

• Our Strategies

- 1 Improving the capacity of sub-national sex worker led networks, sex worker led organizations and groups including groups led by and for young sex workers; and emerging leaders within sex worker movement.
- 2 Promoting rights and evidence-based policies and programmes for and by sex workers
- 3 Convening and strengthening KESWA as a national network committed to the realization of sex workers' rights
- 4 Establishing KESWA Implementing Agencies such as Community Research Advisory Committees, Young Sex Workers Forum , Cross-Movement Engagements and Organizing including with feminist and LGBTQ movements, and Economic Empowerment Implementation and Management Committee among others to improve capacity and coverage through to the grassroots level for effective implementation of joint initiatives

• Our Thematic Areas

- > Health
- > Legal and Human rights
- > Economic empowerment
- > Young sex workers programmes
- > Capacity building, organizational development and systems strengthening.
- > Convening, community organizing, and movement building Research, documentation, and information dissemination Networking and meaningful partnerships including with cross-movements



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• About Us

The Kenya Sex Workers Alliance (KESWA) is an umbrella body of the sex workers led groups and organizations dedicated to strengthening the voices of sex workers and empowering their health and human rights in Kenya.

We were established in 2009, registered as Key Affected Population Health & Legal Right Alliance (KESWA) a Non-Governmental Organization in 2013 according to Kenyan laws, and are proudly headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya.

• Our Vision

'A Kenyan society that recognizes sex work as work; where all sex workers are respected, and their rights upheld; where no laws criminalizes sex work; and where sex workers enjoy equal protection of their rights as foundational of a democratic society.'

• Our Mission

'To uphold the voice of sex workers and connect sub-national networks and individual sex worker led organizations advocating for the rights of female, male, and transgender sex workers in Kenya. KESWA advocates for recognition of sex work as work; freedom from punitive laws, policies, and practices; respect for sex workers rights; access to rights-based health, social services and support; freedom from abuse, discrimination and violence; and self-determination for sex workers.'

• Our Core Values

- **TRANSPARENCY** - We are open and honest, and we seek to understand each other's points of view and acknowledge disagreement. We keep our members up to date on the movements, activities and resources.
- **EQUALITY** - We act in a way that is open, fair, accessible and equitable. We respect the views and aspirations of our members and colleagues. We put people first.
- **RELIABILITY** - We honor our commitment and deliver on what we promise. We utilize all movements of resources in a responsible manner.
- **ACCOUNTABILITY** - We take responsibility for our actions and omissions.
- **RESPECT** - We value the rights of sex workers to make informed choices about their lives. We demonstrate this by listening to our members and earn respect by being effective, professional and responsive to their need. We value people's individuality and independence and treat our members and colleagues in the way they wish to be treated.

For a decade since our formation, we have worked with sex workers to create sex worker led organizations and groups in all the 47 County(s) consequently building a strong national sex worker movement with a membership of over 75 organizations.

• Our Unique Contribution To Change

At KESWA, our identity is informed by:

- Our membership of over 75 sex worker led organizations and groups present in all Counties in Kenya
- Our clear mandate to uphold the voices of sex workers in advocating for the rights of female, male and transgender sex workers
- Our focus on strengthening sex worker movement including the capacity of nascent members
- Our role as a trusted convener and leader on sex workers related issues in Kenya
- Our ability to amplify the voices of our members and enable sex worker leaders and activists' representation on different decision making platforms
- Our commitment to creating unified voices and solidarity within sex workers' organizations and groups
- Our diversity including female, male and transgender sex workers, sex workers who use and inject drugs, sex workers living positively, migrant and refugee sex workers in Kenya.
- Our capacity to develop, implement, and achieve ambitious strategic goals to improve our members effectiveness and inclusivity.

• Our Goals

KESWA is guided by the desire to achieve the following goals:

- ~ Sex work is recognised as work
- ~ Sex workers are respected, and their rights promoted and protected
- ~ Sex workers live free from stigma and discrimination.
- ~ Sex workers live free from all types of violence
- ~ Sex workers enjoy universal access to health services and support
- ~ Sex work is not criminalized, and sex workers do not face legal punishment.
- ~ Sex work is not conflated with trafficking
- ~ Sex workers have free choice of employment and economic security



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