

MWANGAZA ABUNYA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

STEP BY STEP JOURNEY OF MWANGAZA
IN THE LINE OF CAMPAIGNS FOR BETTER
SOCIETY TO LIVE IN



HISTORY OF THE BIRTH OF MWANGAZA

- The communities living both at the left and right Banks of Sondu Miriu Dam began to fight for their rights right back as early as 2000 before the initial setting up of the dam.
- According to World Reinforcement Movement of 2000, states that resistance had begun as from that time as indicated in this link
- <https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://www.wrm.org.uy/bulletin-articles/kenya-resistance-to-the-sondu-miriu-dam-project&ved=2ahUKEwja94LS-v2MAxUMRaQEHbUIPcQFnoECCcQAQ&usg=A0vVaw3GoZD0ehX5neHNZBlzXvYk>

HISTORY CONT...

- The two communities kept on fighting KENGEN physically as we could even go to block the roads which brought several injuries as one person died due to demonstrations.
- We encountered police battles during those days but no solution was found.
- Since then we kept on pressing to see things change but all were in vain.
- (Watch the NTV video of 2018)

HISTORY CONT...

- When we discovered that all were not well, we retreated and decided to keep quiet as we had lost hope to see ourselves get our constitutional rights.
- After 2018 which was the last demonstration which didn't bear fruits, the communities lost the direction hence kept to see how events could work

NON VIOLENCE WORKS

- In the year 2020, we were introduced to Afrinov center for non violence (Afrinov) an organisation which has a lot of wisdom to help solve conflicts peacefully without struggles or shedding of blood as a way to fight for the rights.

Afrinov

Nonviolence | Evidence | Action

Nonviolence Works!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

- AFRINOV began to engage the community on several matters and areas of concern through awareness creations to ensure that everyone internalised the approach to Community conflicts and challenges.



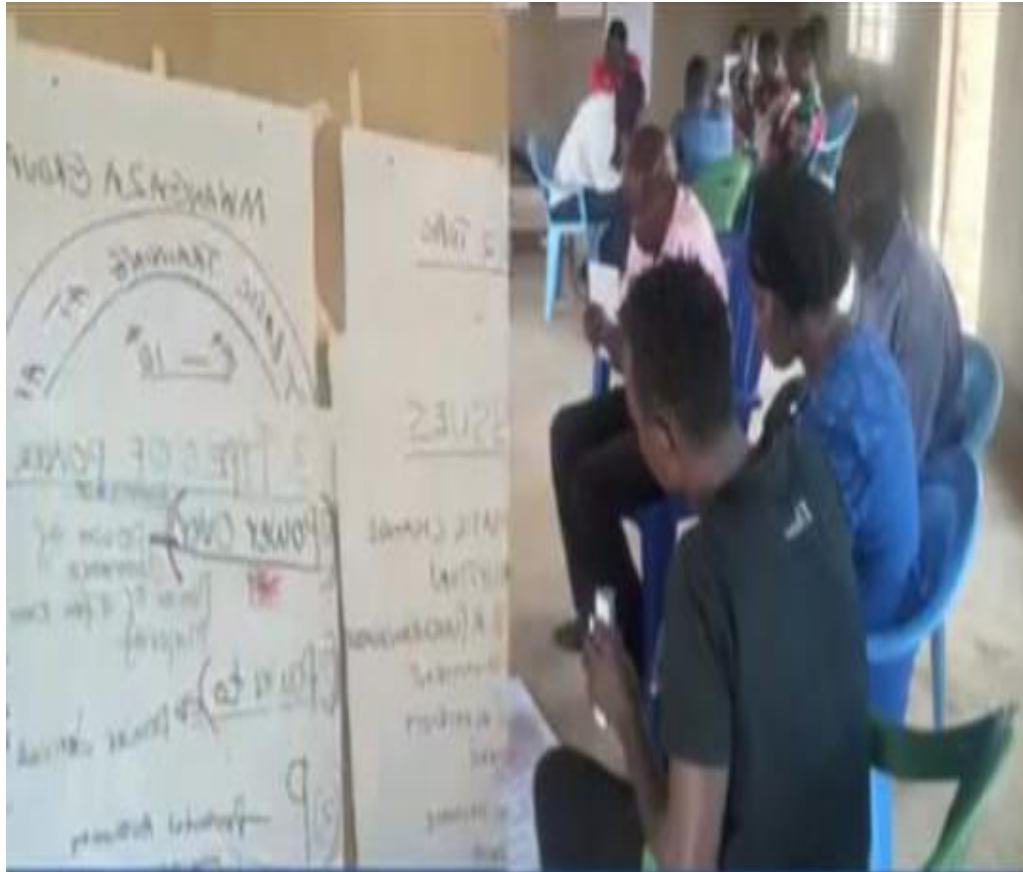
REGISTRATION OF MWANGAZA AS A SELF HELP GROUP

- After several engagements with AFRINOV, the Organisation could not accept to work with a group that was not legally constituted.
- The community saw it better to officially register the organisation by the department of social services in 2021.
- The name Mwangaza was officially adopted to bring the light to this dark society without electricity, water, poor roads, among other challenges were experiencing.

TRAININGS BY AFRINOV

- After officially registering and setting up a stable office, AFRINOV embarked on trainings to equip the community members with the tools which were necessary to fight the battle which was ahead of us, to recapture the former glory of our community.
- Among the trainings which were received from AFRINOV include:
 - 1. Basic training
 - 2. Turning The Tides (TTT)
 - 3. Financial Literacy
 - 4. Climate Policy Awareness
- Among others

Some trainings offered by AFRINOV



SITUATION ANALYSIS

- AFRINOV came on the ground to do situation analysis, to identify several challenges which this community faces.
- Several challenges were highlighted which were not limited to:
 - Poor states of roads
 - Water challenges
 - Lack of power
 - Lack of access to the River bank due to hippo grass
 - Distance from the nearest dispensary.

Situation analysis of hippo grass in the river by AFRINOV



PETITION

- All these trainings culminated in filling of a Petition number 002 of 2022 which was successful.
- In May 2022, we were invited by the MPs' to go and defend our petition.
- This forum was fully supported by AFRINOV hence we were able to get recommendations which really favoured us most in regards to our campaigns we have been doing.



- Defending petition at the Basecamp Social hall



CONCLUSION

- Mwangaza's step by step journey is purely by AFRINOV.
- We are here today for the purpose of solving Community's conflicts and challenges peacefully without battles.
- Today marks the day to welcome the stakeholders to this journey so that we walk together not as Mwangaza but as a team to help drive this community to a better world.

WHY STAKEHOLDERS?

- Different stakeholders have different insights on how we can achieve all these campaigns.

- **ENERGY**

How can the department come in to support the community receive electricity

- **ENVIRONMENT**

- How can the department come in to help fight to see hippo grass totally eradicated from the river bank

- **HEALTH**

- What can the department do to ensure Mamboleo Health Centre is established and operationalized?

WHY STAKEHOLDERS?

- **CONSTITUENCY**

- What role can be taken to ensure that the constituents live in a better world in regards to their mandates eh roads, electricity, etc?

- **NON STATE PARTIES**

- What roles can Civil Societies Organisations play to ensure that the public receive their constitutional rights?

- **COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

- What roles can you play to ensure that these communities:
 - Acquire clean, safe and adequate water?
 - Have accessible roads within the areas affected?

- **NATIONAL GOVERNMENT**

- How can you come in to help the affected community acquire tittle deeds with ease

WE ARE ON THE JOURNEY

- **WE WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO WALK WITH US IN
THIS JOURNEY**

- **THANK YOU ALL**