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## KENYAN CIVIL SOCIETY STRENGTHENING PROGRAM

### TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY

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#### A. Introduction:

1. The Targets of Opportunity (TOO) is a flexible grant mechanism being implemented under the Peacebuilding and Conflict Management component of the Kenya Civil Society Strengthening Program (KCSSP). It is aimed at facilitating and strengthening the capacity of peace actors to enable them respond to emerging situations of conflict in the following scope of activities **SoA 1: Adhoc dialogues and/forums** to prevent and manage conflict to be facilitated by pact or through a consultant or sub-grantee **SoA 2: Procurement of services or commodities** to facilitate stabilization and conflict prevention activities **SoA 3: Support for media and outreach activities** that will reduce escalation of tension and political instability **SoA 4: Activities that will rapidly assess and monitor** potentially de-stabilizing events **SoA 5: Any Activities that will effectively address and help reduce a crisis related to social unrest and political instability** and **SOA 6: Activities that contribute to the successful conduct or implementation of the constitution, the run up to the 2012 General Elections and the reform agenda in general**

#### B. Activities and Notable project Developments

1. **Youth Formations Project:** NYSA finalized the regional youth forums dubbed “let’s talk” and a resultant survey that documents the ongoing formations of youth in 10 counties was subjected to a peer review. The survey reveals that a majority (63%) confirmed that there are youth formations towards 2012 although not all of them were with a negative objective. A number are motivated by economic empowerment and as such the need and opportunities for youth engagement and focus to harness this positive energy. It recommends that a streamlined all-inclusive civic education program is needed presently.

2. **Catholic Justice and Peace Commission:** CJPC Kitale conducted another round of inter-community dialogue forums between two local host communities – the Luhya and Sabaot in Patakwa and Teldet for Sabaot and Luhyas. Here, the two groups agreed to wait for the government’s position on the resettlement scheme for the Rongai IDPs. So far the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) from Rongai and those from the 1992 and 1997 clashes have been allocated land. A final joint meeting for all the communities and stakeholders involved in the resettlement process is planned for January 2012.

3. **Two-third Principle on gender representation project:** FIDA Kenya conducted two radio talk shows in Milele FM and Radio Maisha to create awareness on the need to give effect article 27 and why women have to vie for elective positions to prevent Constitutional crisis. FIDA is in the process of finalizing a legal opinion and subsequent policy brief to sensitize the public on the issues and seek to open sober public debate in the two-third principle.

**4. Internews Network:** Internews held a consultative round table which engaged journalists, the civil society and politicians. The forum which had one presidential hopeful (Martha Karua) as its key speaker, debated on the status of the 2/3 gender principle and provided practical examples from its Rwanda, and Uganda study tours to inform stakeholder on options of effecting its implementation.

**5. Garissa Mediation Council:** The mediation process between the Aulihan and Abduwak clans in Garissa County by GMC is in progress. Fulfillment of compensation agreements which were in progress have been hampered by the present insecurity challenges in Garissa County as a result of the Kenyan military incursion into neighboring Somalia. GMC is looking to take stock of the mediation process in January.

**6. Development of guidelines for the police vetting process:** The Independent Medico-Legal Unit (IMLU) after agreement mapping out the research areas, recruited a consultant to write a comprehensive position paper on police vetting, develop the police vetting guidelines and police vetting tool. The position draft position paper has been handed in to IMLU while the other two deliverables will be finalized in January. IMLU has began lobbying the government for use of agreed upon guidelines for the police vetting. Already they met with the Coordinator of the Police Reforms Implementation Committee (PRIC) to get buy-in.

**7. ICC:** the International Center for Policy and Legal Research (CILPRA) has received approval to hold forums to provide public spaces for open discussions on the ICC to diffuse related tensions and provide objective information related to victims and impending ICC decision. The forums will also zero in on options for justice for the victims, as well as managing expectations for the victims.

### **C. Projections for January**

**8. Conflict Mitigation:** Civil Society Organizations Network (CSO-NET) with Gender Equity Network, Young Women's Christian Association-Kisumu and Bus Park Peace Tent in Kisumu propose to convene youth and political leader's forums to diffuse tensions in relation to the political riots in Kisumu County.

**9. TJRC:** KCS is proposing to enhance the process of mobilization of the Coastal community in the upcoming TJRC process through media.

**10. Coast CSO Mapping:** KCSSP is proposing to conduct a comprehensive mapping of civil society organizations operating in all the six counties in Coast Region.