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MEDIA COUNCIL EXTENDS COVID-19 GRANTS TO ASSOCIATIONS

This Compliments Grant Programme for Individual Journalist Launched Earlier In The Week

NAIROBI, 23rd April, 2020 – The Media Council of Kenya (MCK) launched a second grant programme, Tuesday aimed at supporting media associations and support groups across the country to facilitate their operations and members during the Corona Virus 19 pandemic.

"The media sector will only be as strong and vibrant as its associations and support groups, which is why are launching this second grant to support them during these trying times. As a media regulator, we want to assure our stakeholders that we will do our best to mobilize resources to support them as best as we can", said David Omwoyo, the MCK CEO, as he launched the programme.

The programme will support eleven (11) associations that will receive between KES 10, 000.00 and KES 200, 000.00 in grant disbursements.

"Through this programme the Media Council of Kenya hopes that the media associations and support groups will be able to not only sustain their operations, but more critically, facilitate their members to continue coverage of the pandemic and offer solutions through the best that professional journalism has to offer" noted Victor Bwire, the MCK's Head of Media Development & Strategy.

The associations and support groups that will be part of the grant programme including the following (in alphabetical order):

ORGANIZATION
Association of Devolution Journalists (ADJ)
Association of Freelance Journalists (AFJ)
Association of Kenya Community Media Operators (AKCMO)
Association of Media Women in Kenya (AMWIK)
Digital Broadcasters Association (DBA)
Kenya Correspondents Association (KCA)
Kenya Union of Journalists (KUJ)
Muslim Media Practitioners of Kenya (MMPK)
Photojournalists Association of Kenya (PAK)



Political Journalists Association of Kenya (PJAK)
The Women's Newsroom Foundation
Wanahabari Centre
Waumini Communications

About the Media Council of Kenya

The Media Council of Kenya (MCK) is the principal body mandated to develop and regulate the media industry in Kenya in order to promote media freedom, professionalism and independence. It is established by law under the Media Council Act of 2013 to fulfill Article 34 (5) of the Constitution of Kenya which enshrines media freedom.

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