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MONITORING WORKING GROUP

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COMMUNITY-LED MONITORING PROJECT

Phase 1: Mapping members' initiatives on community-led monitoring to identify common strategies and challenges and inform collective action of ESCR-Net members.

a. Name of the organization	Economic and Social Rights Centre- Hakijamii
b. Name of the initiative (if applicable)	This initiatives are entrenched within our programs
c. Context	Realization of economic and social rights especially for the marginalized and urban poor require deliberate interventions. These include policy formulation and budgetary allocation to enable implementation. The participation of citizens in development of these policies, allocation of the resources and implementation of the projects is indispensable. Further, social accountability is required to ensure funds deliver on their intentions. However, in many parts of Kenya, this remains a distant goal for many citizens and communities. Corruption, poor participation structures, compromised processes and weak accountability platforms characterize the scenario here. Hakijamii has been working to overturn these impeccable scenarios through organizing and building the capacity of social movements to take lead in these processes.
d. What is being monitored?	<i>Please explain briefly what your initiative is about, and how this is relevant to socio-economic rights. Our initiative revolves around organizing social movements and building</i>

	<p>their capacity to meaningfully participate in governance processes including the budget making process, policy formulation, social accountability and human rights. In the budget making process, community led social accountability is our approach. Where communities get copies of the adopted budgets and the annual development plans and start to monitor their implementation. These include the budgets and the projects meant to advance realization of ESC rights. Communities also monitor any violation of economic and social rights and report to Hakijamii real time. This we use two ways; one is using our ESC monitoring tools that we have developed. And two is through an online SMS platform that gives real time information and the location of the issue.</p>
<p>e. Who is monitoring?</p>	<p><i>Please explain the role played by community members at different stages of the initiative, for e.g. in informing the purpose of the initiative, collecting the data, analyzing it and/or using it. Please also explain the role played by your organization in the initiative:</i></p> <p>Communities do the actual data collection/reporting on any ESC violation. Hakijamii helps in analyzing and making sense out of the data for advocacy. Interventions are then done collectively but led by the communities. Hakijamii also tries to provide resources including technical support, finance and materials. It should be noted that communities continue to do the monitoring</p>
<p>f. How is the data collected and analyzed?</p>	<p><i>Please briefly describe the methodology used for data collection, data aggregation and/or analysis (if applicable).</i></p> <p>The methodology we use is participatory where communities from different parts of the areas where we work participate in data collection and reporting on any violations of ESCs, including forced evictions, water disconnections, pollution, negligence among other issues. As earlier indicated, we use the data collection tools and the online SMS platform to collect the data. This data is then analyzed in a participatory manner to bring forth information and conclusions that we use</p>

	<p>for our advocacy work. Communities take the front seat in using the information to demand for social change, inclusivity and redress of any violations.</p>
<p>g. How is the data collected being used?</p>	<p><i>Data collected through community led monitoring may be used to advance ESCR in multiple ways, e.g. advocacy actions, meetings with authorities, campaigning, litigation etc. Please describe any action undertaken by your organization and/or by community members, both planned and spontaneous, as a result of the community-led monitoring process.</i></p> <p>The data collected through community led monitoring is more often used in litigation as evidence, organizing for consultative meetings to engage with policy makers and duty bearers, advocacy actions for example the development of petitions and memorandums. Social movements have used information from County Integrated Development Plans to develop project proposals for the next planning sessions, information from communities has been used to successfully litigate against forced evictions, Water Action Groups keep handling the water use conflicts, pipe bursts, water rights violations spontaneously.</p>
<p>h. What is the impact?</p>	<p><i>Please describe any impact that the initiative has contributed to. Please feel free to make specific examples and include also “non-tangible” types of impact e.g. increase in people’s confidence to claim their rights, gaining of new spaces for dialogue/advocacy with local authorities, more effective organizing among community members etc</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is more space and platforms for social movements and communities to participate in governance processes. ▪ More responsive governments to issues raised by communities. ▪ Well organized community groups; with skills and capacity to influence decisions. ▪ Pro-active communities to defend their rights appropriately. ▪ Effective reporting from communities on violations. ▪ Enhanced advocacy skills and

	<p>strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improved working relations between government, CSOs and communities.
<p>i. What challenges are you facing and what more you'd like to learn?</p>	<p><i>Please add about any challenges you are facing or things you are interested in learning about that would make you improve your work on community-led monitoring.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The challenge of keeping social movements/communities together and sustaining conversations in the absence of resources. ▪ The challenge of stringent government policy and law on civil society which limits our engagement and operating space.
<p>l. Resources/links</p>	<p><i>Please add any link or reference to existing resources that describe your initiative. Attachments can be sent along with this template.</i></p> <p>www.hakijamii.com</p>