

## MUSLIM

## SUPREME COUNCIL OF KENYA MUSLIMS (SUPKEM)

The Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims is registered as the umbrella body of all Muslims organizations Societies, Mosque Committees and groups in Kenya. It was formed in 1973 following a general conference held at Quran house, Mfangano Street in Nairobi.

A particular focus has been placed on building the capacity of its member organizations to respond to emerging challenges and associated nuances and also to provide a viable platform for Muslim citizens in Kenya not only to voice their issues and concerns, but provide space for the pursuit of viable solutions to the myriad problems that have faced Muslims since independence.

SUPKEM has also been directly implementing a variety of programs tailored at addressing challenges unique to different regions and localities in Kenya. Responding to emergences and perennial famine and related disasters particularly in the North Eastern, Upper Eastern and northern Kenya, has been a persistent feature of its work.

SUPKEM has over the past 10 years developed a detailed environmental programme with a particular focus on Education for Sustainable Development and "Islamic Farming". Following principles of Shariah-compliant finance it recommends to all its independent religious organisations (mosques, madrassas, Islamic charities and foundations) that they should invest in accordance with Shariah-compliant finance, and where possible focus

on investing in clean water, sustainable agriculture, sustainable forestry and eco buildings. It has strong principles within its own operations to recycle, use green construction materials and promote sustainable pilgrimage, and it expects its membership, and Islamic companies, to do the same.

Through capital investment ventures, the expected outcome is promotion of simple living which will be supported through the development of a simple living guide from an Islamic perspective to be translated into various ethnic languages and distributed to all members of the SUPKEM family.

SUPKEM has an annual income of approximately 150 million Kenyan shillings (US\$1.45 million).