

Advocacy training for Community mobilisers in informal settlements

Experience has shown that most citizens are not aware on most of the functions of the government. This may make it difficult when it comes to advocacy and lobbying for government services, which one does not understand in the first place. On 21st -23rd April 2019, KAS held an advocacy training for community mobilisers to discuss the basic functioning of the government and how citizens can take part in the same.

During the training, functions of both county and national government from initiation to implementation were discussed. The importance of citizen participation in this process was emphasized as it can promote project ownership and solving of issues affecting citizens.. The participants were further taken through the policy formulation process, policy drafting and actions that follow the policy process. This was followed with the citizen participation framework and processes, social audit and understanding of the advocacy process and what it entails.

Finally, an advocacy strategy that can work in informal settlements, through a practical exercise session was discussed and agreed upon by the members who took part in the training. At the end of the day, all the participants appreciated the training as they had gained valuable skills that can help them advance an advocacy process.



Photos of participants during the training sessions in Mombasa.