachers, advising on communication and partnership; and curating of its events and campaigns. So far RNC:

- Has conducted 10 trainings for IVTGF's staff members and teachers. Some of the training focused on communication, conflict resolution among others.
- Supported in the execution of anti-jigger campaign in April and Bunyore farmers in November.
- Documented its stories of impact across all the three counties (Kakamega, Nairobi and Vihiga) of its operations.



Read Aloud Campaign

Together with other organizations, RNC partnered with StoryMoja Publishers for this year's #ReadAloud Campaign which was held on 16th June 2022. Since 2013 this campaign has grown to become one of the biggest reading events in the world which is driven by a desire to place a book in every hand of a children and influence their reading culture.

We were actively involved in the pre-activations by developing material and content for Facebook Live Conversations and other build up activities. The organization also played an integral role in the recruitment of reading ambassadors and schools in Nairobi, Kajiado and Vihiga Counties. On the D-Day, RNC provided both video and photography coverage across the various schools.

Over 147,496 learners participated in the campaigns, with 2337 ambassadors leading the reading across 836 primary schools in 40 counties.



Youth Peace Leadership Summit

We participated in the Youth Peace Leadership Summit that was held at Strathmore University on 22 July 2022. The summit was organized by Kenya Model UN in conjunction with National Youth Council and Kenya Red Cross Youth. The event brought together students, organizations and other institutions to discuss youth involvement leadership and governance.

"Leadership is the capacity to influence others through inspiration motivated by passion, generated by vision, produced by a conviction and ignited by a purpose" Nixon Sekoh, Head of NGOs and Embassies.

Election Project:

RNC Conversation on Kenyan Elections 2022

We carried out a series of interviews and conversations with the different stakeholders - (farmers, peacebuilders, teachers, musicians, artists, lawyers, activists, community organizers, governance experts, religious leaders, and students among others) with a view of collating their opinions, aspirations, needs concerning this year's elections. This project covered a total of 10 counties with more than 30 people participating.

All the conversations and interviews were captured in audio-visual material which was later disseminated across social media and other medium. All the dissemination happened a month to the general elections.

Election Observer

We were an accredited election observer group in the Kenya's 2022 General Elections that were held on 9th August 2022. We deployed our members to 5 counties across the country to observe all aspects of the election process including pre-poll, the opening of polling stations, the voting process, and the counting of ballots.



LET BootCamp

RNC partnered with Steering for Greatness Foundation (SfG) to deliver a two-day Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Technology (LET) BootCamp in Webuye, Kenya.

The main objective of the BootCamp was to help the participants reflect on their personal journey, learn, unlearn and discover the potential embedded in them. The camp provided a space for encouragement, resources, and network for the participants to bloom again. A total of 20 young people participated in the BootCamp.

One of the key take away from the BootCamp is the need to perfect what we learn and put the same knowledge into application. It is also important to organize in groups so as to share relevant information and resources.

SfG is a Nigerian non-profit social enterprise geared towards bridging the gap in conventional education in Africa through Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and Technology education.



Climate Action Dialogue Series

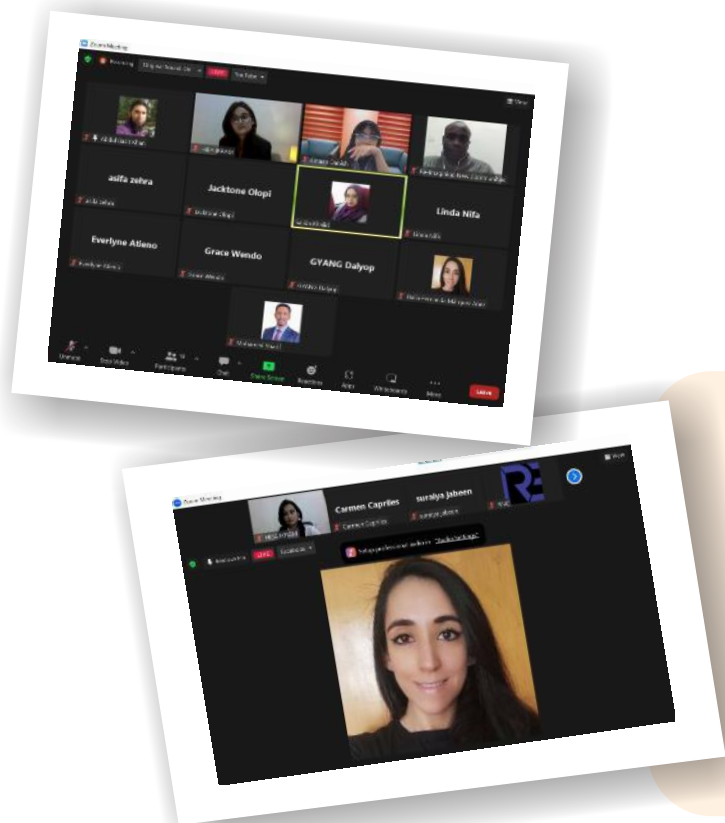
As a build-up to COP27 that was held in Egypt from 6th - 18th November 2022, **Re-Imagining New Communities** in collaboration with **Pakistan Peace Club Foundation**, **Beydaar Society** from Pakistan and **Juventud Unida en Acción** from Venezuela organized a two-part online engagement with different stakeholders from across the globe on climate change.

The main objective of the dialogue series was to bring practitioners, especially environmental advocates from different countries, on the same platform to discuss about climate change; its effects and solutions as well as share lessons of what they are doing to mitigate the former. The engagement sought to add its voices to the global conversation on climate action and contribute to this year's 27th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 27) theme on ***building on previous successes and paving the way for future ambition to effectively tackle the global challenge of climate change***.

The engagements also provided a platform for the participants to discuss country level challenges and solutions; best practices and how there can be unified voice and recommendation on tackling the global challenges posed by climate change.

Key recommendations;

1. Come up with strict laws on reduction of carbon emissions, globally.
2. High-level and real commitment on honouring international agreements to fight climate change.
3. Build the capacity of grassroots organizations to contribute to the climate change issues.
4. Raise awareness on how our lifestyles contribute to climate change.



Environmental Peacebuilding Youth Panel at COP27

RNC co-sponsored the Environmental Peacebuilding Youth Panel at COP27 in Egypt. This session sought to provide a global youth voice on an under-represented climate topic by featuring young leaders from a coalition of over 90 youth from 40 unique countries focusing on environmental peace building.

The goals of the sessions included:

1. Recognizing the leadership of youth on climate and peace issues worldwide in order to move beyond victimization narratives and towards bold and inclusive action.
2. Reaching policymakers with the significance of the threat of climate change poses to peace and security around the world.
3. Inspire expanded youth leadership in environmental peacebuilding after COP27

MHPSS and Peacebuilding Workshop

Participated in Norwegian Church Aid two-day workshop on Integrating Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Peacebuilding, for young people under the RPP partners, as well as those from Civil Society Organizations working in the areas of Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion. The workshop aimed at kick starting a conversation and design an operational strategy for implementation of MHPSS and Peacebuilding activities.

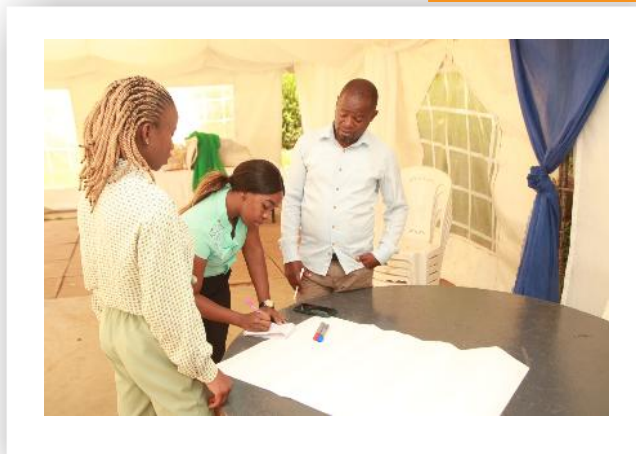
30 youth representing different organizations came together to discuss interlinkages between MHPSS and Peacebuilding, look at the existing programs on MHPSS and Peacebuilding in Kenya; and come up with practical steps on aligning and implementing joint MHPSS.

The workshop was held from November 30th to 3rd December 2022.

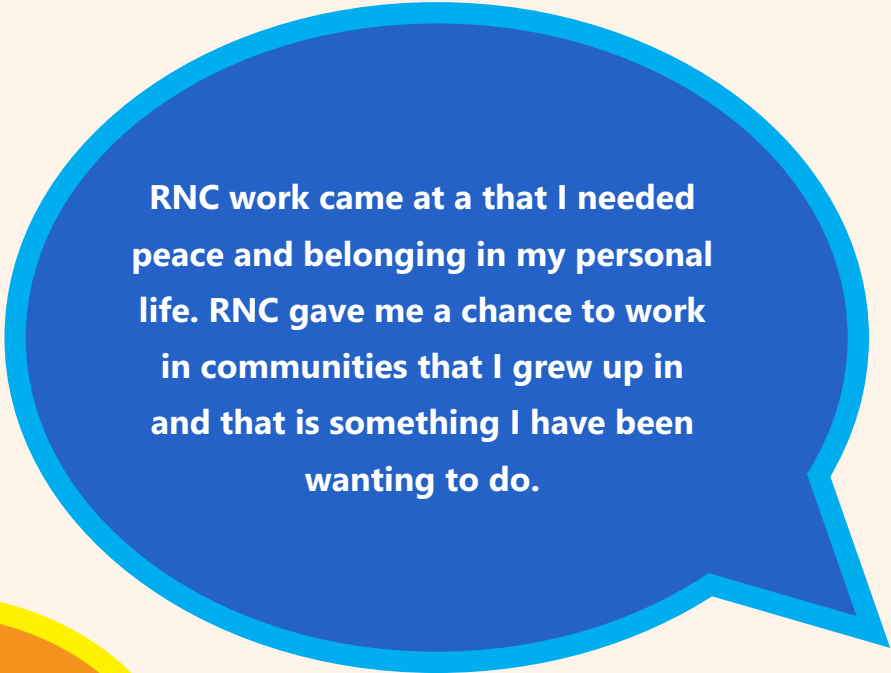


Strategic Planning Meeting

On 19th December 2022, RNC held a one-day planning meeting in Nairobi. The aim of the meeting was to review the 2022 activities and come up with key focus areas for 2023.




Some reflections from the team



RNC work came at a time that I needed peace and belonging in my personal life. RNC gave me a chance to work in communities that I grew up in and that is something I have been wanting to do.



I joined RNC because of its focus on transforming Communities



I wanted to learn what RNC stand for and how it's helping the communities.

Focus Areas for 2023

CLCP-Labs

Train 150 children peacebuilders from Nairobi, Kakamega and Kajiado. There will be three cohort across the year for April, August and December classes.

Research

Carry four participatory action researches in Nairobi, Kitui, Kwale and Bomet.

Community Dialogues and Training

Organize 8 community dialogues and trainings with teachers, boda-boda operators, religious organizations, and community-based organizations among other stakeholders.

2023 Read Aloud Campaign

Partner with Start a Library for 2023 campaigns that will run from January to June.

Anti-Jigger Campaign

Partner with Inua Village to Global Foundation to carry out the annual anti-jigger campaign on 21st of April 2023.

Partners

We would like to appreciate all our partners and collaborators who supported our work this year by providing financial, technical and in-kind support.



Thank you.



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