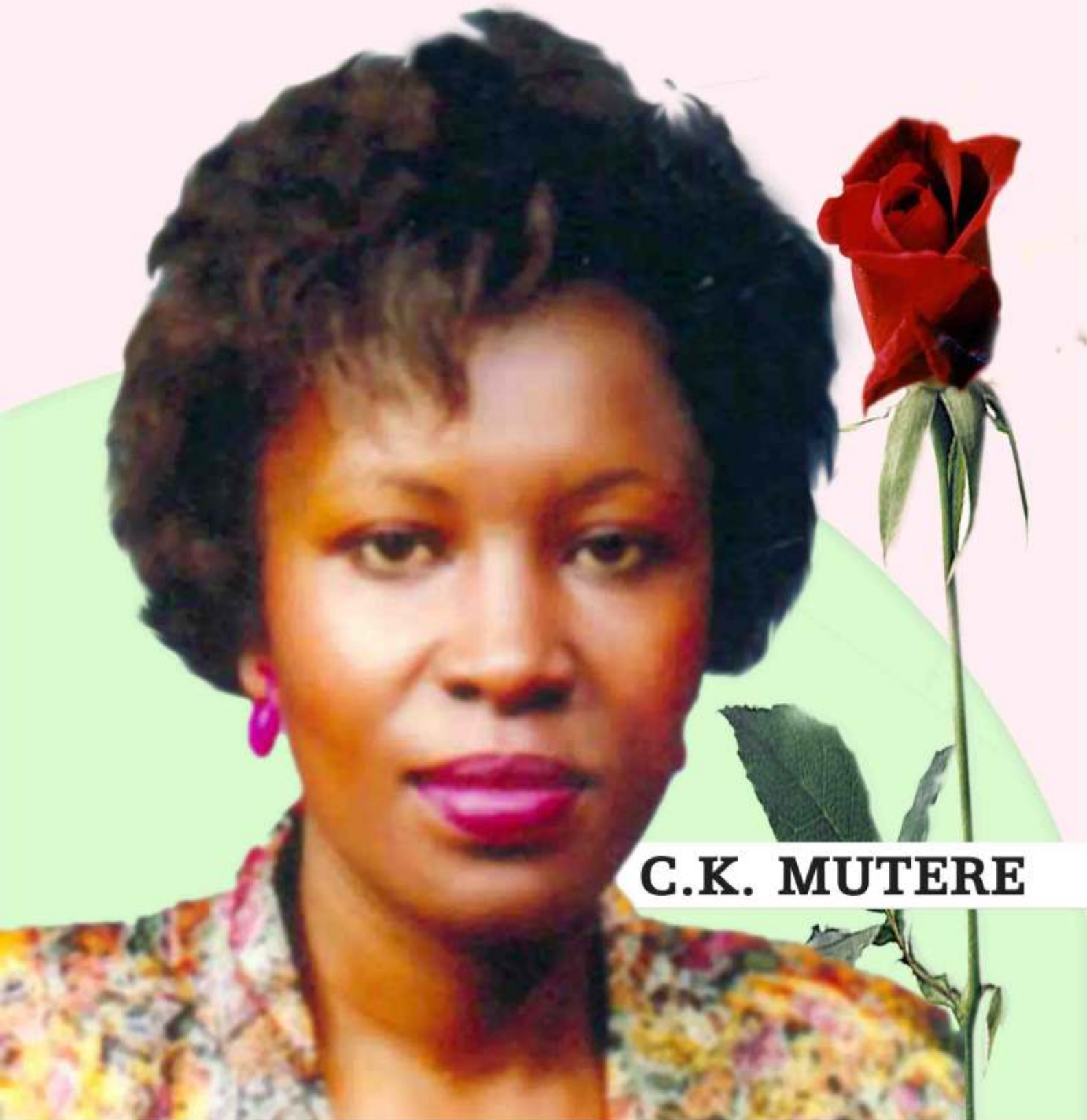


WANTED!!



C.K. MUTERE

**IF YOU SEE THIS WOMAN ANYWHERE,
TELL HER I WANT HER TO BE MY MP FOR
BUDALANGI CONSTITUENCY**

Moreover choose able men from all the people, such as fear God, men who are trustworthy and who hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as rulers of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.

Exodus 18:21

Preamble



Cynthia Kwedo (CK) Mutere

The season for visions and mission statements is here. In is an election year in Kenya and i would like to present myself as a candidate for the Budalangi Constituency Parliamentary seat. I believe I can make a significant contribution to development in the Constituency as it is the central grassroots governance organ that is most representative of the community's aspirations and goals.

In preparation for this 2007 election , I have recollected my thoughts in this profile to solicit funds for this campaign. The strength of this document lies in the fact that it is owned by the community because they were involved in airing their concerns that are highlighted herein.

Before I go any further, I would like to give you a brief history of my political life. Having been born as a second child of eleven, to a politician, I can always remember the many people that went through our home for extended periods of time as my father offered them hospitality. I was therefore brought up with a sense of trying to meet the needs of others so as to cultivate a caring community which could provide for itself and equally for others.

This was impressed more on me after I met my late husband, Mbarak Nasser, in 1986. He introduced me to women in politics through literature that had been used during the UN Decade for Women in 1985. The three world conferences of the UN Decade of Women - held in 1975 (Mexico City), 1980 (Copenhagen) and 1985 (Nairobi) - were important mobilizing and awareness raising events.

The Decade resulted in a consensus document, Nairobi Forward Looking Strategies for Women to the Year 2000 (FLS) which contains a comprehensive set of strategies for advancing the status of women worldwide. Five years later, my late father, Hon. John Mutere, introduced me to active politics during his involvement with the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy (FORD). After FORD was formed following the repeal of Section 2(a) of the Constitution in December 1991, the party's cardinal objective was to take the power for all decision making to the people. We set out to build a participatory society where every Kenyan is involved in building his or her country and where every citizen has the power to hire and fire his or her Government.

In subsequent months, gender awareness and civic education seminars and workshops that were held countrywide under the auspices of various women's organizations were certainly not in vain. Of particular significance was the first ever National Capacity Building Workshop for Women candidates by the National Committee on the Status of Women in July 1992. It was at this workshop that I made my decision to vie for the civic seat of Kilimani ward, Westlands constituency, Nairobi on a FORD-Asili party ticket.

Despite the numerous obstacles I faced ranging from harassment, intimidation and financial shortfalls, I managed to make a close second place to the winner. I made a second attempt in 1997 but was rigged out at the party nomination stage. By the time the third multiparty elections were due in 2002, I was involved in a development project that included setting up the first cold storage facility for fish at the Sisenye landing beach in Budalangi, Western Kenya.

In this respect, I have proved that women do not just sit around waiting for handouts and crumbs from a male dominated political hierarchy. I have engaged the community for the last 5 years in development projects, as i believe a Member of Parliament is first and foremost a grassroots leader, at best, fulfilling a legislative and representative function and at worst, careering in politics.

I do this for God and my country.

Cynthia Kwedo (CK) Mutere.

"Women's equal participation in decision making is not only a demand for simple justice or democracy but can also be seen as a necessary condition for women's interests to be taken into account. Achieving the goal of equal participation of women and men in decision making will provide a balance that more accurately reflects the composition of society and is needed in order to strengthen democracy and promote its proper functioning."

Beijing Platform for Action

Vision

My goal is to contribute to building a community of communities which provides for itself and equally for all its members the necessary material and social resources for fulfilling life.

Mission

Ensure that within the next five years:-

1

 Guide development partners and Government on development priorities of the constituency.



The Vice President Hon. Dr. Moody Awori and CK inspecting development project.



Safaricom - Kisumu office donating 2 dairy cows, TV, DVD and food for orphans that we support at New Hope Life Development Center.



The Head of the European Union in Kenya Mr. Gary Quinns officially opening the first cold storage facility for fish which CK initiated in 2002

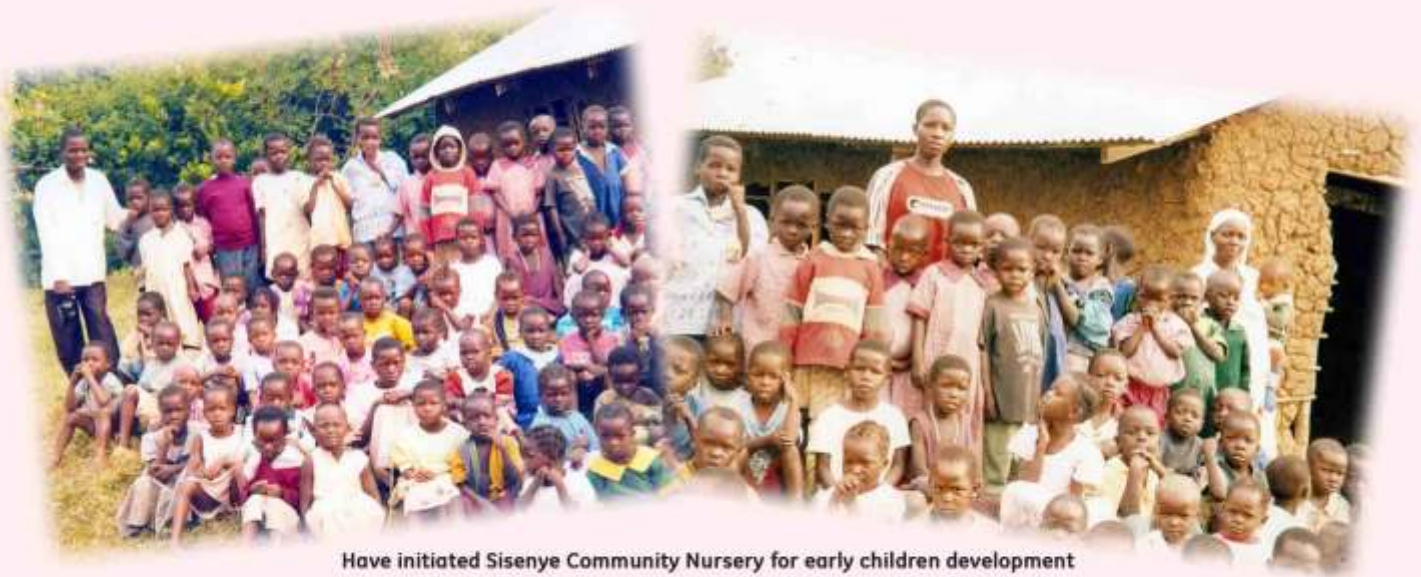


Red Cross supporting displaced children that we take care of that were displaced due to the floods in 2003



Cultural Director Mr. Anami, CK and the Vice President, during the Funyula Cultural Festival 2006.





Have initiated Siseny Community Nursery for early children development



Have initiated Abalomandala CBO that encourages women to be serious stakeholders in the fishing industry

2

Focus my attention to the non-electorate - those poorly represented or not represented at all - such as orphans and other vulnerable children due to HIV/AIDS, future generation of youth who need to be empowered economically, the poor and otherwise disadvantaged population especially women.



Developing young talent in the community



Western Province PC Mr. Abdul Mwasera, CK,
Provincial Police Commissioner
inspecting Fish Breeding Tanks.

Busia District Fisheries Officer
Mr. Timothy Odende briefing Western DC,
Busia District Commissioner and CK
on Fish Farming.



3

Examine and redefine structures and processes that create opportunities for the poor to participate in local governance and deployment of resources.



Assistant Chief Mundere Sublocation,
Budalangi Division, Mr. Ochieng consulting with CK
during World Aids Day Celebration 2006.



Busia District Commissioner Mr. Raphael Letimalo
and CK examining Fish Farming Project.

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Enhance the role and capacity of the MP to plan and manage devolved funds and play an active role in disease prevention services and health care.

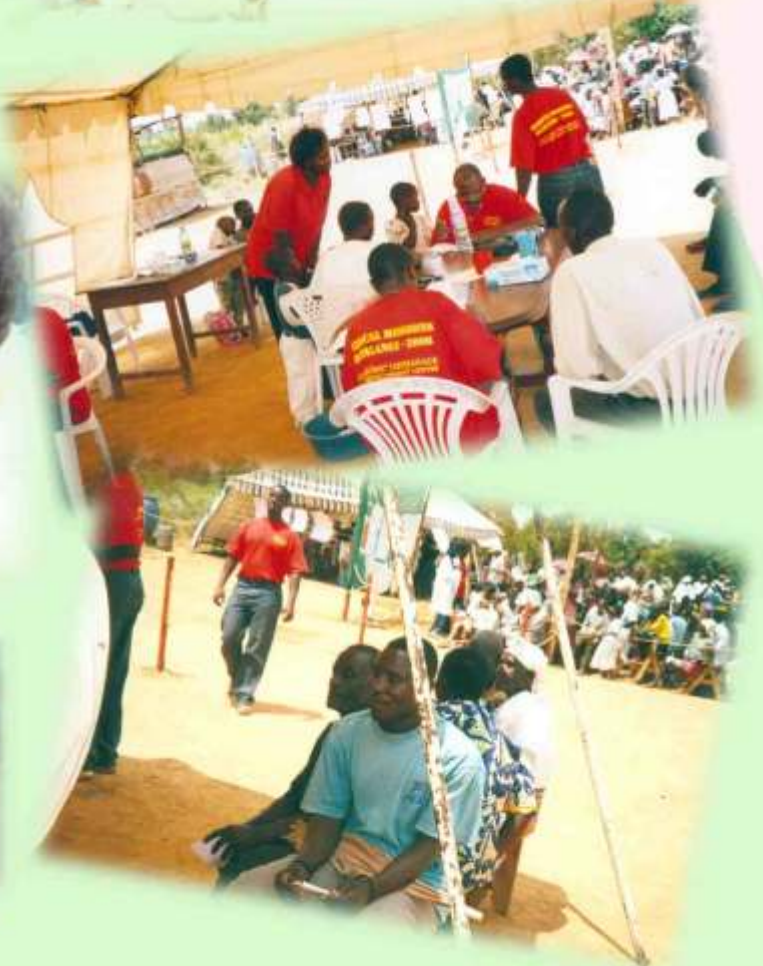
Our Medical Missions Field Clinic is organised and conducted by the LFI-MED-Corp Medical and Nutritional Health Services that have been conducted for the past 5 years since 2002-2007 at the New Hope Life Development Centre that we support. This is a Rural Benevolent Ministry that reaches out to the community in Budalangi especially widows, orphans and elderly who have been victimised by the AIDS Virus.



Mbarak Nasser and CK during Sports day of the local Orphanage that we support - New Hope Christian Academy.



Butula and Budalangi CACC Coordinators, CK and CEPED Director during Busia District Joint Annual Program Review meeting on HIV/AIDS 2006.





Budalangi Branch NARC-KENYA Chairman Mwalimu Tom Nawiri, Hon. Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi and CK during the official opening of the Branch Office.

5

Empower constituents to play effective roles as active citizens rather the "clients" on electoral politics.

Interim NARC-KENYA Chairman Hon. Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi and CK reading a Memorandum given to him by the Banyala residents.



DISTRIBUTION OF VOTERS BY AGE AS PER JANUARY 2007. Budalangi Constituency – 178

CATEGORY	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
Age not specified	76	81	157
18-25	1632	1065	2697
26-30	2020	1741	3761
31-35	1468	1360	2828
36-40	1275	1553	2828
41-45	1032	1399	2431
46-50	945	1440	2385
51-55	733	1003	1736
56-60	607	854	1461
Above 60	1511	2641	4152
TOTAL	11,299	13,137	24,437

Manifesto

A manifesto is a political document. It is used for lobbying and advocacy. I will therefore use this manifesto as a tool for seeking political action.

Most of the strategies on rural development concentrate on the vulnerable groups as a target group. It is said, "in the final analysis, the advancement of the vulnerable group depends on themselves".

While there is much truth in the rationale that the vulnerable should be the target group for development, there is a serious oversight at stake. Vulnerable groups - which include women, children, the elderly and disabled - development alone may not suffice. It is men who are mainly in decision making positions in the community who also need to be developed to facilitate the progression of vulnerable groups. In this sense, men's development, women's development, children's development, the elderly's development and the disabled's development can be said to compliment each other. My slogan for the 2007 campaign will therefore be "MEN'S DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT" since it is imperative to develop men's attitudinal change for instance where role assumptions in the eyes of men are an obstacle to the vulnerable groups development.

THEMATIC AREA	GAP	INTERVENTION
A. Infrastructure, Economic Empowerment, Labor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Extreme weather patterns of long dry spells followed by perenial flooding- Use of female labor, especially the larger percentage of female work force are employed in agriculture and these women have a low level of education- Farmers cannot access markets for their produce due to bad roads in the division- The larger part of Budalangi (2/3) is under Yala swamps- Fishing is in chaos due to insecurity and exploitation of fishermen by traders: and the insistence of the Government on particular types of nets and fishing gear to be used in the lake is causing theft in Lake Victoria- People have to cover 25kms circuit to connect the major town across the R. Nzoia that are only 7kms apart. The southern part is cut off from the rest of the division due to lack of communication networks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Need to develop water projects in Bunyala East to irrigate expansive land parcels currently not in use;- Irrigation pumps need to be extended to where potential for irrigation supported agriculture exists particularly Bunyala east;- Dams ought to be constructed in the division to use floodwaters for agriculture;- Have tractor hire services to make tillage of land easy,- Write off loan of poor farmers in the irrigation scheme;- Game warders to intervene and kill hogs and monkeys;- Non flood areas of Sisenye, Sifugwe and most parts of Bunyala north, need water pumps and generators to draw water from L. Victoria and R. Nzoia for irrigation;- Beach Management Units to intervene and protect fish breeding places from environmental destruction- Consider starting a fish processing plant- Need to have in place permanent strong dykes to controid flood water. Dykes need to be constructed properly to contain the floods. Engineers need to investigate the possibility of diverting R. Nzoia to reduce the water discharge down stream;- Revisit negotiations with Netherlands Government to drain the Yala swamp

THEMATIC AREA	GAP	INTERVENTION
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Involve community in Disaster Management Committees as serious stakeholder with engineers rather than only distributing food relief - The rivers need to be regularly cleared to reduce water overflow, - All rivers pouring water into Ndekwe channel should be desilted and cleaned; Khajula and Khwiro need to be opened to drain into Ndekwe channel , and Sakanie needs to drain into Khajula. Nakhbudobo need to be drained into Namarindi. The later ought to be dug into a dam so that water thereof could be used for irrigation; - Engage vulnerable groups in commercial use of papyrus reeds for export (baskets, furniture, mats) - Construct Sigiri bridge to link Mau Mau and Port Victoria - Water department and residents should revive water facilities in the area as contaminated water is the main cause of water borne diseases prevalent in the division - Promotion of basic commercial farming education and career training - Promotion of training of personnel to work here in Budalangi - Increase of incentives for working women linked with integrated farming and marketing of agricultural products - Improvement of welfare services
B. Education	Illiteracy especially the fact that the rate is more prevalent among women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion of adult learning and non-formal education - Dissemination of information through mass media using 'Mulembe FM' - Development of morality initiatives and spirit of leadership in women - Training in development skills - Promotion of CBO action
C. Healthcare	Protein calorie malnutrition among mothers during pregnancy, orphans and other vulnerable children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage the use of free health services - Promotion of knowledge on nutrition - Provision of training for community based health workers and housewives groups on maternal and child care and family planning

THEMATIC AREA	GAP	INTERVENTION
D. Social Aspects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insufficient participation of women in political activity, administrative affairs and management - Family and society attitudes that sons should be given more opportunities than daughters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish secretariat at division to assist in formulation of development policies in conjunction with Church (Pastors/Priests) - Need to safeguard family life in the face of an impending decline of family values - Promotion of women's participation at all levels of administration - Creation of leadership among women

Schedule

Phase 1

Introduction to community and expand name recognition. Use

(i) Constituency Inventory

- a. Youth groups – Divisional Youth Council
- b. Women's group – get list from CDO
- c. Disabled
- d. APAB – Association of People Living with Aids in Budalangi
- e. Pastors and Church leaders
- f. Teachers
- g. Beach Management Units Committees
- h. Sports Council
- i. Council of Elders meetings
- j. Chief's Baraza's

(ii) Voter Targeting

Culture – community beliefs, norms, practices and stereotypes

Social factor – people they associate with, family roles and status

Personal – age, occupation, economic circumstances, lifestyle, personality

Psychological – motivation, how they see things, learning, beliefs and attitudes

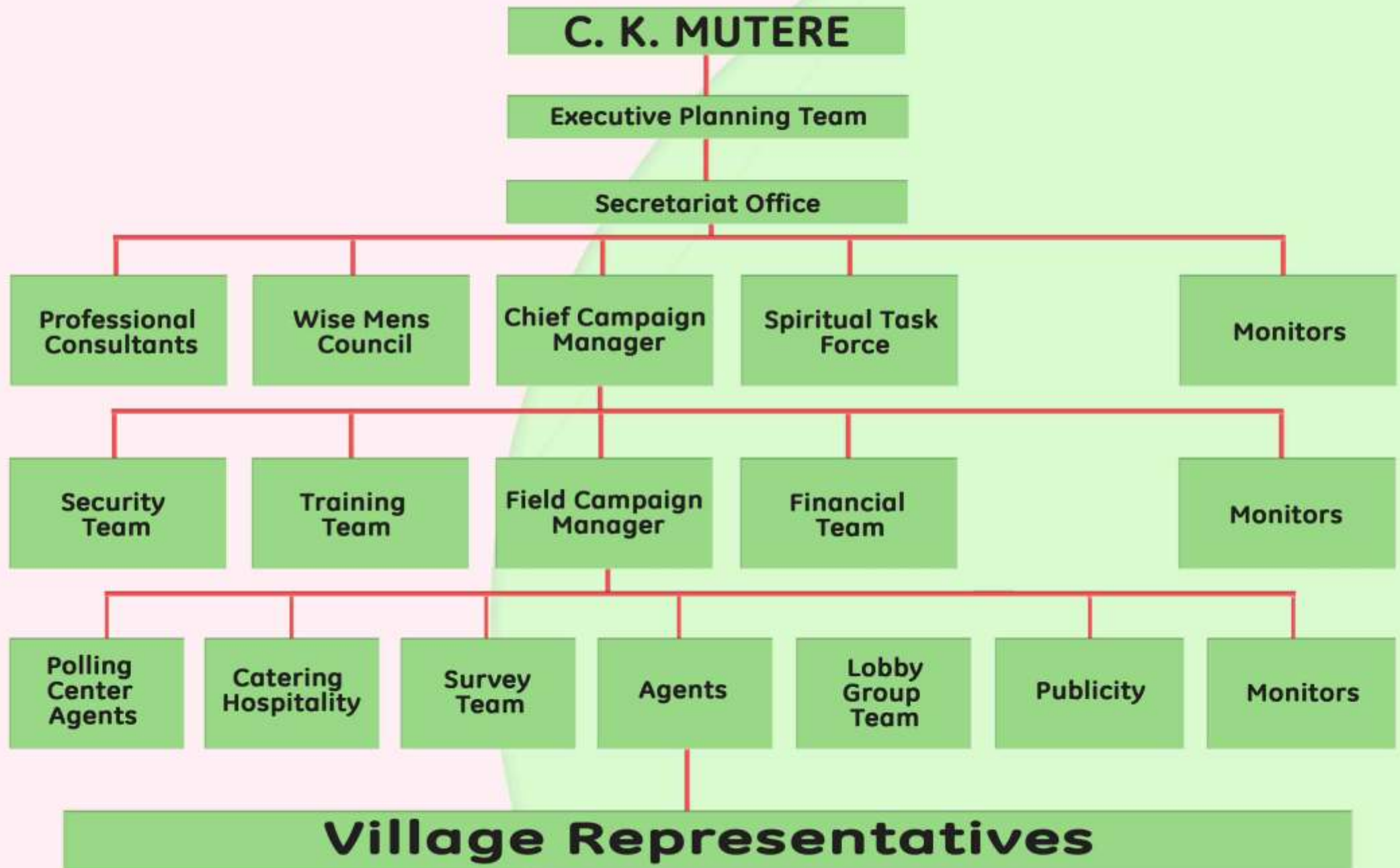
Phase 2

Mid period - to have Community Conversations to discuss issues

Phase 3

Final phase – appeal for votes

Campaign Team Structure



ACTIVITY	DETAILS	TIMEFRAME															
		Quarter 1				Quarter 2				Quarter 3				Quarter 4			
		Sep'06	Oct'06	Nov'06	Dec'06	Jan'07	Feb'07	Mar'07	Apr'07	May'07	Jun'07	Jul'07	Aug'07	Sep'07	Oct'07	Nov'07	Dec'07
<p>Explanatory Committee Meeting (23-07-06)</p> <p>Consult widely with community on Political Party</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host Council of Elders Meeting - Expression of enthusiasm gives me go ahead - Establish Polling Centre Conventions (mtg with Mr. Nyule, Narc-Kenya Hdqtrs, (07-09-06) - Exposure tours for Branch official to regional political rallies - Funyula Rally (14-10-06) - Kitale Rally (22-10-06) - Bungoma Rally (20-01-07) - Is the party popular in my constituency - Is it a national party - Are the Constitution, Manifesto policies and structure, gender friendly - Do the procedures for choosing candidates in decision making allow for equality between women and men - Are party leadership and nomination structures democratic, transparent, gender balanced and sensitive - Has the party set norms and standards aimed at promoting the position of women and preventing physical, sexual and verbal abuse of women - Is the party already in a coalition or negotiating one 																

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Endorsement of candidacy by extended family members/clan (12-08-06)																	
Endorsement of candidacy by the Church (24-08-06)																	
Launch of Campaign in the community (15-12-06)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attract great attention so it is memorable - Have campaign message to meet the needs of the people - Have catchy campaign slogan – "Men's development & Women's development" - Popularize party/symbol 																
Fund Raising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify effective fundraising manager - Make contacts and organize meetings with potential donors 																
Community Conversation/ Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop Manifesto with community - Discuss pressing issues to be addressed - Football Tournament - Boat Racing Championships - Manyala Cultural Festival - World Aids Day, 2007 																
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage Media houses in events - Publish campaign material (banners, posters, 'T' shirts, fliers, etc) 																
Appeal for votes																	
Elections																	

Budget

HUMAN RESOURCE

Campaign Staff

- Chief Campaigner
1pa x 5000/- x 12mths
- Hospitality Coordinator
2pa x 3000/- x 12mths
- Publicity Secretary
1pa x 3000/- x 12mths
- Security team
18pa x 300/- x 12rallies
- Training team
3 facilitators x 5000/- ea
- Field Coordinators
6pa x 3000/- x 12months
- Spiritual Task Force/Intercessors
30pa transport reimbursement (30,000/-)
- Wise Men's Council
30pa transport reimbursement (30,000/-)
- Professional Consultants
- Theatre/Dance groups
5 groups x 3000/- ea x 12rallies

Polling Centre Conventions

- Transport reimbursement for Monthly mtgs
53 ctrs x 20pa x 300/- ea

Agents/Counting clerks

- 53 ctrs x 3pa x 500/- ea

TRANSPORT

3 Vehicles:

- Fuel
- Spares/Repaire/Maintenance

3 Motorized Boats

- Fuel
- Spares/Repaire/Maintenance

18 Bicycles (1 per sublocation)

COMMUNICATION

Campaign material

- 'T' shirts
- Caps
- Posters/fliers/banners/Calendar

Radio Announcements

Mobile phones for agents

Credit for phones

Public Address System (mics/speakers/amplifiers)

NOMINATION DAY

Pressure lamps for counting hall

Transport reimbursement for agents

Food and Accomodation

SECRETARIAT

Stationery

Photocopy

Cartridge/Toner/Flash disks

EVENTS

Sports Tournament

Cultural Festival

World Aids Day, 2007

TOTAL: KSHS. 5,175,000 (US DOLLARS 75,000 @ KSHS. 69)

ROAD TO 2007 ELECTIONS

Tight contest looms in flood-prone Budalangi

Transport network, poverty and local projects could be the major topics during campaigns

By OUMA WANZALA

Budalangi MP Raphael Wanjala of Ford-Kenya might face three or more candidates during this year's polls.

Those who have shown interest so far include Nairobi-based lawyer Ababu Namwamba and a son of former MP James Osogo (John) and Ms Cynthia Kwedho. The first two are in ODM Kenya while Ms Kwedho is in Narc Kenya.

They will be fighting for a possible 23,318 registered voters. The local economy is battered by perennial floods and is dependent on fishing, which is dominated by Nairobi merchants.

Poverty, poor road network and floods will be the major issues during the cam-

BUDALANGI:

2002 results:
Raphael Wanjala (Narc) - 9,132
James Osogo (Kanu) - 2,768
Registered voters - 23,318

paings.

For more than three decades, local events were dominated by two politicians — Mr James Nakhwanga Osogo and Peter Habenga Okondo (who has since died). Both of them were Cabinet ministers in different times.

Rivalry between the camps supporting them split the area down the middle, until Mr Wanjala arrived on the scene in 1997. He united the camps and got many votes.

Make an impact

Political parties with a strong presence are Ford Kenya, Narc Kenya and ODM Kenya. Mr Namwamba has made inroads in the



constituency, giving Mr Wanjala a hard time in wooing voters. He has attracted crowds whenever he visits the constituency.

Mr Osogo Jr will square it out with Mr Namwamba in ODM-K before joining the race. Though less prominent, the Nairobi businessman will be riding on the name of his father, who was one of the ministers in the first post-independence Cabinet of founding President Jomo Kenyatta. But he will have to prove to voters that he is his own man.

Work extra hard

Ms Cynthia Kwedho does business mainly in Budalangi. She has popularised herself through human rights and women group activities in Busia district.

She will be fighting a male-dominated field and has to work extra hard.

Mr Wanjala's Ford-K still enjoys considerable goodwill in the area, although ODM-K is digging in, too. The former is taking advantage of uncertainties in Narc-K and ODM-K.

Potential aspirants shy from identifying

with Narc-K as it is yet to gain influence in the area.

But the incumbent, Mr Wanjala, has a head-start. He will have to go an extra mile to stop Mr Namwamba's growing influence.

While Mr Wanjala appeals more to older voters, Mr Namwamba's lure is with the youth. This could be an advantage to the MP as it is normally difficult to gauge the voting patterns of youth people.

Mr Namwamba is a Nairobi-based lawyer. He seems to enjoy the support of ODM-K bigwigs.

He has accompanied ODM-K presidential aspirants on tours of local constituencies and boosted his chances of being the party's candidate.

He should now gauge his popularity by visiting the constituency alone.

Mr Wanjala could take advantage of the ongoing construction of the 75-kilometre Bumala-Port Victoria road to boost his campaigns.

The road will ease transportation of fish to local and overseas markets. It might also encourage rice farming in Bunyala irrigation scheme, which has not been fully tapped.

A cooling plant installed by the Government and the European Union at Marenge beach could be credited to Mr Wanjala. He was highly visible during recent floods in the area and brought along many dignitaries.

Boost MP's image

Constituency development fund (CDF) and bursary money have been used fairly well. This, also, could boost the MP's image. Classrooms have been built, desks have been bought and safe drinking water has been provided. A number of health centres have been constructed using the CDF.

Mr Namwamba has helped introduce farmers to new methods of agriculture in a bid to alleviate poverty. Some farmers in Bunyala irrigation scheme have even been advanced money to boost their activities.

Mr Namwamba set up the Ababu Namwamba Foundation to assist less fortunate children to access education.

With less than 10 months to the polls, a lot could change in the constituency.



Ms Kwedho



Mr Osogo



Mr Wanjala