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**BOMBLAST VICTIMS
ASSOCIATION (KENYA)**

**ORGANIZATION
PROFILE**



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INTRODUCTION

Our pathway to victory, equal justice for all Victims & Survivors and Justice for Heroes and Heroines who died and others suffered.



The 7th August 1998 Bomblast Victims Association (Kenya), is a registered Non-Profit Organization established in the year 2001 under the Community Group Registration Act (No. 30 of 2022) of The Laws of Kenya. The Association was founded by the Bomb Blast Survivors and Victims in response to the devastating August, 1998 bombing of The United States Embassy in Nairobi, which claimed 218 lives and left over 5,000 injured. The Association currently operates from The August 7th Memorial Park situated along Moi Avenue, Nairobi-Kenya.



Our Vision & Mission

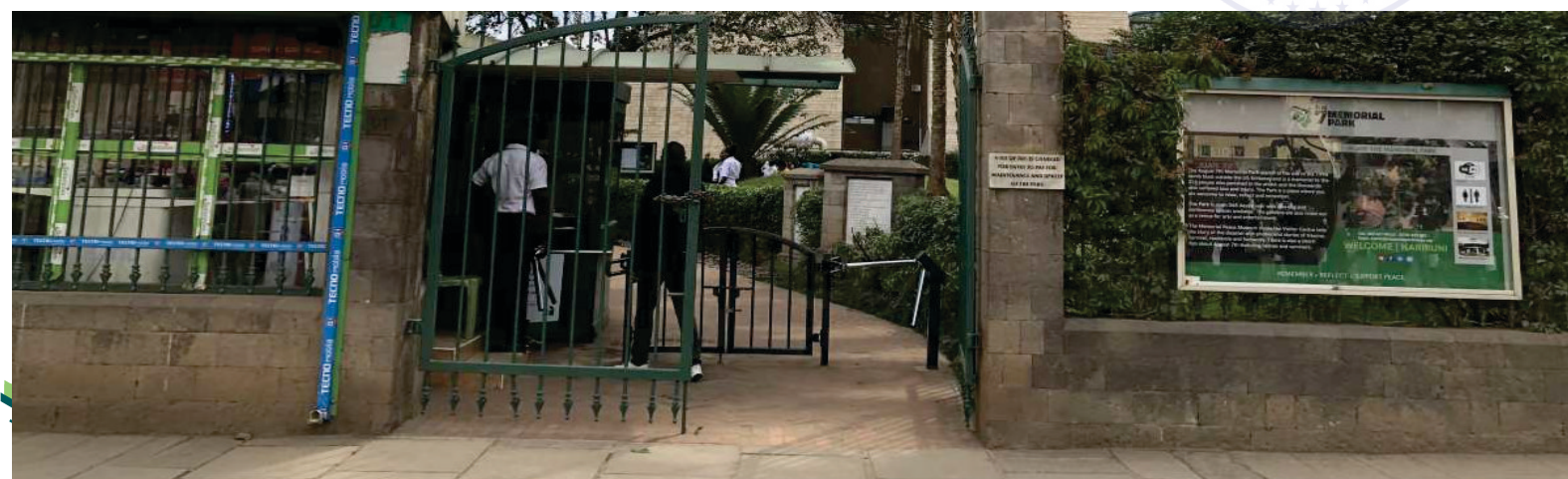


→ Vision

To become an organization with both a National and International Presence, playing a Key role in offering holistic, conceptualized, functional and technology based solution to the changing faces of disaster risks with emphasis on terrorism.

→ Mission

Initiating, supporting and promoting programmes that enhance disaster preparedness for effective response and to build back better in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.



Our Core Values

Integrity

We act with honesty, accountability, and respect.

Inclusivity

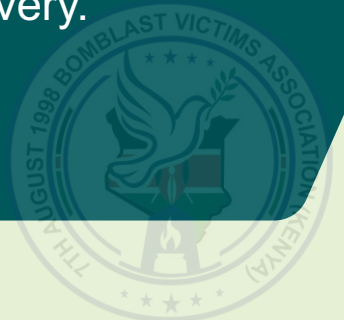
We serve all affected individuals without discrimination.

Empowerment

We promote self-reliance and resilience among the Victims and Survivors.

Collaboration

We work with partners to achieve sustainable peace and recovery.





OUR OBJECTIVES



1. To provide psychological counseling and trauma support for The Victims, Survivors and the affected families

After the major disaster of the 1998 bombing, many survivors experience trauma, grief, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This objective focuses on mental and emotional healing offering counseling sessions, peer support groups, and therapy programs to help victims cope, rebuild confidence, and regain a sense of normal life. It also includes family counseling to restore relationships affected by loss and stress.

2. **To facilitate medical care, rehabilitation and assistive devices for the injured**

Many victims sustained permanent injuries such as loss of limbs, hearing impairment, or burns. This objective ensures continued access to quality medical services, physical therapy, and assistive devices (like wheelchairs, crutches, hearing aids, prosthetics, white cane). The goal is to restore physical independence and reduce the long-term suffering of survivors.

3. **To support livelihood restoration through skills training, microfinance, and employment initiatives**

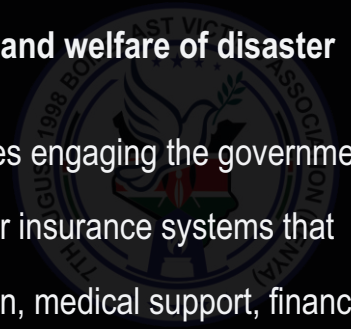
The disaster disrupted many people's means of livelihoods. Businesses were lost, jobs ended, and breadwinners died. This objective empowers survivors economically by helping them learn skills, access small business loans, or find employment opportunities.

4. **To promote disaster preparedness and response awareness within communities.**

We work to educate communities on the importance of disaster preparedness and equip them with practical knowledge to stay safe. Our initiatives focus on building awareness, strengthening early-warning understanding, and improving community response skills. By promoting preparedness, we empower communities to reduce risks, save lives, and recover more quickly when disasters occur.

5. **To advocate for policy and legal frameworks that protect the rights and welfare of disaster Victims and Survivors.**

This objective addresses long-term justice and social protection. It involves engaging the government, donors, and policymakers to develop laws, compensation mechanisms, or insurance systems that support victims of disasters. Advocacy may include pushing for recognition, medical support, financial assistance, and inclusive development policies for people with disabilities or those affected by tragedies.



OUR PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

- ➔ **Trauma Healing and Counselling Services**
- ➔ **Medical Support and Rehabilitation Programmes**
- ➔ **Livelihood and Skills Development Projects**
- ➔ **Commemorative and Memorial Events**
- ➔ **Public Awareness and Advocacy Campaigns**

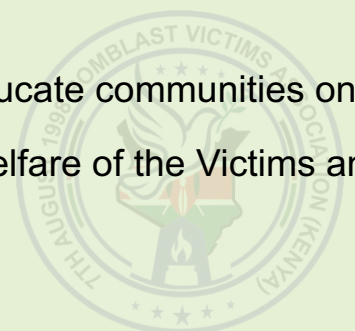
The organization implements a range of programmes aimed at restoring dignity and stability to its members.

Through Trauma Healing and Counseling Services, Victims, Survivors and families receive psychological and emotional support to help them cope with grief and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Medical support and rehabilitation programmes ensure continued access to treatment, physical therapy, and assistive devices for the injured. To promote self-reliance, livelihood and skills development projects, provide vocational training and small business support to rebuild economic independence.

Each year, Commemorative and Memorial Events honour the Victims and Survivors, remind the public of the need for unity and peace.

Additionally, Public Awareness and Advocacy Campaigns educate communities on disaster preparedness while championing the rights and welfare of the Victims and Survivors at local and national levels.



OUR TARGET BENEFICIARIES

- ➔ Survivors of the 1998 US Embassy bombing in Nairobi
- ➔ Families of deceased victims
- ➔ Individuals with long-term disabilities resulting from the bombing
- ➔ Other victims of disasters requiring similar support

The organization's primary beneficiaries include Victims and Survivors of the 1998 US. Embassy bombing in Nairobi, many of whom continue to face physical, emotional, and economic challenges as a result of the tragedy. It also supports families of deceased victims, offering them counseling, financial assistance, and livelihood opportunities to help rebuild their lives. Additionally, individuals living with long-term disabilities resulting from the bombing benefit from rehabilitation and empowerment programmes designed to enhance their independence and well-being. Beyond this specific tragedy, the organization extends its services to other victims of disasters requiring similar support, ensuring that lessons learned and resources developed are shared to promote healing, resilience, and preparedness across affected communities.



1. At the August 7th Memorial Park, These Names Stand in Stone as a Lasting Tribute to Lives We Will Never Forget.

GALLERY OF RESILIENCE

This gallery captures the strength, unity, and enduring spirit of the Victims and Survivors of the August 7th 1998 US. Embassy bombing in Nairobi. Each image tells a story of courage, recovery, and hope amidst unimaginable loss.



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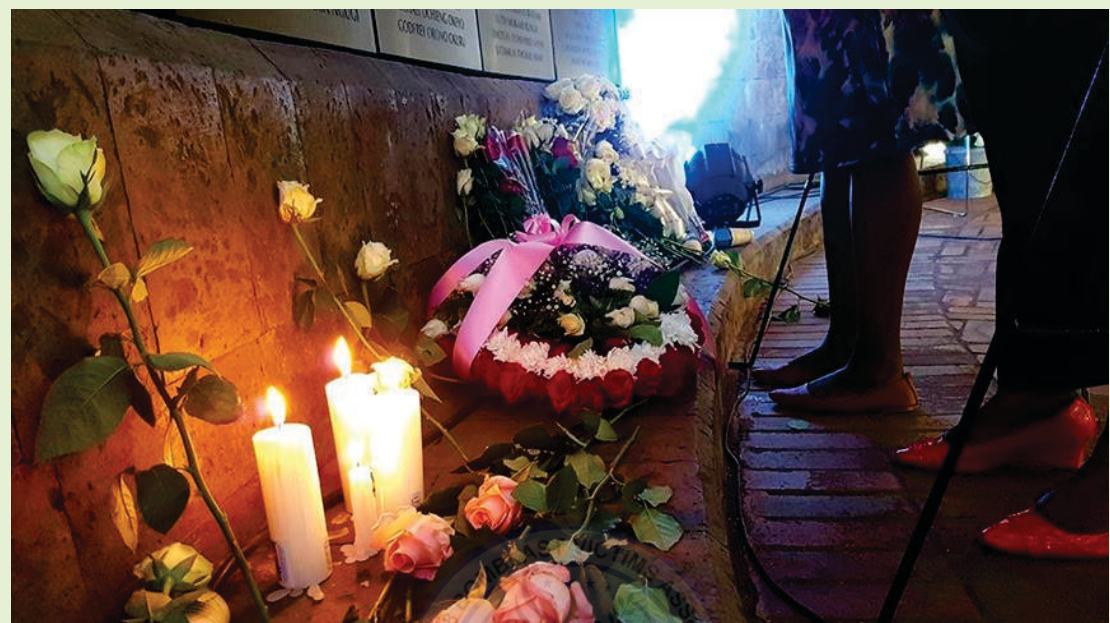
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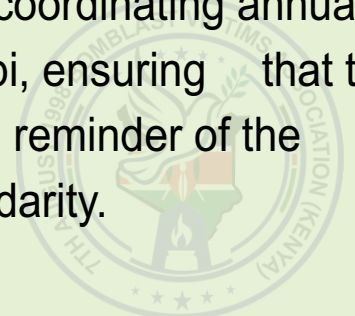


Our Achievements

- Facilitated medical and counseling support for over 1,000 Victims and Survivors
- Partnered with National and International Organizations to provide assistive devices and vocational training
- Established a Victims and Survivors' Welfare Fund to support education and healthcare needs of affected families
- Played a key role in Annual Bomb Blast Memorial Commemorations in Nairobi
- Visited and supported those bed-ridden disabled Survivors
- Mobilizing resources to facilitate the payment of rent , food, school fees and basic needs
- Mobilizing the Victims and Survivors who were scattered to bring them under one roof

Since its establishment, the organization has made significant progress in improving the lives of disaster survivors and their families. It has facilitated medical and counselling support for over 1,000 survivors, helping them recover physically and emotionally from the effects of the bombing. Through collaboration with national and international partners, the organization has successfully provided assistive devices and vocational training, enabling survivors with disabilities to regain independence and rebuild their livelihoods.

The creation of a Survivors' Welfare Fund has further enhanced support by catering to the education and healthcare needs of affected families. Moreover, the organization has played a key role in coordinating annual Bomb Blast Memorial Commemorations in Nairobi, ensuring that the victims are honoured and that the tragedy remains a reminder of the importance of peace, resilience, and community solidarity.



Words of Remembrance and Hope

CONFUCIUS-

Recompense injury with justice, and recompense kindness with kindness

MOHAMMED ALI-

If we continue to think and live as if we belong only to different cultures and different religions, with separate missions and goals, we will always be in self-defeating competition with each other.

once we realize we are all members of humanity, we will want to compete in the spirit of love.

CHINUA ACHEBE-

We cannot trample upon the humanity of others without devaluing our own. The Igbo, always practical, put it concretely in their proverb Onye ji onye n'ani ji onwe ya: 'He who will hold another down in the mud must stay in the mud to keep him down.'

DESMOND TUTU-

If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.

LYNDON JOHNSON-

The guns and the bombs, the rockets and the warships, are all symbols of human failure.

NELSON MANDELA-

No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

POPE FRANCIS-

May the God of Peace arouse in all an authentic did for dialogue and reconciliation. Violence cannot be overcome with violence, Violence is overcome with peace.

MARTIN LUTHER KING-

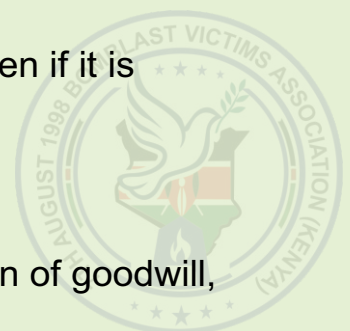
Nothing good ever comes of violence.

AMBASSADOR PRUDENCE BUSHNELL-

If you can create community, then you can face anything, even if it is extraordinarily powerful

PROF. WANGARI MAATHAI-

We can work together for a better world with men and women of goodwill, those who radiate the intrinsic goodness of human kind.



OUR PARTNERSHIPS

The Association's work is strengthened by the support of dedicated partners who share our commitment to justice, healing, and dignity for the Victims and Survivors of the 1998 US. Embassy bombing. Through collaborative efforts with Local, National, and international organizations together with Well-wishers and Faith-Based Organizations, we are able to expand our impact, enhance vital services, and create sustainable pathways of support for our community.

Our past and current partners and supporters include the following:



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