

“UPCOMING EVENT”

DEBATE, ESSAY WRITING & PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITIONS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN KAMBE RIBE WARD.

PROPOSED PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Jeuri Primary School, Pangani Primary School, Maereni Primary School, Timboni Primary School, Mbungoni Primary School,

DURATION OF PROJECT

Pilot will take 32 Months (April 2020 – December 2022). Success will be measured by assessing literacy levels and academic performance among students in participating schools.

SUMMARY: A significant number of primary public school students in Kenya cannot read a word or paragraph of their level (Uwezo, 2010). Kambe-Ribe Ward is not spared despite Western education having been introduced into Kenya by missionaries through the region.

CODEN is organizing for termly inter-primary school competitions (debates, public speaking and essay writing).

These forums will help create networks and mentorship of students to promote talents (sports and creative art), academics and career prospects.

Impact of these forums will be measured every end of academic term and year by evaluating progress of participating students and schools in key outputs (literacy levels, academic performance and competence in public speaking).

This project will engage school going children positively during out of school hours thus aid in curbing idleness that leads to youth pregnancies, school drop outs, early marriages, indulgence into drug and substance abuse and insecurity.

IMPLEMENTATION: These forums will involve pupils (grades 4 to 8), retired & serving teachers, parents, community, ministry of education and County leaders of Jeuri, Pangani, Maereni, Mbungoni, Timboni, Mitsajeni, Ribe and Chinunguna primary schools. Forums will be hosted in participating schools.

March-April 2020, CODEN will visit the schools, conduct engagement meetings with all stakeholders, and form a strategic committee with members including all stakeholders, Short list the topics for debate, essay and public speaking will be given to schools at start of school term beginning May 2020.

The strategic committee will also suggest names that will form a panel of experts who will mark and evaluate the students and give a list of winning students and schools.

Awards will be given to winning students, teachers and school.

PUBLICITY: These Forums will be announced through print and mass media. Sponsors will be acknowledged in these announcements and on the CODEN website (codden.or.ke). Items will be displayed during forums and T-shirts, notebooks and pens will be branded with sponsors name included.

Sponsors are therefore highly invited!!

Periodic reports will be reviewed and success stories shared with stakeholders including ministry of education, ministry of gender and culture, potential funding agency/person, community, schools and parents.