

## **Report on the work of the Peter Ojiambo Foundation (POF) 2023 – 2024**

During the period 2023/2024, the efforts of the Peter Ojiambo Foundation largely focused on the green transition initiatives and continued its efforts in the advocacy for Sickle Cell. These steered project activities at various locations including Konza Technopolis in Machakos County, Kisumu County and work in Nairobi metropolis. All the project work addressed National themes in these local contexts.

### **The Green transition**

As part of the African Hydrogen Partnership (AHP) Consortium, members from the Peter Ojiambo Foundation participated in the development of a meticulous literature review on exploration of natural hydrogen in Kenya and other regions. This study was envisaged to bridge the gap by consolidating existing research, pinpointing knowledge gaps, emerging trends, and future development opportunities. Additionally, it provided a clear and accessible resource for researchers, policymakers, and anyone interested in harnessing hydrogen's potential in the country.

The POF team also attended the Eastern Africa Regional Green Hydrogen Symposium was held in Nairobi, Kenya, on May 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Mara Ole-Sereni Hotel in Nairobi. Hosted by the governments of Kenya and Germany, in collaboration with regional partners like the East African Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (EACREEE). Additionally, it featured high-level panels, technical sessions and networking opportunities, including a pre-event day on 13th May with side events such as B2B matchmaking, a green shipping round table and a Women in Green Hydrogen cocktail.

### **Advocacy for Sickle Cell**

The Peter Ojiambo Foundation has continued its partnership with Ms Leah Masamo, a Kenyan sickle cell disease advocate, founder of the Africa Sickle Cell Organization (ASCO), and co-founder of @10003 warriors. The team, Josephine Ojiambo and Leah Masamo also participated during the inauguration of the "Sickle Cell Diseases Afya Dhabiti Project." This project was envisaged to address the myriad challenges faced by individuals and families affected by Sickle Cell Anaemia. Collectively, Ms. Leah Masamo and Dr. Josephine Ojiambo have contributed to the filming of Sickle Cell Warriors, an initiative meant to create awareness within the community.

In addition, the Peter Ojiambo Foundation is a member of the National Ministry of Health Sickle Cell Committee and is on the Technical Working Groups (TWGs) for Advocacy and Clinical Services. The committee meets monthly with a key focus on screening, reviewing and updating the National guidelines on Sickle cell management.

### **Konza Technopolis**

The Board, management and staff of Konza Technopolis hosted a high-level meeting with

important participants to initiate a partnership with the UN system in Kenya. Representatives from the UN, Konza Board and staff, project stakeholders and the Friends of Konza Technopolis group were present. Amb. Dr. Ojiambo led a delegation of friends of Konza which included the Peter Ojiambo Foundation team. We were privileged to take a site visit to multiple sites including the Waste Water Reclamation and Treatment Facility, the streetscape, the power plant, the National Data Centre, the nearly completed KAIST (Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology) and the University infrastructure. Potential areas of collaboration highlighted by Konza included the IASP World Conference, Konza Innovation Ecosystem, Smart city leadership, Research and Development, and Environmental sustainability.



*To promote the greening initiative, UN representatives participated in a tree planting activity during the visit. To the left is a photo of the UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Stephen Jackson planting a tree.*



*Amb. Dr Josephine Ojiambo (Director, POF) planting a tree at Konza Technopolis*

### **The Sixth session of the United Nations Environmental Assembly**

In 2025, members of the Peter Ojiambo Foundation also attended the high-level delegate meetings including the Sixth session of the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA-6). The main theme of the session was effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral choices to tackle the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. The team attended multiple sessions and side events including Multilateral Environment Agreements, Accelerating implementation of the Kennington Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework supporting countries early action, Decarbonization and detoxification, plastic poison and womens' health among others.



*Amb. Dr. Josephine Ojiambo at the UNEA-6 event*



*The Peter Ojiambo Foundation team at UNEA-6 event*

## Global Peace Leadership Conference

The Global Peace Leadership Conference (GPLC) 2024, held at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya, convened delegates from Africa and across the globe to explore pathways towards peace, development, and cooperation. The conference centered around the theme "One Family Under God." The key objectives of the conference included: promoting an African Renaissance that draws on Africa's unique heritage and the strength of its spirituality and traditional values; empowering African leadership; strengthening intracontinental partnerships and cultivating ethical global citizenship. The conference preceded with the launch of the Chandaria tree nursery. Further, the event began with an opening plenary, followed by various discussions in thematic tracks, and was followed by a closing plenary which served to inspire, unify, and empower Africans to shape a future characterized by prosperity and peace.



*Panelist during the plenary session (Cardinal John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan, Dr. Manu Chandaria, Dr. Hyun Jin Preston Moon, and H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo.)*



*The POF team attending the Global Peace Leadership Conference at Radisson Blu Hotel in Nairobi.*

## **Funding and Accounts**

The Peter Ojiambo Foundation did not receive any funding this year.

All the work of the Foundation is voluntary and gratis.

The other meetings are held online and are gratis.

Members cater for their own airtime and travel costs.