



Fight Inequality Alliance

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The **Kenya Fight Inequality Alliance** is part of the global Fight Inequality Alliance. Kenya FIA is a coalition of over 30 organizations - among them rural, youth, labor, climate justice, women's rights, policy, urban, artists, land rights, and social justice movements who have come together to fight inequality in Kenya.

Kenya FIA recognizes inequality (social, political, and economic) as factors that drives many other issues - access to social services (water, health, education, sanitation); the tax regime which favours the wealthy over the impoverished; opportunities and dignified livelihood; corruption and bad governance; women's land rights; violation of basic human rights; among others. Women, youth, persons living with disability, indigenous groups, rural & urban poor communities who are the most affected are leading the charge to challenge the status quo of business as usual, no accountability, and never fulfilled promises. The fight against inequality is about reversing Inequality and achievement of a just, equitable and sustainable country and planet.

Kenya FIA is part of the Global Protest to #FightInequality which will take place January 18 - 25, 2020 and is the flagship activity of the global FIA movement. Organized as a challenge and counternarrative to the World Economic Forum in Davos, the activities of the Global Protest to #Fight Inequality take place in many countries and offer alternatives, solutions, and analysis of the inequality crisis.

Kenya FIA will join movements and activists in Denmark, India, Mexico, the Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, the United Kingdom, Zambia, Switzerland, Zimbabwe, among others, in offering alternatives and in telling stories of their struggles for dignity and justice against inequality as part of the **Global Protest to #Fight Inequality**.

Summary of Kenya FIA Memorandum of Demands

- 1. Debt**

We demand the government of Kenya negotiates concessions from China, ends harmful tax incentives, taxes the rich, multinationals and property-owners, and considers broad debt rescheduling.
- 2. Transparency and Accountability**

We demand the government to make public the details of loans acquired, especially the conditions attached to them, as well as a schedule of the beneficiary organizations, mostly state corporations, the intended plans and how they use the money.
- 3. Taxation**

We demand the government ensures corporates pay tax from capital gains, zero-rates goods and services that are disproportionately used by the poorest and removes tax exemptions from items used mainly by better-off citizens.
- 4. Sexual and Gender-based Violence**

We demand a strong message comes from the Office of the President declaring Violence against Women a national emergency, that it is widespread and that it can no longer be tolerated in Kenya. Furthermore, a review must take place of the National Action Plan against Violence and Femicide. Gender diversity is key in this taskforce. We highly recommend women to be in charge of coming up with an action plan to ensure the safety of Kenyan women.
- 5. Youth**

We demand youth incubation hubs, sporting facilities and cultural arenas at sub county level. With different innovations and high mobile penetration coming out of Kenya it is important that the government provides more platforms to assist the growth of different innovations by providing proper mentorship, tools, and innovation and expression spaces around the country.
- 6. Women's Land Rights**

We demand that the role of women in ensuring household food security must be recognized in policy and resource allocation, and reflected in the implementation of the Big 4 Agenda item on Food Security and Nutrition.
- 7. Persons Living with Disability**

We demand that the President of Kenya directs relevant authorities to zero rate assistance devices for persons living with disability in Kenya.
- 8. Security - Extra Judicial Executions & Human Trafficking**

We demand that the President upholds and protects the rule of law and in the spirit of our Constitution of Kenya which grants all sovereign power to the People. We demand that the President of Kenya directs the response to human trafficking to a central office to streamline coordination efforts.
- 9. Services-Mental Health, Education and Public Health**

We demand the fast-tracking of the implementation of The Mental Health Bill and an increase in budgetary allocation to remodeling of the Community-Based model from the current Medical Model. We demand that the government prioritizes access and affordability of formal and informal education for all citizens of Kenya to enhance employability. We demand that the government prioritizes promotive services. Currently, there is a high allocation to curative health at the expense of promotive and preventive health. There should be a shift to ensure that community health is given prominence to reduce the burden of disease.
- 10. Climate Change**

We demand that the government puts resources and measures in place to shield all Kenyans from the impact of climate change.



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