

Is the Partnership For Change a Political Movement?

The initiators of the Partnership for Change have no political ambitions whatsoever, neither do we seek Government Appointments. The initiative is purely patriotic and has deep roots in Chapter V of the Constitution of Kenya, the Bill of Rights where every Kenyan is equal before the Law and the inalienable fundamental rights of every Individual Kenyan are respected by all.

Jamhuri Day, December 12 ,2008 is Kenya's Independence day. We the partners for change declare the end of dictatorial impunity in Kenya. We the Kenyan citizens will begin the process of restoring democratic accountability in Kenya.

We shall demand

1. That the national accord be implemented to the letter. Failure to implement any agreement of the national accord will result in a new General Election where Kenyans can elect members of parliament who will implement the national accord.
2. That immediate tax relief is given to the poor. All taxes on food, electricity ,kerosine be removed to reduce prices to give relief to millions of poor Kenyans.
- 3.The President refuses his assent to the finance bill until amended to include taxation for members of parliament. That all Kenyans be treated equally. Either all Kenyans, including Judges and MP's are required to pay income taxes or NO KENYAN SHOULD PAY INCOME TAX. It is unfair to allow the rich and the powerful to evade tax while misusing the contribution of the poor.
4. That the government stops paying for corruption debts including Anglo-Leasing and Ken Ren fertilizer factory immediately.
5. That the government spends at least 60% of the budget on development that will benefit all Kenyans instead of spending 85% of our budget on salaries, luxuries, travel, allowances, flashy cars and fuel for a few politicians.
- 6.That the government stops borrowing money to pay for luxuries and corruption. Kenya's external debt is a burden to millions of poor Kenyans who continue to repay debts for development and goods that have never been received.

If the government fails to do this,

We will exercise our Constitutional Right to withhold our taxes. We pay the most taxes (over 70%) through VAT and we can stop or reduce our payments to the Government.

What can you do:

1. Withhold your income and other taxes until changes are made.
2. Avoid buying products from shops that have ETR's and avoid buying items that have a bar code so that you can avoid paying VAT.
3. Reduce or avoid consumption of pre-taxed Products such as beer, sodas and cigarettes.
4. Reduce or avoid purchase of luxury goods until changes are made in solidarity with the poor.
5. Buy products from local kiosks that do not charge VAT.
6. Attend the official Jamhuri day celebration and join other Kenyans in demanding for tax relief.
7. Wear a white ribbon or a black T-shirt to show support.
8. Participate in prayers, demonstration, processions and other non-violent actions.
9. Give this message to other Kenyans.
10. Communicate your discontent to politicians.
11. Join the Partnership for Change.

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FROM DICTATORIAL IMPUNITY TO DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY



What is the Partnership for Change?

The Partnership for Change is an initiative of the Kenya Network of Grassroots Organizations (KENGO) and the Mars Group Kenya.

KENGO: a consortium of recognized active and registered development groups comprising of self-help groups, welfare groups, and community based organizations, clubs, churches, trade unions, NGOs and social movements based and operating in Kenya. With more than 2,000 member organizations, KENGO is established in 7 provinces in Kenya, and in the places where the poorest of the poor are

Mars Group Kenya: a leadership, governance, accountability and media watchdog organization. It is an Internet based organization that monitors and tracks all public institutions and offices, and advocates for the end of impunity for gross human rights violations and grand corruption. With over 1.6 terabytes of information on its websites, Mars Group Kenya documents and disseminates information for evidence-based-bottom-up-advocacy and support to civil society. www.marsgroupkenya.org has over 7,700 registered subscribers who include individuals in government, the private sector, civil society, media, academia and the international community.

Why the Partnership for Change?

"Kenya is not free. But freedom is not free either. No outside force is coming to give oppressed Kenyans the freedom that Kenyans so much want. Kenyans will have to learn how to take that freedom themselves. Easy it cannot be.

If Kenyans can grasp what is required for their own liberation, Kenyans can chart courses of action which, through much travail, can eventually bring Kenyans their freedom. Then, with diligence Kenyans can construct a