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On July 3rd 2024, we celebrated that the Kenya4Resilience secretariat has formally transitioned to Läkarmissionen / LM International, after five impactful years at Children Mission Africa. The transition meeting was held together with the K4R board members, founding members, and strategic partners. LM International's Secretary General, Josephine Sundqvist attended the transition and received the K4R strategy, signifying LM International's commitment to continuing to build on past achievements and driving forward the K4R goal of Building Resilient Communities.

During the meeting the K4R secretariat also presented their plans and direction for the year, increasing the focus of resilience in linkage with climate change, faith literacy, advocacy and resource mobilisation. Members also shared their thoughts and experiences on the given topics and how we jointly can strengthen the network.

Some of the key recommendations included:

In the pursuit of building resilience, it is crucial to consider practical aspects and collaborative initiatives that can significantly enhance the capacity of communities to withstand and recover from various challenges. This will enable the CoP share best practises and lessons outlining key points for consideration in building resilience and emphasize the importance of ongoing processes and collaboration among different networks and organizations through results from the practical implementation. Participants emphasized the importance of focusing on actionable and tangible measures for resilience building and highlight the need for practical strategies that can be implemented at the community level to enhance resilience.

Many of the participants also mentioned the importance of advocacy efforts to promote unity across all faiths, enhance adaptive management, reduce climate vulnerabilities, strengthen the community of practice in knowledge sharing, and consultations, leverage local peace structures, and mobilize resources.

Recommendations were made for the COP to purposefully engage both county and national governments (NDMA, NEMA, and environmental departments at the county level) and to localize this engagement to ensure community participation and ownership. Faith actors, the private sector, and civil societies are key stakeholders in achieving integration of resilience into in activities with support from the County hubs, local environmental actors, youth, and research institutions championing these efforts.

Finally, the secretariat and LM International emphasised their commitment towards K4R as stewards of a long and important legacy built of co-creation, collaboration, learning and rooted advocacy.



