



ENKERAI SIDAI

MISSION & VISION POLICY FRAMEWORK

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I. BACKGROUND

Founded in 2020, **Enkerai Sidai** is a community-based organization established to create **Safe Spaces for Children** that promote child-friendly and restorative justice systems in Kenya. The organization works at the intersection of child protection, justice, and community empowerment, recognizing that children in conflict with the law require guidance, protection, accountability, and support—not punishment alone.

Enkerai Sidai envisions a Kenya where every child is treated with dignity, fairness, and compassion, and where justice systems respond to children in ways that promote rehabilitation, responsibility, and reintegration into society.

2. VISION STATEMENT

An Africa where every child grows up safe, supported, and treated with fairness, able to shape their future and contribute positively to their communities.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

To protect, nurture, and empower children by promoting child-friendly justice systems that uphold safety, dignity, accountability, and rehabilitation—through holistic programs that strengthen legal awareness, well-being, education, and leadership, and support children to grow into responsible and resilient members of the society.

4. OVERALL GOAL

To establish functional, accessible, and child-friendly safe spaces in all 47 counties of Kenya by 2036, contributing to a justice system that protects children's rights while promoting accountability, rehabilitation, and reintegration.

5. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Enkerai Sidai seeks to achieve its mission through the following objectives:

1. Policy Development and Advocacy

To contribute to the formulation, review, and implementation of child-friendly and restorative justice policies at county and national levels.

2. Capacity Building for Justice Actors

To train judicial officers, police officers, probation officers, children officers, and other duty bearers on child protection standards, diversion, and restorative justice practices.

3. Community Awareness and Engagement

To strengthen community understanding of children's rights, responsibilities, and protection mechanisms through structured community education and dialogue.

4. Child Empowerment and Legal Awareness

To enlighten children on their rights, responsibilities, and lawful conduct, while nurturing leadership, accountability, and resilience.

5. Direct Support to Children in Conflict with the Law

To provide psychosocial support, referrals, court accompaniment, and reintegration support for children navigating the justice system.

6. Strengthening Multi-Sectoral Collaboration

To foster partnerships with government institutions, civil society, schools, and community structures for coordinated child protection responses.

6. CORE VALUES

Enkerai Sidai is guided by the following core values:

- **Best Interests of the Child** – Every action and decision prioritizes the safety, dignity, and well-being of the child.
- **Justice with Compassion** – Accountability is balanced with care, restoration, and rehabilitation.
- **Integrity and Accountability** – Transparency, ethical conduct, and responsible use of resources guide all operations.
- **Inclusivity and Non-Discrimination** – All children are supported regardless of gender, ability, background, or circumstance.
- **Community Ownership** – Sustainable change is built through active community participation and leadership.
- **Respect for the Rule of Law** – Programs align with national laws and international child protection standards.

7. GUIDING PILLARS / PRINCIPLES

The work of **Enkerai Sidai** is anchored on the following pillars:

7.1 Child-Friendly Justice

Justice processes involving children must be accessible, understandable, protective, and responsive to their age, maturity, and circumstances.

7.2 Restorative Justice

Emphasis is placed on accountability, repairing harm, reconciliation, and reintegration rather than punitive measures.

7.3 Prevention and Early Intervention

Safe Spaces serve as preventive platforms that reduce contact with the justice system through guidance, mentorship, and community support.

7.4 Participation of Children

Children are recognized as rights holders and active participants in decisions affecting their lives, in line with their evolving capacities.

7.5 Multi-Agency Collaboration

Effective child protection requires coordinated action among justice actors, civil society organization, families, schools, and communities.

8. LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

Enkerai Sidai operates within and is guided by the following legal and policy frameworks:

- **The Constitution of Kenya (2010)** – Article 53 on the rights and best interests of the child.
- **The Children Act, 2022** – Provisions on child protection, diversion, and child justice systems.
- **The Penal Code (Cap 63)** – As applicable to children with due regard to age and criminal responsibility.
- **The Criminal Procedure Code** – Child-sensitive procedures.
- **The National Policy on the Prevention and Response to Gender-Based Violence**
- **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)**
- **African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC)**
- **United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice (Beijing Rules)**

9. IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH

Enkerai Sidai delivers its mandate through:

- Establishment of community-based Safe Spaces.
- Training workshops and continuous professional development for duty bearers.
- Child-focused forums, clubs, and legal literacy sessions.
- Case management, referrals, and court support.
- Research, documentation, and policy engagement.

10. REVIEW AND ACCOUNTABILITY

This policy document shall be reviewed every three to five years to ensure alignment with evolving legal frameworks, community needs, and organizational growth. **Enkerai Sidai** commits to regular monitoring, evaluation, and learning to improve program quality and impact.