

## Minutes

### Steering group meeting and joint Steering group and project group meeting during the visit of Västernorrland County, Sweden in Mombasa, Kenya

**Place:** Nyali Sun Africa Beach Hotel

**Date:** 12 of January 2018 at 4-6 p.m.

#### **Participants from Västernorrland County Council:**

Anna-Karin Sjölund, Chair of the Committee of Regional development  
Per Wahlberg, Opposition leader  
Ilona Novak, Project Coordinator, Senior International Adviser  
Anna Hällgren, Library Consultant  
Eller Forsberg, Sports Consultant / Project Manager  
Rose Eriksson, Project Adviser  
Michael Wallfur, Librarian

#### **Participants from the Republic of Kenya Mombasa County:**

Kyalo Munyoki, Chief Executive, Youth Gender & Sport  
Pamela Obuya, Project Coordinator (Director, Cabinet Affairs, External Relations & Research and Development)  
Tuni Majala Mwalukubi, Chief officer Education  
John Musuva - Staff in charge of library Education department  
Florence Mwilole- In attendance- From the Deputy Governor office.  
RandikOdida- Staff from Education Department  
Robert Ondari, Library Manager Mombasa  
Babelyn Mukila, staff, Youth, Gender and Sports Dep.  
Betty Mutuma, Education Dep.  
Samuel Ngugi, Governor's Office

1. Per Wahlberg opened the meeting and informed about that Anna-Karin Sjölund, the Chair of the Steering group of Västernorrland will join to the meeting after her arrival from the Swedish Embassy in Nairobi where she had to fetch up a temporarily passport after she had been robbed the day before. Per added that after a short Steering group meeting the project group would join to follow up and plan the project implementation.
2. Approval of the Agenda  

The participants approved the agenda
3. Follow-up of the project implementation  

Ilona took the floor and quickly went through the project work plan, objectives and activities undertaken in year one, here in annexed. She mentioned that the Sweden team's

visit had delayed due to the elections in Kenya and for that reason it had been moved from August 2017 to January 2018 but this activity is still a part of the first year of the project implementation. She emphasized that the ongoing visit by the Sweden project team marked the last activity of year. The consequence of this postponed activity is that the implementation of the second year of the project has a tighter schedule as it was planned in the approved application. It was therefore prudent that members deliberate and plan for year two activities. It was noted that a lot of activities had been undertaken both in Mombasa and in Västernorrland following the meeting that had been held there by both the project teams and Steering groups. Dissemination of activities done in both counties to stakeholders had also taken place this had strengthened the cooperation through awareness creation. However, members noted that there was dire need for enhanced communication, training of project team members and sharing of information amongst each other.

#### 4. Tasks and activities during the project implementation during Year 2

After Anna-Karin arrived and the project team joined to the Steering group the joint meeting continued. The project team reported about the results of their discussions. Tuni informed that the time for the separate project meeting was very short because of the programme delays during the day. The Mombasa team appreciated the books and reading tablets which were given for the implementation of the second year in Mombasa. She added that there will be more books and tablets purchased during the second year. During the project group meeting the participants agreed on the following list of requirements/wishes in order to achieve the goals of the project:

The list is as follows:

1. Acquisition of more books, especially books on sports.
2. Establishment of a “hotspot”. The feasibility and cost have to be investigated.
3. More tablets. There are already seven more tablets budgeted for. The project group thought that there was a need for 17 beyond the original 14 bringing the total to 27. There was some discussion about the type of tablets that should be purchased (robust, processors, suits the tough climate and environment etc)
4. There was a need for accessibility for readers with special needs. This is an area that needs to be investigated. Connect to Sweden’s national MTM (myndigheten för tillgängliga media)
5. Another area that needs to be studied is the possibility of simple mobile libraries. The use perhaps of tuktuks, cycle, or other smart solutions.
6. It was decided that for the time being google docs would be used as a communication platform by the project groups in Mombasa and Västernorrland. We are doing a lot but we need to communicate and learn from each other.
7. A need for publicity materials for the project was identified. The idea is to create enthusiasm for reading and sports. An example was using “branded” footballs, t-shirts, bracelets, badges. Region campaigns about sports and reading...
8. Capacity building of librarians was a topic that came up again from last spring’s meeting. This could be in part carried out by the Library Science students at the university. The subject areas mentioned were:
  - Processing books
  - Maintenance
  - Improving book lifespan

- energy supply and connectivity
- Training for libraries in schools, upgrading teachers
- reading role models reading and sport coaches
- parent involvement or other volunteers

Anna mentioned the need to prioritize year two activities due scarcity of financial resource. The Audited report shared to the project team showed that more effort was required to raise more funds from the stakeholders so that more books would be purchased for a wider audience. She noted that the library in Kenya lacked relevant books and therefore change of books on the shelves was required urgently. Best practices from both municipalities must be shared and emulated by each other.

The members of the Swedish Steering group expressed their appreciation referring to the statements of the Governor, the Deputy Governor and the Chair of the Education Committee of the Mombasa County Assembly as well as the Speaker during the meetings of the visit when they have highlighted that the project co-operation with Västernorrland has high priority in Mombasa because it is in accord with the development plans of Mombasa. The need of some financial and human resources to allocate for a successful implementation of the project was recognized by the leaders of Mombasa County and it was promised to be provided.

Kyalo Munyoki informed about that his department has allocated finance for project ventures as a sort of “mini programme” where youth projects can apply for co-financing project implementations. Projects should for instance consider in cooperating the spoken word and graffiti for cultural art purposes as this was of great interest to young people. Competitions should also be organized for young people to compose songs, storytelling and art competitions. He also appointed this possibility to promote and develop our future co-operation between our counties. Ilona asked if there is possibility to apply for co-financing some necessary costs of our project implementation “Literacy for democracy” in Mombasa. Mr Kyalo answered that Pamela, the co-ordinator in Mombasa could write an application to his department for the necessary co-financing.

5. Agree on dates of visit in Västernorrland in May 2018 and in Mombasa in August 2018 Before the project team joined to the meeting the Steering group has agreed on two alternatives of both the visit in Västernorrland and in Mombasa. The Steering group presented these two alternatives to the project group as follows:

**Visit in Västernorrland by 4 Steering group member and 4 project implementers:**

Alt 1: 28 of May -2 June 2018

Alt 2: 11 – 16 of June 2018

**Visit in Mombasa by 4 Steering group members and 3 project implementers:**

10 – 15 of September 2018

17-22 September 2018

Due to the election in Sweden on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 the visit in Mombasa must be postponed from August to September after the election. The members unanimously accepted these alternatives. The Steering group appointed Pamela to take the necessary measures to confirm the right alternative dates as well as the names of the Mombasa Steering group and project group as soon as possible.

Anna-Karin Sjölund, Chair of the Steering group of Västernorrland closed the meeting.