



The Kenya Alliance of Resident Associations

## THE 4TH ANNUAL RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### BACKGROUND

The Annual Resident Associations Excellence Awards (ARAEA) is an initiative of The Kenya Alliance of Resident Associations (KARA) designed to recognize, reward and celebrate Resident Associations that have demonstrated exemplary performance in promoting access to public services and made extraordinary positive impact on their community. The awards are informed by the fact that Resident Associations play a very vital role in enhancing access to public services and improving quality of life in Kenya yet these efforts are rarely recognized and appreciated. Additionally, the awards serve to focus public attention on the importance of Resident Associations in promoting structured engagement with the government and other service delivery players as well as championing the interest of their members.

Winners of ARAEA are identified through a competitive process by competent panel of judges and awarded at a gala event. The gala event for the 4<sup>th</sup> ARAEA will be held on **10<sup>th</sup> December 2021** and will be attended by representatives of various Resident Associations; Government; Community Leaders; Media among other service delivery stakeholders. A special category has been introduced to recognize and celebrate Resident Associations that rolled out initiatives that effectively contributed to the fight against COVID 19 pandemic.

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Kenya Alliance of Resident Associations (KARA) is now accepting entries for the 2021 ARAEA

#### Eligibility

Entries are open to Resident Associations registered in Kenya and with projects or initiatives that fall under any of the listed award categories.

#### Submission

- a) All submissions should describe the project/initiative undertaken by the Association and that falls under any of the listed award categories.
- b) Eligible project/Initiatives must have been completed between January 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021.
- c) All submissions will be made through direct entries with brief citations demonstrating how the Residents Association has practically enhanced access to public services in a specified sector,

impacted positively on the community and contributed to improvement of quality of life in the neighborhood.

- d) Other potential awardees may be proposed indirectly, by the public and even by people they may not know, as long as the citation provided can be authenticated.
- e) Citations should be accompanied by high quality photographic evidence as this is important for the judging process.
- f) An independent panel of judges carefully selected to include governance experts; experienced community development professionals, Media practitioners among others will review the entries and make a decision on the winners and runners up for each award category.
- g) The judges will have the final word on who is to be awarded for each category.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

### a) Mazingira Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards promotion of a sustainable environmental management at the neighborhood level

### b) Usalama Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards promotion of security at the neighborhood level

### c) Mawasiliano Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association that has leveraged on creative communication approaches to ensure improved and structured communication among its membership.

### d) Maji Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards access to better water services for its members

### e) Afya Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards better hygiene and sanitation conditions within their neighbourhood

### f) Mihadarati Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards the fight against alcohol and drug abuse in Kenya

### g) Viwanja Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards protection of public spaces within their neighborhood.

### h) Ujenzi Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards the fight against uncontrolled and illegal development within their neighborhood

### i) COVID 19 Mitigation

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association that carried out initiatives that had immense positive impact on the fight against COVID 19 pandemic

## HOW TO MAKE SUBMISSION

Submissions can be received from Resident Associations for the various categories. A maximum of three submissions per Association is allowed. To make your submission, you are required to complete the Entry Form which can be downloaded at the KARA website, [www.kara.or.ke](http://www.kara.or.ke) and send to the secretariat through the contacts below on or before **12th November 2021**. Any entries received after the closing date will be automatically disqualified.

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