



Oral Statement at the 60th Session of the Human Rights Council

Item 6: UPR Outcomes – Kenya

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Mr President,

Edmund Rice International, VIVAT International and partners commend the constructive participation of Kenya in its 4th UPR and its support for 233 of the 339 recommendations received. We commend the progress made, since its previous UPR in ratifying core international human rights instruments and encourage it to ratify those remaining.

We commend Kenya for supporting recommendations to continue to expand social protection coverage for all populations (54.100 – 107). We encourage it to ensure this protection, including unemployment benefits and healthcare coverage, is extended to residents of informal settlements, who are particularly vulnerable to economic insecurity.

We commend Kenya's acceptance of recommendation to ensure access to education for all children and to protect and promote their rights (54.133 – 142 and 54.209 – 213). Education for children in informal settlements continues to be constrained with inadequate infrastructure and trained teachers.

We commend Kenya for enacting the Persons with Disabilities Act in March 2025 and its commitment to the full inclusion of people with disability. We welcome its acceptance of recommendations to continue to strengthen supports and access for all people with disabilities, including those living in informal settlements, and to protect their rights (54.219 – 224).

We commend Kenya's development of the National Access Plan for Addressing Adolescent Health and Teenage Pregnancy and call on Kenya to invest in teacher training programs to ensure the accurate, appropriate, and effective delivery of the Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) curriculum with a focus on healthy relationships.

Finally, ERI encourages Kenya to take proactive action before its next UPR to make progress on the recommendations it has supported and continue its efforts to improve access to all services, particularly for those who are vulnerable, people with disabilities and people living in informal settlements. We also encourage Kenya to continue to work towards the abolition of the death penalty.

Thank you.