

## Kia-Maiko Community Dialogue Post-Forum Report



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MSJC held a community dialogue on political accountability and police abuse of power in Kiamaiko ward on September 24th 2016. The venue was the historical Ongoza Njia community centre building.

Kennedy Chindi and Rahma Wako were the moderators of this forum. Gacheke Gachihi and Stephen Kinuthia addressed issues of political accountability. Many issues came up around this and, above all, people were angry about the continuous violations of human rights by police at Huruma police post. Furthermore our Somali community members are still having problems getting identity cards. It is as if the government has decided that they are not citizens of Kenya. At the forum community leaders and other volunteers from MSJC , Esther and Matayo, volunteered to help member of the Somali community to get IDs.

We also discussed the fact that both Jubilee and ODM political parties had rallies in Mathare but did not address the water crisis which has become chronic. They also did not address the land grabbing of public toilets, social halls and public primary schools.

As always in every community dialogue we collected cases of human rights violations. Many of these violations were centered around police abuse of power at Huruma police post. The police at this post have become experts in criminalizing the poor. Because of this, as part of the forum we decided to visit the police post as MSJC members and the community to get people who were wrongfully arrested released. As part of the dialogue we marched to the OCS office and told her why we were there but she dismissed us saying she is yet to look at the OB book. We were still able to get one minor released from police detention.

We also talked about increasing the collective mentorship of each other to make the struggle stronger and to increase our action and safety.  
See more pictures of the event [here](#)

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