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KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE BACHELOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WORK
KCD 2100: BASIC CONCEPTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Date: 6TH DECEMBER 2024
Time: 2:30PM-4:30PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

ACTIONING WITH ACTIONAID, AN ELIXIR AND EXPEDITER TO NO POVERTY GOAL

It was good tidings for **Noam Mobisa** and **Salvia Basweti** Aka **Biscuit** when the duo alumni of KWUST University landed their first job in Makueni County as community development coordinators with ActionAid International Kenya. **Through** community organization ActionAid International actively engages with communities facing poverty and exclusion, a process that **Noam Mobisa** and **Salvia Basweti** will be expected to facilitate across the 22 counties in Kenya with and in 18 of the counties where it has a physical presence, Makueni included, and in partnerships with the other 4 counties, including Migori, Mombasa, Siaya, and West Pokot. ActionAid envisions a world without poverty and injustice in which every person enjoys their right to a life of dignity.

As a non-partisan, non-religious development agency, ActionAid is among the leading anti-poverty and social change agencies working directly with over one million poor and excluded people, and despite having over 40 years of knowledge and experience working with poor communities, ActionAid believes it learns the solutions from the people it works with.

ActionAid is committed to through change agents such as community development coordinators working with women, children, and youth to claim and realize their constitutional rights through working within three main pillars: empowerment, solidarity, and campaigning.

ActionAid Kenya Country Strategic Plan 2018-2028 'Our Rights or Justice' is adopting the innovative Partnerships Model to strategically invest in women, youth, and children living in poverty and exclusion, deliberately shifting power to them and their institutions.

ActionAid work is operationalized applying four Strategic objectives namely: Women and girls living in poverty and exclusion and their communities attain economic security, leadership, and freedom from all forms of violence; Young People and communities living in poverty and exclusion realize their economic rights and access to Gender Responsive Public Service (GRPS) through democratic just governance; Women Living in Poverty and Exclusion(WLIPE) and their Communities have secure land tenure, sustainable and resilient livelihoods in fragile context, in the face of humanitarian and climate crises; and People-led movements, communities and their collectives defend, reclaim, and expand civic space in Kenya.

Guided by the study above, and using your knowledge on of Basic Concepts in Community Development, attempt all the questions in this section.

- a. Mobisa and Biscuit found that ActionAid worked with communities who could be classified as both *location-based* and *communities of identity*. Providing evidence from the study examines the concepts of *location-based communities* and *communities of identity*. **(4 Marks)**
- b. Identify and describe from the study any **TWO** assets that Mobisa and Biscuit could be entrusted by ActionAid to develop in order to enhance the capability of communities in Makueni County to better their living standards. **(6 Marks)**

- c. Find and examine from the study **THREE** universal dimensions of community development that Mobisa and Biscuit found ActionAid using to understand and evaluate the progress of the societies and individuals in Makueni County. (6 Marks)
- d. As change agents Mobisa and Biscuit it will be expected of their role to impact community development. Highlight **FOUR** impacts on community development that will be expected in Makueni County courtesy of their roles. (4 Marks)
- e. To deliver their role effectively, Mobisa and Biscuit will have to engage the process of community organization—a stepwise endeavor. In the context of the study outline for Mobisa and Biscuit these two steps of community organization.
 - i. Gaining Entry into Community. (2 Marks)
 - ii. Recognition of the problem. (2 Marks)
- f. Suggest and explain **THREE** roles that Mobisa and Biscuit would expect the county government of Makueni to play to foster ActionAid's efforts in community development. (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Suggest **THREE** strategies that change agents and development partners use to help them demonstrate their commitment to program sustainability. (6 Marks)
- b) Governments facilitate the transformation of rural and regional communities into self-sustaining entities as a pre-requisite to enhancing social and economic changes. Describe **FOUR** strategies that governments can implement to effectively fulfill this obligation. (8 Marks)
- c) Community development workers are the driving force in community development. Their performance is however influenced by certain factors. Outline **THREE** of these factors. (6 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Despite Community organization being critical in helping communities in dealing with shared problems it is under influence of both internal and external factors. Analyze **FOUR** external factors that influence Community organization. (8 Marks)
- b) Certain indicators can be used to evaluate the effectiveness of an empowerment approach. Examine **THREE** such indicators. (6 Marks)
- c) Change agents in community development work have at their disposal number of approaches to adopt to realise meaningful development facilitation. Outline **THREE** of these approaches. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Give a brief explanation of **FOUR** approaches taken by NGOs to promote sustainable development through advancement of sustainable development in rural areas. (8 Marks)
- b) Social change agencies rely on projects to facilitate their development endeavours. Outline **THREE** significant roles that **social** change agencies use projects to achieve their development agenda. (6 Marks)
- c) Certain universal principles govern and guide the processes of community development. Examine **THREE** of the principles of community development that would guide you while engaging communities. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) As a community development worker, examine **FOUR** community empowerment strategies you would use to help individuals and groups within a community to become more capable of taking charge of their own lives. (8 Marks)
- b) Outline **THREE** such challenges that community development actors have to overcome in order to adequately strengthen and increase community capacity for socioeconomic enhancement. (6 Marks)
- c) It is advisable before active community engagement to categorize communities by purpose in order understand the core drivers that bring people together. Analyze **THREE** categories of communities based on purpose. (6 Marks)