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### **MEDIA COUNCIL GIFTS TOP JOURNALISTS**

**NAIROBI**, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – The Media Council of Kenya has announced grants to Kenyan journalists who were recently feted during the 2021 Annual Journalism Excellence Awards (AJEA).

The 170 journalists, comprising winners and the first and second runners-up, will receive between KShs 10,000 and KShs 130,000, in addition to certificates and trophies. They were recognised for their exemplary reporting over the last year by the Council during the 2021 AJEA held as part of observances to mark this year's World Press Freedom Day. AJEA is a signature event of the Council that celebrates journalistic excellence and achievements in Kenya.

The 2021 awards recognised winners in the following categories: Health, ICT and Telecommunications, Gender, Development, COVID-19, Sports, Business and Finance, Environment, Governance and Investigative Story. Other categories were: Best MCK Grantee, Best Radio Production, Podcast of the Year, Cameraperson of the Year, Photojournalist of the Year, Prime Time Bulletin of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award and Journalist of the Year (Print, Radio and TV).

A notable recipient of the grant is late veteran broadcaster Mohamed Juma Njuguna who received the Lifetime Contribution in Journalism Award. He was recognised posthumously after his death in June 2019.

Deputy Chief Justice who was then Acting Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya and President to of the Supreme Court Hon. Lady Justice Philomena Mbete Mwilu, MGH, graced the event held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in Nairobi.

MCK Chief Executive Officer Mr David Omwoyo has congratulated the journalists for their achievement amidst harsh working conditions escalated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

“The Media Council will continue to support our journalists through trainings, mentorship programmes and recognition in form of such awards and grants in a bid to motivate professionalism,” said Mr Omwoyo.

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