

# Mathare River & Environmental Rehabilitation Program



# Mathare Community Park January - April 2023 Progress



# PROJECT PHASES:



**Former dumpsite rehabilitation  
2 Months**

- Leadership training
- Tools & safety, material & equipment, toilets
- 60+ Youth & Community volunteers
- Uji breakfast & 200 ksh stipend

**Phase I -  
Mathare Community  
Park**

**Phase II -  
Projects and  
Programming**

**Training, Project and Program  
Development**

- Supporting YGs with their environmental projects
- Training and Programs
- Waste management & environmental education

**Safe Sanitation**

- System development, education and Training,
- Community led slum upgrading cooperative
- supporting youth with environmental and income generating businesses

**Phase III -  
Infrastructure  
Cooperative**

These projects are planned to be sustainable, and income generating for youth and residents of Mathare, in addition to creating cleaner and safer spaces and environment for all Mathare residents.  
The plan is to expand the project along the river by involving and collaborating with different community groups along the river.

# Mathare Community Park

(PHASE I)



Rehabilitation of former dumping site: Cleanup, Safety, Accessibility, Capacity Building & Empowerment

Large-scale Community Cleanup: January 28, 2023

Provide tools, safety equipment, materials, seedlings, toilets, etc.

Leadership and management training and support

70+ community volunteers

3 days/week, Uji breakfast and 200 KSH stipend provided



## Daily Site Management, Work and Operations

Mathare Itals YG, Rise & Shine YG, Bondeni Recovery

## Coordination, Management, & Capacity Building

Mathare Roots - George Gachie

## Project Management, Coordination, Admin & Funding

MaSCA - Charles Onyango , Aviva Shapiro

## Partners

Mathare Social Justice Centre, Maji Mazuri

# MaSCA – Mathare Slums Community Association



Founded in in 2017 by a group of people from Canada, Kenya and other parts of the world. We have now grown to have over 30 volunteers, and our primary offices are in Ottawa and Nairobi.

Our Mission is to build on and create community-based initiatives in the Mathare community to address a wide range of issues, from health and hygiene to education and economic empowerment.

Our long-term vision is to bring together local, national, and international organizations to bring resources and sustainable programming to Mathare residents.

Partners & Member Organizations:

Our first project was to build a Community Hall in Mathare. The project finished 1.5 yrs ago, and offers an accessible and much-needed public space for existing community projects and groups to improve the resilience and sustainability of the Mathare Slums Community.

Mathare Kinatco Community Centre :

Architecture in Development Global Challenge 2022

Longlist:

Learn more about the Community Hall Construction Project:

<https://architectureindevelopment.org/project/1574>



# Trainings, Projects and Program Development

**(PHASE II)**



**ENVIRONMENTAL &  
SUSTAINABLE PROJECT  
SUPPORT**



**TRAINING AND  
PROGRAMS**



**WASTE MANAGEMENT  
& ENVIRONMENTAL  
EDUCATION**



- Leadership, Proposal Writing, Financial Literacy
- Shamba, Urban Farming, Local traditional herbs growing
- Natural Soaps and product production
- Creative Waste Management
- Biogas, Organic Waste Briquettes, Upcycling
- Fire Service Training



- Community-led cooperative development
- Invest in local small businesses
- Develop an educational institution for vocational training
- Sustainable
- Alternative ways to collaborate



# Visiting Mathare (Nairobi, Kenya)





# MaSCA - Recent programs and trainings



- Adole Chat Program
- Yoga Program
- Children's Program
- Leadership Trainings
- Boxing Program



**We are currently supporting various programming in the community centre that include a boxing program, a yoga program, lunch programs to provide healthy food for children with limited access to food, and leadership programs for youth on subjects that include financial literacy and sexual and reproductive health.**

# MaSCA – Partner Organizations

- Pamojaa Initiative
- Mathare Roots
- Mathare Bondeni Recovery
- Canada Mathare Education Trust
- Mathare Social Justice Centre
- Mathare Artists & Entrepreneurs Collective
- Maji Mazuri



# Interested in getting involved?

- Partner Organizations
- Volunteers



**Donate your time, resources, and experiences to Mathare Slums Community Association. We are a volunteer-based charitable organization dedicated to build on and create community-based initiatives in the Mathare community to address a wide range of issues, from health and hygiene to education and economic empowerment.**