**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

**LIST 1- Questions of the semi-structured interviews conducted in the Shimoni-Vanga seascape in 2021-2022**

* When was the BMU created in this community? Tell us its story.
* Was it created under the initiative of local people, the government or any other stakeholder?
* Did you notice any change in the number of female BMU members since its creation?
* How do women engage in the BMU?
* Are women engaged in other community groups?
* What type of BMU activities/tasks are performed by women? And by men?
* Would you say that local people respect the rules of the BMU in general?
* Do you think that BMU members would accept to have a BMU chair lady?

**LIST 2- Main guiding questions of the focus group discussions conducted in the Shimoni-Vanga seascape in 2021-2022**

* How do women/men participate in the BMU?
* What are the benefits derived from the BMU?
* What are the challenges you face with the BMU?/ What needs to be improved in the BMU?
* Do you feel that women/men are included enough in the decision-making? Why so?