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Expansion to Other Towns

Expansion to other towns is necessary to increase KENASVIT’s visibility and the voice of street vendors, hawkers and informal traders in Kenya. KENASVIT plans to expand its activities to 17 towns in Kenya by 2012. Already eight towns have shown interest and with a target of over 1000 members per town. KENASVIT membership is expected to have increased to about 30,000 by the end of five years.

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**Vision**

The Vision of the Alliance is to transform street vending and informal business into corporate establishments.

**The Mission**

The Mission of the Alliance is to organize and empower street vendors, hawkers, and informal traders, in order to improve their businesses through training, access to credit, dialogue with local authorities and other relevant organizations on appropriate by-laws and policies that give recognition to, and bring to an end harassment and discrimination against traders.

**Core Values**

The Core Values of the Alliance are three fold:
- The Alliance will not discriminate in the grounds of physical challenge, gender, language, religion, and tribe among others.
- The Alliance will strive to uphold transparency and accountability in the management of its internal and external affairs.
- The Alliance will strive to ensure that the constitutional rights of traders are respected.

**Membership**

The Alliance has over 6000 Members in 175 local associations that form the seven urban alliances: Mombasa, Machakos, Migori, Nakuru, Kisumu, Eldoret, and Nairobi. Plans are under way to expand to other towns.

**Eligibility**

Street vendors and informal traders eighteen years and above become members of the Alliance through their urban alliances.

The membership categories are:
- Affiliate Membership (Urban Alliances).
- Associate Members (Organizations).
- Honorary Members (Individuals).

**Brief History**

The KENASVIT is a national organization formed by street vendors, hawkers, and informal traders to represent their interests in Kenya. The origin of the Alliance dates back to research that was conducted between 1998 and 2000 by the Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Nairobi, on women and street vending in Kenya. One of the main findings of this study was the revelation that street vendors lacked the capacity to organize themselves so as to have a strong voice on matters affecting their trade at both local and national level.

The research findings were disseminated in four case study urban areas of Nairobi, Machakos, Kisumu, and Migori. This was followed up with a National Street Vendors Conference in October 2003. Participants, who were drawn from Kisumu, Mombasa, Nakuru, Eldoret, Machakos, and Nairobi, resolved to form a National Alliance to represent their interests.

The initial activity of KENASVIT begun with an Interim Steering Committee (NSC) appointed by the delegates to spearhead the formation of the National Alliance. The core responsibility of this committee was to lead the drafting of a constitution for the National Alliance in consultation with street vendors and informal traders’ organizations in respective urban centres; and to consolidate their membership in readiness for the formation of the national alliance.

The IDS, with support from streetNet International and Unitarian Universalist Service Committee played a facilitator’s role by providing financial and technical support. This support, combined with efforts of the street vendors and informal traders, culminated in the birth of the KENASVIT on 26th February 2006, when the Registrar of Societies formally registered it.

During the constitution making process, a total of 3 meetings were held, these enabled National steering committee to draft the constitution of KENASVIT.

The National Delegates meeting was held at Manson Hotel Mombasa on 18th March 2005 during which the constitution was finalized and adopted by the delegates. National Office bearers were elected and this marked the launch of KENASVIT.

**Activities**

Since Inception, KENASVIT has made great strides in achieving the following: organizing street vendors; hawkers and informal traders in seven major towns in Kenya; Advocacy and lobbying on MSE Bill and trading sites; Set up a Micro Credit scheme for street vendors; peace and reconciliation activities following post election violence in Kenya; capacity building for members in conflict resolution and management, Negotiation skills, Revolving loan fund Management; Dialogue meetings with local authorities.