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*“There is no better resource in
time’s of crisis than young people.”*

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*Real Crisis demands
Real Leadership*

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PROJECT TEAM PROFILES



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NEEMA MEREMO | Project Coordinator (Project Officer) - Tanzania

Neema Meremo works with Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILD AF) as GBV Program Manager. Passionate about girls' rights Neema has been championing programs to end GBV in Tanzania through an initiative she co-founded-Girls Rising Tanzania. Prior to her current position, Neema worked with several organizations in Tanzania to eradicate FGM and Child Marriage prevalent in the Northern part of Tanzania. Neema has also been selected by the ChangemakerXChange and Robert Bosch Foundation among the top 20 young people leading change in gender justice in East Africa and is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Community.



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Anastase NDAGIJIMANA, from Rwanda, is an award winning for social development and youth employability, a human rights, gender equality, and youth development activist. He is a Special Needs Education Specialist and social inclusive advocate. He is also a social justice activist and very passionate about leadership and community development, particularly fighting against teenage pregnancy, and Gender Based Violence. Anastase is also a Pan-Africanist, and he has been selected in top 20 young Africans leading the change for Gender Justice and social innovations in East Africa by change maker exchange, that made him a Bosch Alumni Network member. He is founder and CEO for We Got Your Back Rwanda, a youth-led organization that aims promoting gender equality, peace, education, wellbeing, and creating society free from SGBV & other forms of violence for inclusive & equality living for sustainable inclusive Socio-economic development.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report summarises the content of the Virtual East Africa Youth Consultation Forum taking place from August to September 2020. The Forum was organised by members of Bosch Alumni Network and supported by the international alumni center (iac Berlin). We would like to acknowledge the valuable contributions of all our participants who attended from across sub Saharan Africa, West Africa, and other parts of the world. Your expertise and experience made possible the rewarding opportunities for learning and exchange, strengthening the global commitment to working with young people during this Crisis moment, The opinions expressed in this report do not represent the views of the iac Berlin, or other partner organisations.

OVERVIEW OF EAST AFRICA YOUTH CONSULTATION FORUM

The East Africa Youth Consultation Forum was created to provide a collaborative, open, and inclusive space for young people from East Africa to critically and objectively reflect on the progress made, challenges encountered and prospects for enhancing meaningful youth participation on some of the pressing development issues. Therefore the 1 East Africa Youth Consultation Forum was focusing on Covid19 mitigation and Economy Recovery where our aim was to be part of the solution process towards the COVID19 effect on the economy and labour market shocks, especially in the East African Community. The objective of the project was *to gather insight and actionable recommendations with a grounded approach aiming to improve programming for both state and non-state actors. We intended to provide a strategic platform for reflection on barriers and opportunities for meaningful youth participation in COVID19 mitigation at the individual, organizational and societal levels.*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT

The Covid-19 pandemic has triggered the most severe recession in nearly a century and is causing enormous damage to young people’s health, jobs, and well-being. As restrictions begin to be eased, the path to economic recovery remains highly uncertain and vulnerable to the second wave of infections. Strengthening healthcare systems and supporting young people and businesses to help adapt to a post-Covid19 is very crucial. Moreover, as the number of COVID-19 infections continues to rise, experts predict that Sub-Saharan Africa could be the hardest hit in terms of health, as well as socioeconomically. Already, the global COVID-19 pandemic has led to severe economic and labour market shocks. With an estimated rise between 5.3 and 24.7 million in the number of those unemployed, the impact on youth employment is likely to be severe given that youth (15-24) are already 3 times more likely to be unemployed than adults. Furthermore, COVID-19-related shocks to the labour market are likely to impact the quality of jobs for young people, be it in the form of zero-hour contracts, informal employment, etc. Such forms of employment are markedly more common among youth as 77% of employed young people hold informal jobs while 126 million are extreme and moderate working poor worldwide.



“If you are not infected, you are affected”



RISE OF IN THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE

5.3M

24.7M



Also, as the United Nations turns 75, and with only 10 years remaining to make the 2030 agenda a reality for all, trust in public institutions is eroding. It's through this backdrop we integrate East Africa Youth Consultation Forum with International Youth Day (IYD) 2020 with an aim to shed light on the need to enable the engagement of youth by making local, national, and global institutions more inclusive for the purpose of strengthening their capacity (and relevance) to achieve global action. To achieve our goal, with Bosch Alumni Network (BAN) and other key partners we collaboratively organized a series for regional youth consultation on covid19 mitigation and economic recovery with the key focus to sustainable development goals. We achieved this by organizing virtually regular breakout sessions on development topics to allow dialogue among Africa's youth, and prepare some youth-grown solutions and recommendations to influence policymakers, private sectors, and donors in Africa.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS REACHED

Through the forum, we managed to reach more than 200 changemakers across 5 countries in East Africa who participated effectively in all sessions. The majority of the participants were from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Nigeria, Somaliland, Malawi, and Rwanda.

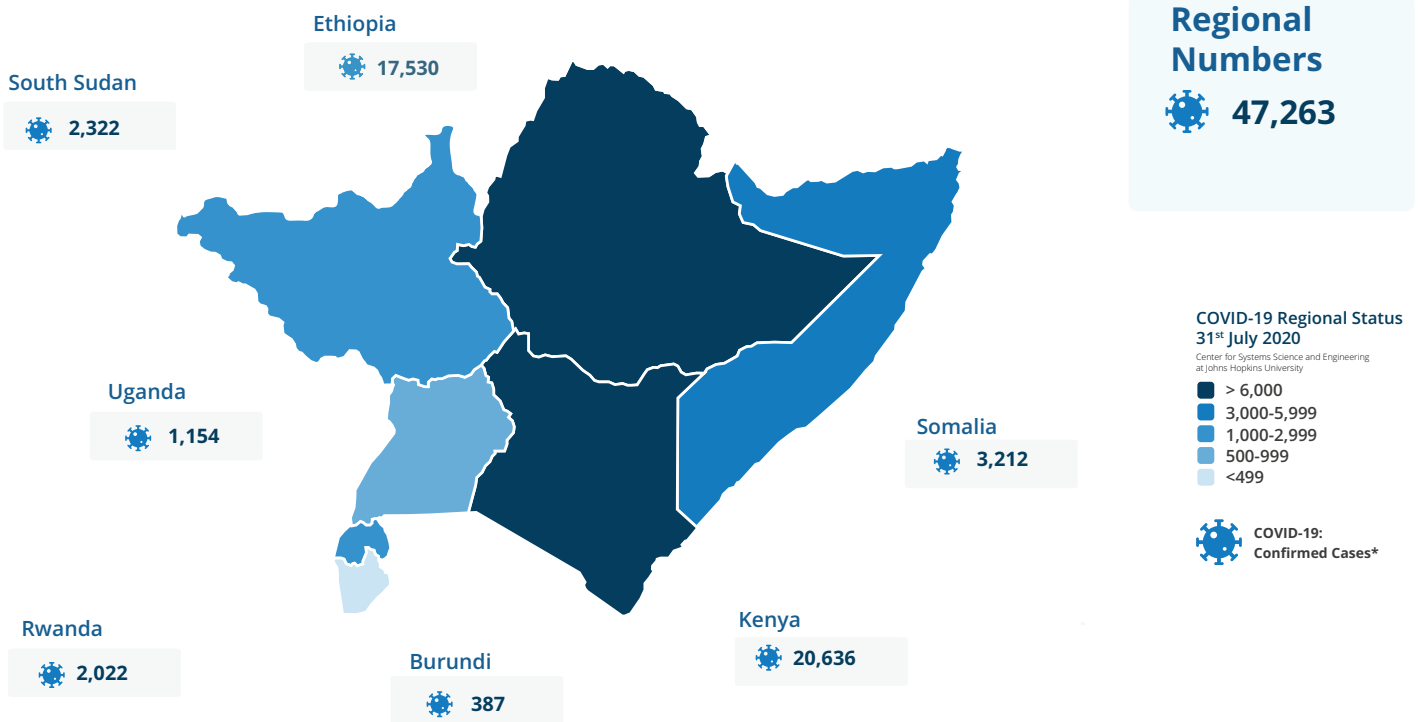
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

- Our strategic objective was to provide a collaborative, open, and inclusive space for young people to critically and objectively reflect on the progress made; challenges encountered; and prospects for enhancing meaningful youth participation in covid19 mitigation and economy recovery.
- Provide a strategic platform for reflection on barriers and opportunities for meaningful youth participation in sustainable development goals and covid19 mitigation at individual, organizational and societal levels.
- Create functional linkages between sub-national, national, and regional youth networks as well as their initiatives aimed at empowering and engaging young people to meaningfully participate in covid19 mitigation and economic recovery.
- Strengthen the bond between the different domestic groups of the network to ensure continuity and work in synergy both at the sub-national, national and across the border.

SESSION ONE

Situation Analysis of Covid19 in East Africa
Summary of each session. (Gathering key
insights and outcomes)

COVID 19 SITUATION IN EAST AFRICA - JULY 2020



Source: WFP Relief Web

Our first session was held on 10th August 2020, where Elizabeth Maloba and Neema Meremo facilitated focusing on Situation analysis of COVID-19 in East Africa. In this, the session was focusing on understanding the Context of COVID-19 in East Africa – country presentation on experience and reality of the COVID-19 situation.

From the session, it was identified that we live in a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous) world. The WHO listed influenza (or similar) pandemic among the top ten threats to health and development in 2019, 2018. In that sense, while Covid-19 is going to result in multiple disruptions, it is not unique. There will be more events like it over time – both past and present. The closest comparison raised is the 1918 influenza pandemic or the Black Death in the mid- 1300s. Though there was dialogue comparing it to the impending climate crisis.

Also, some participants raised that Africa has relative experience with pandemics. Africa has been managing one outbreak or another over the last decade and as such our health systems are more prepared to respond, as basic track and trace systems are already in place. Moreover, it was noted that Africa’s willingness to comply with WHO guidelines for responding to the pandemic serves the population a lot. There was also a discussion about low numbers reflecting lack of testing capacity – however, this is doubtful as cases would be showing up within communities and surplus deaths would reflect the problem.

SESSION OUTCOME

1 *Negative impact on GDP.*

While the health impact has been low, the economic impact has been high. It was noted that the impact of public health measures to curb the spread of the pandemic has been a general economic slowdown in the region. Job losses have been high and are implemented in a context where social security measures are weak or non-existent something which causes depression to the majority of youth across sub-Saharan. From the session, one of the common trends is that economy measures taken by governments are not having the expected impact, partly due to the fact that the measures were taken assuming a short implementation period while the pandemic has lasted longer than expected, and partly due to the fact that our governments lack the resources to mount large interventions.

2 Impact on global relations

It was noted that Covid-19 is having an impact on relationships between countries in the region – our differing approaches and measures have been politicized and differences have resulted in closed borders and increasing incidences of accusations and counter-accusations between the countries e.g between Kenya and Tanzania. This is not unique to the region, globally several countries have gone through different phases of the same discussion. Some participants comment that It also has an impact on cross-border trade as well as global supply chains which rely on open borders and limited ports within the region. Moreover, competition for medical supplies globally has resulted in the complete breakdown of supply chains for medicines and equipment with weaker countries having challenges accessing supplies.

3 Varied impact on industries

Covid-19 has a varied impact on industries – some negative and some positive. Healthcare and related industries have seen an increase in demand with an urgent need for capacity augmentation while tourism has seen the most severe decline in the region with several people losing their livelihoods and falling into poverty as a result. Moreover, Agriculture has had mixed fate – the demand for food has stayed the same but the public health measures to prevent the spread of the pandemic have resulted in failures in supply chains meaning farmers do not get access to markets while consumers have to pay more for food.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE?

1. As young people, we were encouraged to focus on ensuring security. We were challenged to comply with health guidelines, identify resource needs and resource sources and secure them (food, medicines, shelter, clothing), identify social networks, and build systems to ensure that both our physical and mental health are well-protected.
2. We were advised to adjust because we are not going back to normal. So, there is a high need to identify what we need to learn and what we need to unlearn, what we need to start doing and what we need to stop doing.
3. We were encouraged to adapt by identifying where the opportunities lie within our systems and position ourselves to benefit from them. Currently, there is a shortage of healthcare workers in the region, challenges with payment systems and logistics systems to support e-commerce, broken food supply chain with consumers paying more for less, and farmers earning less for more. Any of these present opportunities for innovation and as such chances for the economic empowerment of young people.

SESSION TWO

Sustainable Development Goals and
impacts of COVID-19



On 11 August 2020, we focused more on Introduction to Sustainable Development Goals - with a focus on its 5 key elements (People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership). The first session was mainly Facilitated by Mr. Adikwu Michael from Arigatou International. The second session was facilitated by Linda Mbeyu and Cynthia Anyango from the Afya Pwani Program while the last session was facilitated by Agnes Mwambili from Human Rights Agenda (HURIA).

In the first session, participants discovered what is the post-2015 development agenda (Agenda 2030) & SDGs? They were further enlightened on how they can engage by connecting their work in line with the Global Development Agenda. The facilitator further stated opportunities available for advocacy towards youth engagement and how they can monitor their impact.

In discovery what is the post-2015 development agenda (Agenda 2030), we were taken through the root background of SDGs wherein 1983 there was BRUNDTLAND COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT which defined Sustainable Development as “meeting needs of the present without compromising the

capacity of the future generations to meet their needs too, 1992 EARTH SUMMIT IN RIO DE JANEIRO Made the non-binding “Declaration on Environment and Development” also known as Agenda 21, 2000 THE MILLENNIUM SUMMIT which Produced the Millennium Declaration; and adopted 8 Millennium Development Goals(MDGs), 2012 RIO+20 SUMMIT Produced a political declaration on post-2015 on “the world we want post-2015” while finally 2015, UNITED NATIONS SUMMIT ON POST-2015 AGENDA which led to Adoption of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

It was discovered that the majority of the participants were not aware of these goals hence they were taken through to understand the background, principles of agenda 2030, how we can engage ourselves in these goals, advocacy skills and finally how we can document and monitor our impact.

Discussion on Impacts of COVID 19 Pandemic on People and Prosperity (SDG 1-5)

The Afya Pwani Youth and Gender team facilitated the analysis of the negative impacts of COVID 19 on People and Prosperity (SDG 1-5) with a focus on access to

sexual reproductive health(SRH) services and HIV, Poverty alleviation, access to education and addressing gender inequality. The facilitators shared experiences in SRH work in Mombasa and Kilifi Counties of Kenya. Some of the interventions shared were Binti wa Kisasa, Binti Kwa Binti groups, DREAMS, SRH sensitizations and facility-based continuous medical education sessions on an adolescent package of care. The highlighted concerns raised by participants were job losses, poverty, hunger and mental health problems among adolescents and youth, fear of health facility access due to fear of contracting COVID19.

Fellow peers shared their interventions for addressing various adolescent and youth issues in their countries as learning points for other participants. Some of the proposed solutions were as follows:

- Economic empowerment/ financial literacy sessions for adolescents and their parents to cushion the gap of job losses.
- Exploring opportunities to respond to gaps in the community such as education on COVID19 and it's prevention, approaching local donors to raise sanitary towels for adolescents and youth to help curb transactional sex.
- South Sudan participant highlighted that the youth are the ones to bring change in their country by them providing local solutions
- Gender synchronized approaches in SRH education where boys and young men are also reached with SRH information Facilitators pointed the participants towards networking, synergy, advocacy at the leadership levels in the various countries represented in the forum. Intentional advocacy, monitoring and documentation of efforts were also discussed as key elements to enhance meaningful engagement of youth in decision-making and interventions to improve SRH outcomes.

Discussion on Impacts of COVID 19 Pandemic on SDG 16 and 17.

The session was led and facilitated by Agnes Mwambila, a program officer at the Human Rights Agenda (HURIA). The session anchored on the effects of the pandemic on the realization of sustainable peace and access to justice. The discussions delved into how the pandemic brought to the fore existing vulnerabilities, inequalities and social injustice issues.

Some of the key issues highlighted across the East African region were on; gender-based violence; a surge in cases of police brutality and harassment while enforcing curfew restrictions and wearing of masks especially in Kenya thus undermining ongoing police reforms; Widespread corruption and misappropriation of public funds meant for COVID 19 relief and recovery programs.

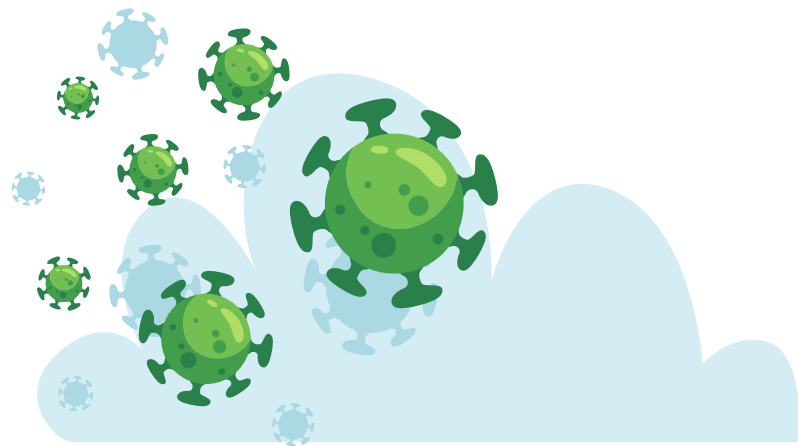
Around East Africa, our fellow young people have responded to this through the creation of initiatives that have sought to bridge the inequality gaps. This includes; supplying free personal protective equipment; volunteering in government and non-governmental initiatives to supply food to hard to reach and vulnerable communities. Additionally, youth have utilized social media platforms to create awareness and advocacy around social issues affecting them.

The call for action from the session was on youth to continuously take up opportunities to learn and understand their basic rights and fundamental freedoms so that they are better able to monitor, document and report on social injustices. Additionally, young people need to continue embracing forming and joining

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



SESSION THREE

Making policy and decision-making institutions more inclusive for youths

On 12th August being the International Youth Day, the theme was “Youth Engagement for Global Action”. This session was focusing on youth inclusion in policymaking and decision making in institutions with a key focus to the sustainable development goals. This session was started off by Charles Munyua, an advocate and clerk assistant at the Parliament of Kenya. He engaged the participants in a discussion over different guidelines for improving youth engagement in policymaking: together, they discussed the values, challenges, and impact acquired from the policymaking process if the youth are involved, not just in paper, but also in action. The second session was conducted by Amanda Chukura, a seasoned International development expert from Botswana and BAN Member. This session was focusing on Youth Engagement in matters of Policymaking and decision making and how different institutions can be more inclusive of youth. The focus of this session was to define what Youth Engagement and Participation is in policymaking institutions and to help communicate the importance of youth engagement as a key approach to implementing comprehensive programs, and finally to provide a “how-to” resource of effective practices to support youth engagement.

Some of the challenges identified during the session are;

- ✓ **Lack of Confidence:** As Youth sometimes we are afraid to speak up and struggle to communicate effectively when given the platform and sometimes this is due to a lack of confidence in the subject manner.

- ✓ **Perceived Inexperience:** As youth, we face resistance from the older generation because they are often perceived as inexperienced and not well informed and this hinders our engagement.

- ✓ **Lack of supportive social networks:** Social capital and strong networks help to support youth when they engage and the lack of this can present as a barrier for young people succeeding in our movements and work.

- ✓ **The education system** is not inclusive of critical thinking skills which are important for growing learners. These skills would be vital if young people are going to participate in meaningful policymaking. Also, limited education is a hindrance to access and inclusivity, especially in rural Uganda. This is because a big number of young people in the rural setup are unable to communicate in the English language (read, write, speak & understand) which is majorly used in policymaking.

- ✓ **Accessibility:** Mr. Ekii acknowledged that in Uganda, there are parliamentary seats that are designated for young people to vie for, he however pointed out that they are very few as compared to the population in the country which comprises largely the youth. Accessibility is also hindered by the fact that it is very much expensive to run for these seats which discourages many eligible young people.

- ✓ **Tokenism:** young people will only participate in a policy-making exercise if only they are getting paid or receiving a token of some sort hence make politicians take advantage of the resourceful youth population in order to drive their own agenda in exchange for money.

✓ **Insufficient financial resources:** With the current economic situation in East Africa, not many young people are able to participate in the policymaking process due to lack of different resources. E.g.: transport to the venue among many others.

SOME KEY INSIGHTS GATHERED ARE;

Civil Education: One participant commented by asking the following question: “In terms of actively knowing what’s happening in the county assemblies and the national parliament, where does one really start? And on the planned training programs how can we know about them, so that we take part in the training?” Youth on the call talked about how it is important to educate more youth about the resources and opportunities they must engage in national and global issues.

Training and Skills Development: We asked the question of how do we strengthen the capacity of youth to fulfill roles in global movements? We concluded that it is important to sponsor youth programs that up-skill them and give them the competency to understand policy issues and articulate themselves better when discussing their challenges and needs.

Networking and Mentorship are important: We concluded that in order to get the right support, young people need to network with policymakers and also get the right mentorship especially for those who are interested in pursuing a career in that field.

Some helpful resources that the facilitator recommended are for youth to apply to be part of:

- National Youth Councils
- African Union Youth Volunteer Program
- United Nations Volunteer Program

SESSION FOUR

Validation of Ideas

This was the final day of the virtual forum. The theme for this day was Ideate: Validation of Ideas where we aimed in brainstorming strategies to amplify youth work for global action in East Africa. This session was facilitated by Yandeh Sallah- Muhammad an Environmental Officer at Mbolu Association, a women's development project focused on training women to become solar installers in The Gambia. Yandeh is also a Regional Coordinator for the Bosch Alumni Network West African Region.

This session was aimed at discussing successful design strategies and idea development techniques, the roles youth play in their individual organization when it comes to design/ideation and the six Hats of Ideation and Design Thinking. The participants were then divided into breakout sessions to design a simple project and then present their idea to the general room. This activity was met with a lot of enthusiasm, as participants engaged in understanding the different concepts of ideation and design thinking.

SOME OF THE KEY IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATION EMERGED ARE:

Closing the digital divide to fulfill the commitment of African strategy for digital transformation particularly for rural youth, and, fund and invest in digitalization, this is not just “the new normal” during COVID-19 this is “the normal” and will continue as such. Therefore, African youth are asking development partners and donors to form innovators and entrepreneurial ecosystems.

Diversification of the economy to meet the growing skill-sets of African youth and scale up collaboration with private sectors and investors, and support small and medium scale enterprises to grow and expand because this could be an avenue to creating more essential jobs hence eradicating poverty and reducing inequalities.

Develop programs that will provide quality health advocates for family planning methods or rather healthy timing and spacing for early pregnancies. The aim of this is to curb rising diseases surrounding sexual reproductive health (SRH) by advocating for safer sex practices and sanitation.

For poverty reduction, the need is so high to train youth volunteers, early mothers and women groups in how to utilize localized resources through training them in how to utilize local resources.

Young people should promote gender equality by advocating for the rights of girl child education and support, and inhibit early marriages through community awareness and advocacy.

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CONCRETE RECOMMENDATION



COVID-19 has presented some very hard challenges for many people on the African continent and youth. The challenges ahead with youth unemployment are going to be even greater and as such, it is important to include youth in conversations and decisions that affect how the economy and the policies that affect them are made. They have strong and valid opinions on how their countries can solve the challenges faced because of the pandemic and how their countries can gain stability and peace.

We need to hold country-specific free youth lessons on how policies are made and how frameworks and bills can be analyzed for people to know how they affect them.



Promote intergenerational Co-Leadership, between decision-makers and the youth who are out of the system with an aim to co-design the tables, co-create the policies and co-produce the solutions that work for our current and future generation through high-level policy and advocacy framework with a key focus to the sustainable development goals and Agenda 2063.



Youth need to strengthen their alliances and form youth movements that collectively amplify their voices on key matters. This can be achievable through the creation of Alliance of Grassroots youth lead organisations working towards accelerating realization of sustainable development goals. By providing reproductive health and rights, we will mainly focus on advising family planning and contraceptives and mental health management. The aim is to provide training and capacity building to the youth, service providers and the whole community.



PARTNERS PROFILES



ABOUT THE ARIGATOU INTERNATIONAL - END CHILD POVERTY

Arigatou International - End Child Poverty is a global, multi-faith, child-centered initiative of Arigatou International that mobilizes faith-inspired resources to eradicate poverty affecting children. We aim to create a world free of child poverty by addressing the root causes of poverty in the human heart and the structural causes of poverty in society. In doing this, we mobilize, work with and work through faith actors as key partners, among others in overcoming child poverty. We maximize on the compelling strengths and resources that faith actors have; including spiritual, moral values and social capital. In all, we believe in a world where every child lives free of poverty. We always aim for and work hard to make this vision a reality.

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ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA (HURIA)

Human Rights Agenda (HURIA) is a non-profit, local non-governmental organization based at the coast of Kenya, founded immediately after the 2010 referendum as a response to the new constitutional order. The organization is committed to advancing and mainstreaming a culture of human rights and promoting capabilities with a view to enhancing the greater realization and equal enjoyment of fundamental rights, and freedoms as enshrined in the constitution of Kenya 2010, other laws and international human rights instruments. The organization works across the coastal region of Kenya and operates under three priority areas, that is; Enhancing public safety through promoting peace and security; Access to Justice and public complaints response and Preventing and Countering Radicalization and Violent Extremism.

Find more info on the organization here: www.huria.ngo ; FB- [Human Rights Agenda](#): Twitter : [Huria_KE](#)
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ABOUT AFYA PWANI

Afya Pwani is an integrated health project under USAID that works cohesively with all relevant government agencies, development and implementing partners, as well as key stakeholders at the community, sub-county and county levels to increase access to and utilization of quality HIV, Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH), Reproductive Health/Family Planning (RH/FP), Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Nutrition services as well as gender and Adolescent Girls, Youth and Young women (AGYW) services to communities living in the five coastal Counties of Kenya (Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale, Taita Taveta and Lamu). The project is implemented through Pathfinder International, Plan International and Palladium Group.

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TOP SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

ANNA ROSE - KENYA



Anne Rose is a trained journalist, a digital communication consultant who does communication for development training people on how they can use communication for advocacy and other issues. She's passionate about youth inclusion in governance processes, Human rights, peace building & conflict management, countering violence extremism and building online movements .she has been in youth work and digital space for 9years now and she is the founder of UZALENDO AFRIKA INITIATIVE an organization that seeks to nurture transformational leaders through history, African values and constitutionalism. Anne works part time with Facebook Africa as a lead trainer in coast region where she trains "Digital communication, Branding and Online marketing 'helps SMEs, Startups and entrepreneur's digital skills and how best they can leverage on Facebook through the boost with Facebook program.

DR SAAFI SULEIMAN - SOMALIA



I am Saafi Suleiman, from Somaliland , a general dentist, and advocate for better health life for women, youth, and children also human right campaigner to eradicate harmful traditions such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Gender Based Violence (GBV) and others

JEAN DE DIEU NZEYIMANA - RWANDA



Save Their Lives is a youth initiative that helps young people through jobs creation, thinking big, innovation and creativity, to improve social and economic well-being, and sustainable development.

Nowadays we are working by engaging youth to contribute in fighting against the spread of covid-19 pandemic, through different social media campaigns and volunteering in controlling the way people are abiding for regulations regarding the stop of covid19 outbreak.

JEFFERSON NGATIA - KENYA



My name is Jefferson Ngatia. I am a human right defender and a youth leader advocating for peace and youthful engagements towards creating opportunities and capabilities for the youth of Kenyan coast. On social media I engage in matters affecting justice and currently concerned more about COVID-19 and the very many facets and outcomes of the pandemic and looking for promising ways of mitigations. On Facebook is jeffngash Twitter @jeffngash4.

JULIANA KIIO - FOUNDER STAIRCASE MENTORS



I am a Programs Manager in the humanitarian sector where I have served the community by working with different Non- Governmental Organizations in Kenya. I have coordinated and lead the implementation of various programs geared towards strengthening entrepreneurial and leadership skills for the youths, women, PWDS, Refugees towards income and employment creation as well as improved livelihoods. I have also advocated for community participation and inclusion in Kenya's devolved systems towards transparent governance as well community/ women contribution in climate mitigation and adaptation



JUMA MOHAMED MWABOYE - KENYA

Juma Mohamed Mwaboje is a 27 years old youth activist passionate about young women, youths and girl's rights. He was born and raised in the Coastal region of Kenya. A part-time student pursuing a Diploma in Community Development and Social work. Juma is known for his continuous advocacy on good governance, gender equality and women's rights. Among other qualifications, he is a trained Human Rights Activist, an experienced research assistant having worked part-time with Research institutes like the SAHAN AFRICA, Scofield associate and the united states institute of peace-Usip through the Participatory action research methodology. He is among the few trained Participatory Action research youth community researchers.



MARWA ELHAJ - SUDAN

I work in building capacity of vulnerable youth in climate change adaptation strategies, aquatic ecosystem conservation, wildlife, and environmental training. I'm lecturer at university of Bahri in Sudan in collage of natural resources and environmental studies and the projects manager at Sudan youth organization on climate change SYOCC.



MAUREEN TOGOM - KENYA

Maureen Togom is a journalist with three years experience in community volunteering. Maureen is currently working as an advocacy officer with a young women led community based organization called Smiley Girls Club where they advocate for girls and women rights, Reproductive Health, women economic empowerment, gender equality and education in Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi Counties. Her passion for Sexual Reproductive Health won her two awards, the youth to youth East Africa model award in 2016 and the Miss Condom award in 2018 hosted by DSW and AHF respectively. She is also a Youth Governor Kenya representing the Jomvu Sub-county, a trained young human rights defender and a YALI RLCEA cohort 38 alumni. Her dream is to see a world where every adolescent girl and young woman are given equal opportunities to achieve their goals and explore their full potential.



MILKA AKINYI - KENYA

I am the chairperson of Pwani Moja Initiative based at the coastal region in Kenya. Our main objective is to improve health, advocacy, and youth empowerment. During this COVID -19 pandemic season, we have been highly involved in sensitisation and empowering the community about its impact and how to protect themselves. We are in the frontline volunteers teaching the community in their villages on containment measures and modes of protecting themselves, friends and family members. We also source sanitizers and face masks and distribute to the community and emphasizing greatly on maintaining high standards of hygiene to protect themselves.



RACHEL KUMWENDA-MALAWI

Youth Empower Foundation is a female led organization that works to improve the wellbeing of adolescent girls, young women and orphans and vulnerable children so that they have equal opportunities to achieve their full potential through increased access to quality formal and informal education, vocational and entrepreneurial skill building, WASH and health information and services, and agribusiness support, that are provided through a sustainable, incubator and networking framework and a comprehensive system linkages and partnership.

SAMMY JANJA - KENYA



I am a university student at Kenyatta University studying Economics and Statistics currently at third year. With the closure of schools and relocation at the rural areas due to COVID 19 I decided to come up with an initiative to help deal with the pandemic known as COVID 19 Local Response. Through the initiative I was able to mobilize some youths from within the community whereby we together produced and distributed liquid soap to the locals in our community. Thereafter we engaged in the provision of masks and gloves through crowd funding .We also distributed food to 20 vulnerable families ,food which we got from well-wishers through my the channels we got through the initiative I started. Currently we are helping the girl-child in sex education and also provisions of sanitary pads. The aim of sex education is to reduce and prevent the high pregnancy cases reported due to students staying idle at home for a long time

SHALTON MUSOGA LUMUMBA - KENYA



I'm a full-time student from the University of Nairobi. I'm doing my bachelor's degree in economics and statistics. Other than that, I engage in voluntary work in my community. I lead a team of youth in reaching out to the members of my community in the marginalised areas. I'm also part of a youth forum that supports students from underserved areas by providing them with stationary and moral support. In these tough times, we have managed to reach out to the less fortunate by providing them with food and sanitary towels to the girls. We also provide moral support to the street families by engaging interactive activities with them and also buying them snacks from the funds we collect from friends and family. I lead my team to visiting various children's homes where we interact with them, wash their cloths, cook for them and eat that meal with them. I believe these small acts of kindness are what matters most. Sowing a smile on the faces of these children is what defines my fulfilling day.

WENDY OMANGA - KENYA



Wendy Omanga is a graduate from the university of Nairobi, with a degree in Bachelor of arts in political science and communication. In 2018 December, she was crowned as MissJournalism World Kenya representative by an international beauty pageant in Arusha, Tanzania. Following her passion for leadership and innovation, in 2019 March, she was trained by Emerging Leaders Foundation on Digital Advocacy skills to help her spearhead her advocacy in Climate Action and Bamboo as a sustainable alternative to mitigate climate change. In 2019, she was appointed one of Kenya's Global Goodwill Ambassador due to her humanitarian works and volunteering ventures. In 2020, she became an alumni of the first cohort of Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI- Regional Leadership Center- East Africa) fellowship on Sustainability and Circular Economy due to her river Nyando Bamboo Restoration project, which is called moonlight Initiative. Moonlight Initiative is a youth lead Sustainability and Circular economy Consultancy based in Nairobi, Kenya.

YOAL DOAMI DAR-SOUTH SUDAN



YOAL DOAMI DAR is a bizarre, energetic, and a futuristic young entrepreneur who is making a big impact on the society of South Sudan. He is a Business Manager and Secretary to the board of directors at Gezira Young people Agribusiness Trust Co.LTD. He is the Non-Food items officer at Save The World Organisation, and Alumnus at The Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) that was launched by the former president of the United States Barack Obama as a signature effort to invest in the next generation of young African leaders.

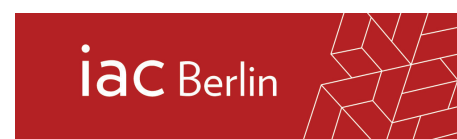
He is a member of the second YALI Entrepreneurship Programme South Sudan and is presently pursuing a Bachelor of Project Planning and Management at The University of Nairobi. Dar was a chairman of The Fangk Student Association in Juba, South Sudan, and a Former Chairman of the steering committee at The Jonyang Association. He has a heart of living in a community where youths innovate, peace, and harmony co-exist and reins upon its people. It is his tradition to always looking for new opportunities and a greener pasture in which he can build and achieve his big dreams.

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On the Zoom platform we managed to engage with about

70

young leaders in East Africa.



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Twitter analytics show that our hashtag **'youth consultation'** forum that was trending at number 5 in Kenya, had a potential reach of

429,758

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