



COME TOGETHER WIDOWS AND ORPHANS ORGANIZATION (CTWOO)



QUARTERLY REPORT

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Empowering Widows through Advocacy, Justice and
Economic Transformation

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1. MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Dear Partners, Stakeholders, Widows and Friends of
CTWOO,**

It is with gratitude and renewed commitment that we present the CTWOO Q1 2026 Quarterly Report, covering activities implemented between January and March 2026. This quarter marked a significant period of growth, advocacy, community engagement, and empowerment for widows across Nairobi and beyond.

Through civic education forums, legal empowerment sessions, economic empowerment initiatives, community visits, and advocacy efforts towards the Widowed Persons Protection Bill, 2026, CTWOO continued to strengthen the voice and agency of widows. We also witnessed increased participation of widow groups, strengthened grassroots leadership, and continued efforts to promote financial inclusion through the Come Together Widows SACCO.

I sincerely thank all widows, community leaders, faith-based institutions, government agencies, and development partners who walked with us during this quarter. Together, we continue building a future where every widow lives with dignity, justice, and economic opportunity.

Dr. Dianah Kamande

Founder & Executive Director, CTWOO

2. ABOUT CTWOO

CTWOO is a national, non-governmental organization headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. We operate as a direct lifeline for widows across all 47 Kenyan counties, with an additional field coordination office in Meru. CTWOO is dedicated to empowering widows and vulnerable families through legal advocacy, economic empowerment, psychosocial support, leadership development, and social protection initiatives. The organization works to promote dignity, justice, and sustainable livelihoods for widows across Kenya.

3. PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

During the first quarter of 2026, CTWOO worked collaboratively with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Gender, Culture and Children Services, Collaborative Centre for Gender & Affirmative Action, FIDA Kenya, Ombudsman, Jamii Imara Mashinani (JIM) Caucus, NACADA, local administration, and religious and community leaders within Nairobi County to advance widows' rights and empowerment. These partnerships strengthened service delivery, referrals, legal awareness, financial literacy, and community mobilization efforts across the organization's program areas.

4. QUARTER OBJECTIVES

1. To strengthen widows' legal awareness and access to justice.
2. To enhance financial literacy and economic empowerment among widows.
3. To increase awareness of government services and social protection programs.
4. To strengthen community advocacy for widows' rights.
5. To support grassroots widow groups and leadership structures.
6. To advance policy advocacy for the Widowed Persons Protection Bill, 2026.

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Between January and March 2026, CTWOO implemented a series of empowerment and advocacy activities targeting widows across Nairobi County. Major activities included the Widows Civic Education Forum held on 16th January 2026 in Ruai Ward, Kasarani Constituency the Pre-Valentine Widows Forum held on 13th February 2026 in Kiamaiiko Ward, Mathare Constituency, ongoing social media advocacy campaigns for widows' rights, stakeholder engagement on the Widowed Persons Protection Bill, community group visits, and the Come Together Widows SACCO Annual General Meeting held on 5 March 2026.

The quarter demonstrated growing community participation, stronger grassroots leadership, increased legal awareness among widows, and expanded collaboration with public institutions and community stakeholders.

6. KEY HIGHLIGHTS

One of the major achievements during the quarter was the successful organization of the Widows Legal and Economic Empowerment and Government Services Awareness Forum in Ruai. The forum provided widows with practical knowledge on inheritance rights, succession procedures, financial management, healthcare access, and available government services. Participants also shared lived experiences and identified priority advocacy issues affecting widows in their communities.

In February, we organized a Pre-Valentine Widows Forum in Mathare, creating a safe space for widows to receive emotional support, spiritual encouragement, legal empowerment, and financial literacy training. The event reinforced the message that widows are valued, supported, and deserving of dignity and opportunity.

During the quarter, the organization continued grassroots advocacy campaigns focused on widows' rights, social protection, and access to justice. Community leaders and widow representatives actively engaged in awareness creation and mobilization efforts within their respective wards and groups.

Significant progress was also made in advancing discussions and stakeholder engagement toward the development of the Widowed Persons Protection Bill, 2026 through organized working sessions. The advocacy process continued to gather community perspectives and strengthen the case for comprehensive legal protection for widowed persons.

Throughout the quarter, we conducted group visits for new groups within Nairobi County. The aim of these group visits was to strengthen grassroots widow groups, encourage table banking initiatives, and support collective action among widows.

The quarter concluded with the successful Come Together Widows SACCO Annual General Meeting held on 5 March 2026 at Homeland Hotel. The meeting provided members with an opportunity to review SACCO progress, strengthen governance, and discuss strategies for expanding financial inclusion and economic empowerment among widows.

7. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

7.1 Widows Civic Education Forum

Date: 16 January 2026

Venue: Ruai PEFA Church, Kasarani Constituency

Overview

CTWOO organized a comprehensive legal and economic empowerment forum aimed at equipping widows with practical knowledge on inheritance rights, succession procedures, financial literacy, healthcare access, and available government services. The forum brought together 400 widows from Ruai Ward, religious leaders, FIDA Kenya, CCGD, Equity Bank Ruai Branch, Jamii Imara Mashinani Caucus, NACADA, Area Chief, Kasarani Constituency Member of Parliament and PS Mary Muthoni, CBS, PS Health.

Impact

The forum increased widows' confidence in seeking legal protection, accessing financial services, and engaging government institutions to claim their rights and services.

Key Outcomes

- Widows received legal education on inheritance and succession rights.
- Financial literacy and money management training was conducted.
- Healthcare awareness and SHA registration sensitization were provided.
- Widows shared lived experiences and identified community priorities.
- Grassroots widow groups strengthened collaboration and networking.

7.2 Pre-Valentine Widows Forum

Date: 13 February 2026

Venue: KAG Church, Kiamaiko Ward, Mathare Constituency

Overview

The Pre-Valentine Forum was organized to show love, care, and appreciation to widows while also providing empowerment and legal awareness sessions. The event combined spiritual encouragement, legal empowerment, financial literacy, and community dialogue.

Impact

The forum strengthened widows' sense of belonging, dignity, and collective solidarity while increasing awareness of available support systems and justice mechanisms.

Key Outcomes

- Widows received spiritual encouragement and psychosocial support.
- Financial management and entrepreneurship training was conducted.
- Legal justice and access to government services were discussed.
- Drug and substance abuse awareness sessions were delivered.
- Widows presented individual cases requiring legal and administrative follow-up.

Partners

- Ombudsman
- Kiamaiko Ward MCA
- Kiamaiko Location Area Chief and Assistant Chiefs
- Ms. Ann Mathu, Vice Chair, NACADA

8. ADVOCACY AND POLICY PROGRESS

8.1 Ongoing Advocacy Campaigns

Throughout the quarter, the organization continued to raise awareness on widows' rights, social protection, access to healthcare, property rights, and economic inclusion which was conducted across the organization's social media pages.

8.2 Development of the Widowed Persons Protection Bill, 2026

On January 12, 2026, the Widowed Persons Protection Bill Development Committee embarked on a series of stakeholder engagement to inform and strengthen the Bill's development process. These collaborative efforts continued throughout March, with further working sessions planned for April 2026 to refine the proposed legislation, which seeks to reinforce legal protection against property dispossession, discrimination, violence, and other forms of abuse faced by widows.

8.2.1 Stakeholders Involved

The development of this Bill was made possible through the valuable intellectual property and expertise provided by the following partners:

- **L.N Wachira & Co Advocates & Mediators- Committee Chair**
- **FIDA Kenya**
- **LANDESA**
- **Manna Mission**
- **Kenya Land Alliance**
- **National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC)**
- **Equality Now**
- **Anti-FGM Board Kenya**
- **Kenya School of Government**
- **Margaret Kenyatta Institute of Social Development**
- **African Centre for Parliamentary Affairs (ACEPA)**
- **Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority (UFAA)**
- **Christian Aid Kenya**
- **Kenya Redcross Society**
- **World Vision Kenya**
- **UN Women**
- **UNFPA**

8.3 COME TOGETHER WIDOWS SACCO AGM

Date: 5 March 2026 Venue: Homeland Hotel

Overview

The Come Together Widows SACCO Annual General Meeting brought together 170 SACCO members to review progress, strengthen governance, and promote financial empowerment among widows. During the meeting, a democratic election was successfully conducted, where members voted into office the SACCO officials who will lead the organization for the year 2026.

Key Outcomes

- Members reviewed the SACCO's performance and growth.
- Discussions focused on savings, investment, and financial discipline.
- Members were encouraged to increase participation in SACCO activities.
- The meeting reinforced the importance of collective economic resilience.

9. CHALLENGES OBSERVED DURING Q1

- Continued property and inheritance disputes affecting widows.
- Limited income opportunities for vulnerable widows.
- Documentation challenges affecting access to government services.
- Drug and substance abuse concerns among widows children especially widows living in Mathare Consituency.
- High demand for bursaries, business support, and social protection assistance.

10. LESSONS LEARNED

- Integrated forums combining legal, economic, health, and psychosocial support are highly effective.
- Grassroots widow leaders play a critical role in identifying vulnerable cases.
- Partnerships with government and community institutions improve service access and service referrals.
- Financial literacy significantly increases widows' confidence in managing resources.
- Collective savings groups strengthen resilience and social support networks.

11. WAY FORWARD (Q2 2026 PRIORITIES)

- Expand civic education forums to additional counties.
- Strengthen legal aid and referral mechanisms.
- Continue advocacy for the Widowed Persons Protection Bill, 2026.
- Strengthen economic empowerment and entrepreneurship programs.
- Increase outreach to vulnerable widow groups.
- Enhance SACCO membership and financial inclusion initiatives.
- Promote mental health and psychosocial support services.
- Strengthen monitoring and documentation of widow-related cases.

PHOTO GALLERY

WIDOWS LEGAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FORUM – RUAI.





PRE-VALENTINE WIDOWS FORUM







CONCLUSION

The first quarter of 2026 demonstrated our continued commitment to promoting justice, dignity, and economic empowerment for widows. Through civic education, legal awareness, advocacy, community engagement, and financial inclusion initiatives, the organization strengthened the capacity of widows to protect their rights, improve their livelihoods, and participate more actively in community development.

CTWOO remains committed to building a society where every widow lives with dignity, protection, opportunity, and hope.

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