

## Election violence prevention interventions 2017

In an environment of heightened political tensions during the 2017 country primaries and the run up to the general election in August 2017, the programme delivered election-violence related activities in four of the counties in which Jamii Thabiti works, in line with the programme's Election Security and Preparedness Strategy.



### Kisumu

In Kisumu, the Gender Technical Working Group (GTWG) and LCPI held joint activities to promote peaceful coexistence during the party nominations. These forums targeted key stakeholders including boda boda riders, religious leaders, women aspirants and voters, sub-county GTWG members and representatives of peace committees, national and county government officials. Participants mapped out issues that they thought would emerge during the party nominations, such as voter bribery, incitement of community members, and agreed to monitor and report the cases of violence during the party nominations. As a result, Jamii Thabiti partners received early warning information that was relayed to the security agencies for action. In Nyando, for example, the monitoring team from LCPI noted that security personnel were lacking at the polling stations. They alerted the Deputy County Commissioner who sent officers to the stations to ensure that security was reinforced.

### Mandera

Mandera Mediation Council (MMC) facilitated dialogue between the councils of elders to prevent post-election violence in the upcoming general elections. Since Mandera North was identified as a potential conflict zone around elections, the sub-county peace committees were targeted for revitalisation and capacity enhancement so that they can be mobilised to intervene in case of tensions or conflicts.



## Kilifi

In Kilifi, KECOSCE built the capacity of youth from Kilifi North and Kilifi South on peacebuilding, social media monitoring and how to report online extremists' narratives. The trained youth are currently monitoring popular social media sites for hate speech messages that can be reported to the relevant authorities for action. The trained youth are also using social media to disseminate peace messages.

## Nakuru

In Nakuru, MidRift Human Rights Network and the Nakuru Peacebuilding Consortium held a session to map and identify hot spots that would need immediate action in the wake of the party primaries. They also developed a monitoring plan that distributed responsibilities in monitoring the party primaries based on the areas where the partners were engaged.