

# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

## VOTE WISELY!

Kenya's elections are coming up in 2022. Know the aspirants and vote wisely for the issues you care about. This year we're organising a series of Facebook Live events with Mombasa leaders and candidates. Tune in and ask your questions!



## PARTICIPATE!

It's easy for politicians to ignore us when we sit at home and complain. It's much harder when we come out in force and present viable solutions that expose their corruption, incompetence and cronyism. When the county organises public participation sessions, show up and speak out!



## TELL A FRIEND!

No one can save Mombasa alone. Strength in numbers is key. When you vote, encourage your friends to do the same. When you attend a community forum, bring friends. Mobilise, spread the word, and help build the Okoa Mombasa movement!



## #OKOAMOMBASA

### OUR MEMBERS

- Ajenda Kenya
- Dock Workers Kenya
- Fast Action Summit
- Haki Yetu Organisation
  - InformAction
  - Human Rights Watch
- Kenya Long Distance Trucks Union
- Kenya Transporters Association
  - Mombasa residents
- Muslims for Human Rights
  - Taireni Association
- Stella Maris International



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# WHAT IS OKOA MOMBASA?



## MOMBASA IS DYING. IT SHOULD BE THRIVING.

Mombasa is blessed with a wealth of natural resources. It should be rich. Instead it's being strangled: The SGR has killed our Port and moved our best jobs upcountry. People live in poverty, while elites pillage our resources.

## WE'RE FIGHTING BACK.

Okoa Mombasa is a coalition of concerned citizens fighting for Mombasa's future. Our primary goal is ensuring local participation for local resources. Mombasa residents must be involved in decisions that affect their resources and livelihoods.



### SGR CARGO DIRECTIVES

A huge contributor to Mombasa's decline has been the government directives requiring all Port cargo travel via the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). The directive led to the closure of hundreds of thriving Mombasa businesses, thousands of lost jobs and a huge decline in Mombasa's economy. We're fighting to rescind the illegal directives.



### SGR CONTRACTS

The SGR is the most expensive infrastructure project in Kenya's history, and was financed mostly by Chinese loans. But its operations are not generating enough revenue to pay back the loans. Despite this, the SGR loan contracts have never been released to the public. What is the government trying to hide? Is China going to take over the Port? We've gone to court to get the contracts revealed.

## WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR?



Public participation



Freedom from poverty



Equal opportunity

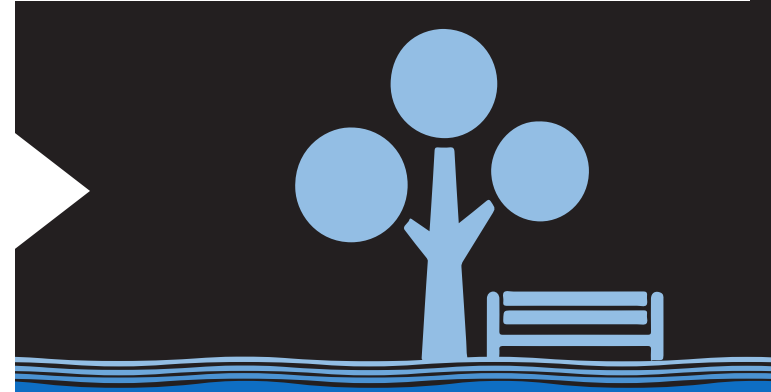


Solidarity in our struggle

Mombasa suffers from a chronic lack of community participation in decisions that impact our County. We're invisible to our leaders. That's why Okoa Mombasa pushes for active citizenship, and promotes the public's right to participate meaningfully in all aspects of social, political and economic life. Through stronger public participation and solidarity, we can free ourselves from oppressive poverty and rejuvenate the Coast.

### WATERFRONT PARK

Place names are important part of people's cultural heritage. But Mombasa's recently refurbished waterfront park is named "Mama Ngina", after the wife of Kenya's first President. That name has no connection to Mombasa. We're fighting so that the park is re-named to reflect Mombasa's history and heritage. And we want the new name to be chosen through a local, participatory public process.



### CONTAINER TERMINAL 2

CT2 is the most modern section of Mombasa's Port - a great asset for Kenya. But the government is attempting to privatise CT2 irregularly to enrich private interests. This would lead to the loss of up to 4,500 jobs. We're fighting to stop the privatisation in court and want Coast residents to participate in future decisions affecting the Port.