

## **EMPLOYEE POLICY & LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICY**

Diani Seas Hotels group is committed to offering excellent service to guests by ensuring responsible business dealings and nurturing strong relationships with the Authorities, employees and surrounding communities. Through our employee and community Policies, we endeavour to empower both individuals and groups to sustain their livelihood as provided through the following policies applicable for employees and local community, respectively:

## **Employees**

- Recruitment: Diani Seas Hotels is dedicated to hiring, engaging and retaining a talented and diverse
  workforce through a fair process. Our Company adheres to minimum age provisions under the Kenyan
  laws and regulations and does not support exploitation of children, or recruitment of child labour. The
  Company also supports the elimination of all other forms of forced, bonded or compulsory labour.
- Training: At the recruitment stage, all our staff is trained to understand their legal rights and
  responsibilities documented in the employee handbook. We support personal & professional growth,
  our Training Manager coordinates training activities and develops suitable training programmes for all
  employee levels, hence encourage all employees and managers to participate in both internal and
  external training courses, seminars/workshops availed to them.
- Remuneration: We strive to provide competitive levels of pay and benefits relative to the industry and local labour market in which we operate, ensuring that all our staff wages and salaries are within the national minimum wage and the Collective Bargaining agreement (CBA) across all positions.
- Diversity & Equal opportunities: Diani Seas Hotels supports and upholds the elimination of workforce
  discrimination through our employment practices irrespective of their age, sexuality, gender, ethnicity,
  religion, culture or disability. All employees have a contract of employment, signed before they start
  working.
- **Staff turnover**: We endeavour to maintain a highly motivated team hence keeping the staff turnover as low as possible.
- **Health Care**: We have an in-house hotel doctor whom employees can visit for consultation at the expense of the company.
- **Employee benefits**: We provide all staff with free duty meals, transport to & from work for all shifts, staff housing. Additional benefits include: End of year bonus, Employee of the month and year merit awards, acting allowance for positions of responsibility while position holder is away.

- Occupational safety: We are committed to maintaining safe and secure work environments that reinforce the principles of integrity and respect. All our employees have insurance as provided for in the work injury benefits Act. (WIBA)
- **Guarantee of fair treatment**: We respect each employee's right to decide if he or she wishes to join, or not to join labour unions, and we comply with legal requirements regarding employee and third-party involvement. However, we are unwavering in our commitment to communicate directly with our staff.

## **Local community**

- **Apprenticeship:** Diani Seas Hotels apprenticeship programme give 32 high school graduates annually an opportunity to pursue a two year fully sponsored Specialist in Hotel Services training with a monthly stipend. AHK the apprentice proceed to join the program.
- Recruitment: Our workforce mirrors the communities around our area of operation
- Maasai Market: Engage the local communities to sell Kenyan souvenirs, artefacts, carvings, local clothing designs and bags inside the hotel every Fridays at a complimentary. No charges for the venue
- **Stakeholders**: We engage with local authorities and communities in order to improve relationships with them whom we identify as key stakeholders in our operations. We allow local communities a weekly market in the hotel to sell their wares as well as engage them for paid entertainment.
- **Volunteering:** our staff in conjunction with neighbouring hotels and local communities use paid time to participate in the annual beach cleaning event.
- Donation & Charity: Diani Seas Hotels has supported the construction and development of a secondary school. Through membership of the rotary club of Diani, we fundraise through our guests to buy desks for local primary schools. We sponsor an annual charity golf event whose proceeds go toward various charitable organizations.
- Local Businesses: Our staff transport and taxi services are also leased out to local operators. We
  purchase all our fresh produce from local suppliers and engage local distributors for most of our
  other locally available purchases.
- Ethical business conduct: We endeavour never to compromise ethical standards to gain a competitive advantage or meet a business objective. This includes making or receiving improper payments or gifts to influence decisions.
- **Promoting culture & Heritage**: As part of our Hotels animation activities, organise excursions for our guests to visit nearby cultural villages and conservation areas.
- **Employment & Promoting Culture:** Engaging traditional dancers from surrounding communities as part of our evening entertainment for our guest.

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