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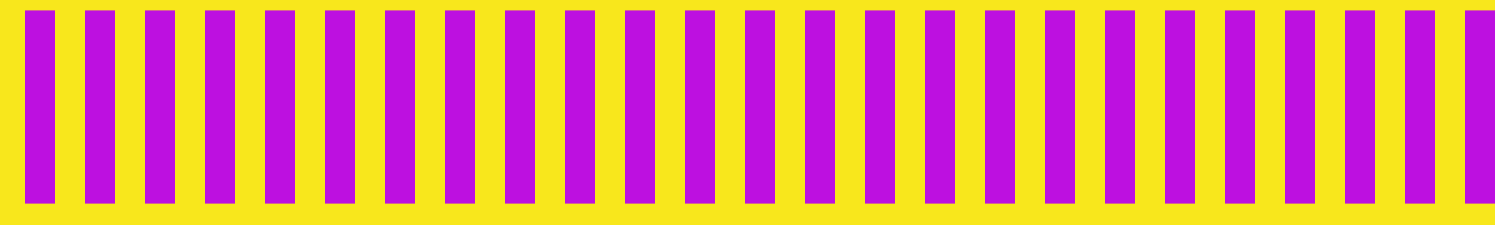
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Stretchers Youth Organization Annual Report

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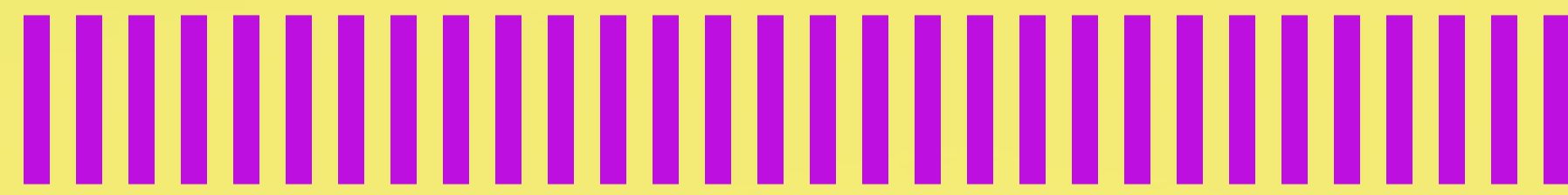
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

On behalf of the Board of Stretchers Youth Organization (SYO), I am delighted to introduce the Organization 2019 Annual Report. As you will see, we have implemented some highly successful, innovative programs targeting the youth: GoTA, AGoTA, Njia za Haki, Digitizing civic space for young HRDs and EBBY.

This report celebrates some of SYO success stories. You will learn more about our work through the words of the people we have reached. Furthermore, we hope this report will convey the color and vibrancy of the communities we serve, as well as the adolescent and young people that we directly reached to.

We continue to develop our programmes with and for young people. They remain our most important stakeholder and we are committed to allowing every opportunity for young people to shape the future of our work.

From a programmatic perspective, 2019 was an exceptional year for SYO. The organization attracted and received funds from AmplifyChange, Women Deliver, Search for Common Ground, UNDP and Hivos. In terms of capacity strengthening; SYO participated in two active learning programs; exchange program between Kenya, Zimbabwe and Malawi and also participated in YALI program for East Africa which happened in Nairobi, Kenya. The board members, staffs and volunteers underwent trainings and workshops that were geared towards improving service delivering to our beneficiaries.

In partnership with the County Government of Mombasa and other partners. We executed Meaningful Youth Participation (MYP) initiatives that contributed to the development of the Mombasa County Adolescent and Young People Monitoring and Evaluation Implementation framework 2018-2023 which was later successfully launched by the Department of Health in November 2019.

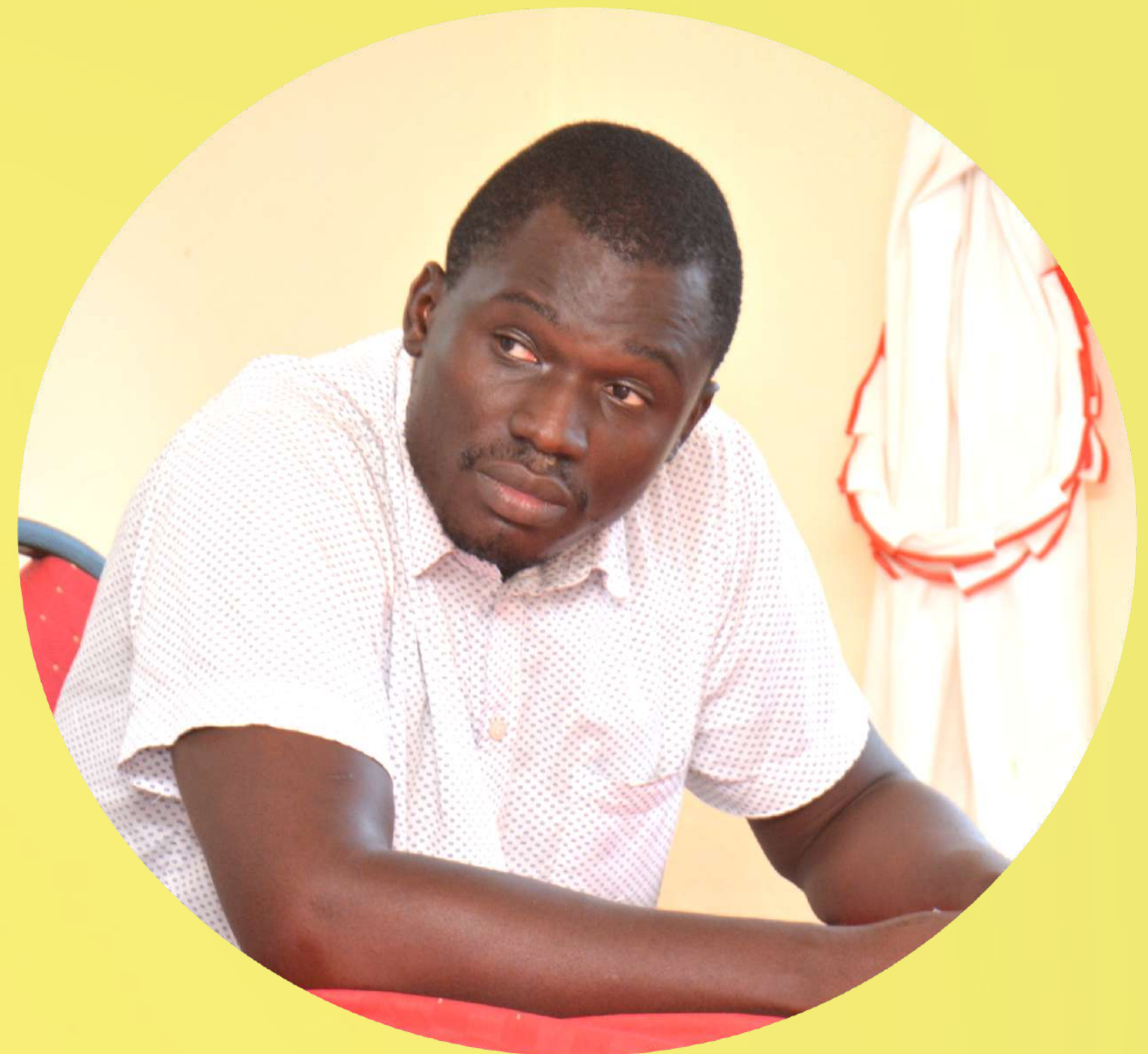
SYO organized the First-Ever Girls Summit to be conducted in Kenya which attracted the attention of many partners namely the Department of Health in Mombasa county, She Decides, I Choose Life Africa, DSW and Action Aid. The summit provided an opportunity and platform for Girls to engage and share experiences on different perspectives. It was considered as a best practice for other counties to emulate and also resulted to development of key recommendations and submission of a youth ICPD position paper to key decision-makers.

On Governance, The Board of SYO expanded to deliberately mainstream Gender in its oversight leadership, additional three new members joined the board making a total of 8 Board members: 4 male and 4 females. The latest Board configuration is strengthened by its members' diverse areas of expertise across programming, policy, strategy, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), Finance, Law and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) consulting.

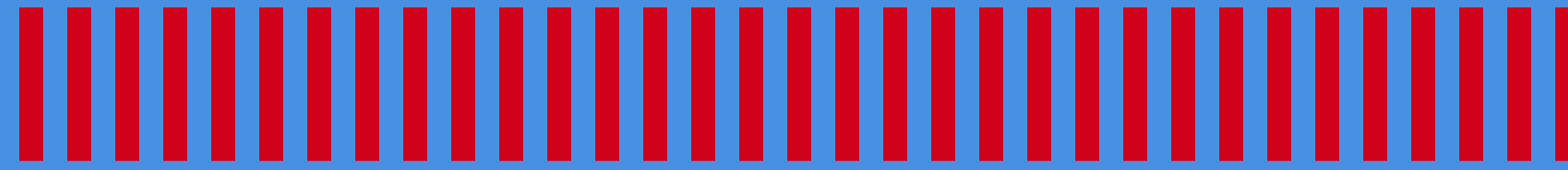
I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all who contributed in so many ways to making the past year so successful. There is much to achieve over the coming year, and the staff, volunteers and board are approaching the prospect of new changes, triumphs and challenges ahead with characteristic enthusiasm. Our mandate is ambitious, but we are well-positioned to achieve the objectives before us. The Board will continue its optimization of our governance structure to ensure that we give the organization the best.

Thank you for your continued support for Stretchers Youth Organization. We look forward for your commitment in the subsequent years.

Ezekiel Kodonde
Board of Director Chairperson



Foreword from the Executive Director



Grass root, Community based organizations are defined by certain core characteristics: expertise, innovation and a passion for serving constituents, to name a few. These same words fittingly define Stretchers Youth Organization for which I have the privilege of serving as the executive director and secretary to the board of directors.

Stretchers Youth Organization enjoyed another successful year in 2019. Key to that success was an emphasis on collaboration and team work, not only across our staff but also with our community members, and with other like-minded organizations. We saw the benefits of that collaboration in the stabilization of SYO projects implementation, expansion of our county, national and international appearance and partnership, improved efficiency and effectiveness of our operations and enhanced financial strength.



During the last one year I have come to know and respect SYO as an organization catalyzed by a strong team work. Each day, the SYO staff anticipated and tackled constituents' needs with integrity and purpose. Whether by advocating for their rights, interacting with the public through its new projects. SYO today continues its tradition of serving diverse communities to make a positive impact for all.

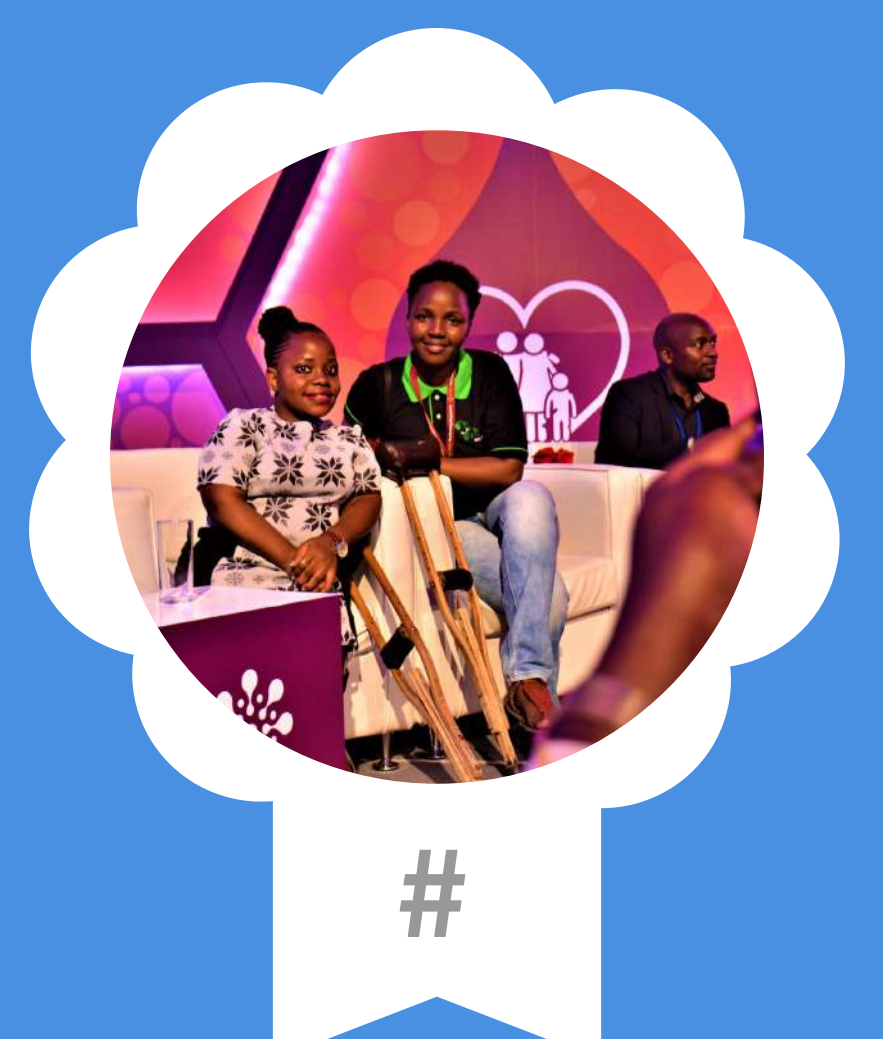
This 2019 annual report contains many examples of how SYO made a difference. The organization's 2019 achievements are too numerous to squeeze into this one page, so I'll limit this message to the most significant activities from the past year

Over 2019 we successfully implemented six projects, reached 2,744 young people with SRHR advocacy information, 630 reached on issues related to access to justice and democracy, through our social media advocacy we managed to reach over 720, 727 individuals. We had great presences on mainstream media (TV stations that is KBC, KTN, K24, CITIZEN) appearing five times advocating for issues of young people and also had 20 radio talk shows in over six radio station both regional and national.

On behalf of the entire board of directors, I thank the SYO management for their outstanding leadership and all of the secretariat for carrying forth the organization outstanding legacy and enduring commitment to serving the public.

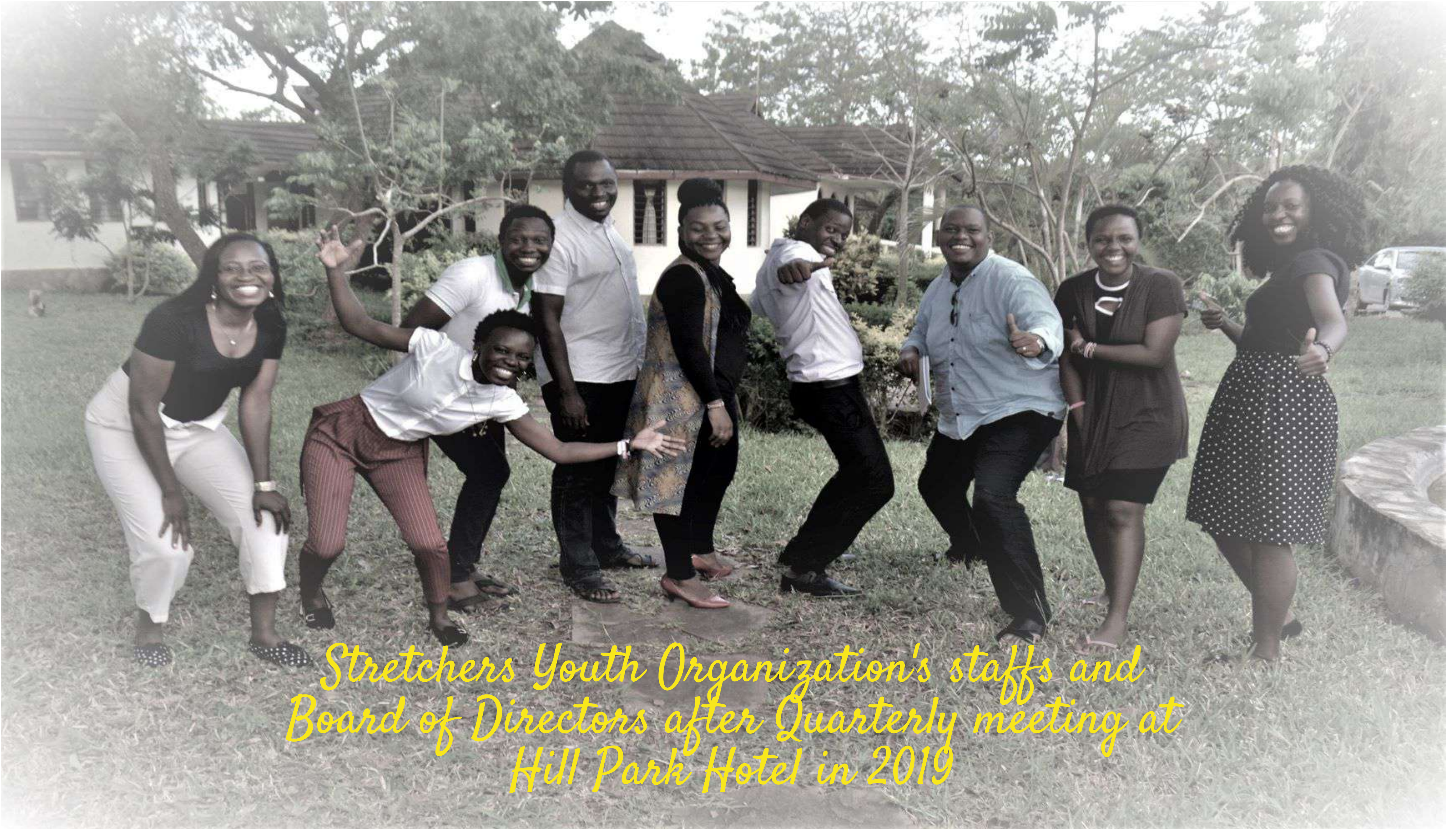
In summing up, 2019 was a success in large part because SYO board and staff collaborated on reaching our ambitious goals. I look forward to our continued partnership in 2020.

Okong'o Dickson
Executive Director/ Board Secretary
Stretchers Youth Organization



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Who We Are



Stretchers Youth Organization is a membership, Youth led and grassroots community based organization that was founded in 2011 with the aim of raising dialogue through advocacy, community mobilization, capacity building, artistic expression and service linkage on reproductive health, human rights, good governance and skills development among women and young people at the coastal counties of Kenya.

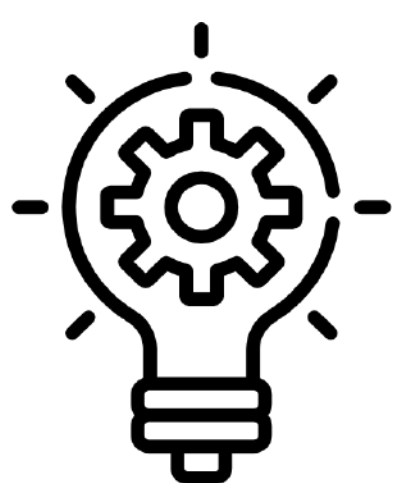
Stretchers Youth Organization focuses on the needs and potential of the largest young generation in history. We are committed to creating demand for and access to sexual reproductive health information, promoting human rights , democracy and good governance through services and linkages to adolescents and young people.

We achieve this by engaging in advocacy, capacity development, linkages to sexual reproductive health and services, social media campaigns, peer to peer led activities, which makes sure the adolescents and young people of today are empowered to lead healthy and self-determined lives.

Our Strategy



Policy advocacy and working with partners, the Kenya national and County governments



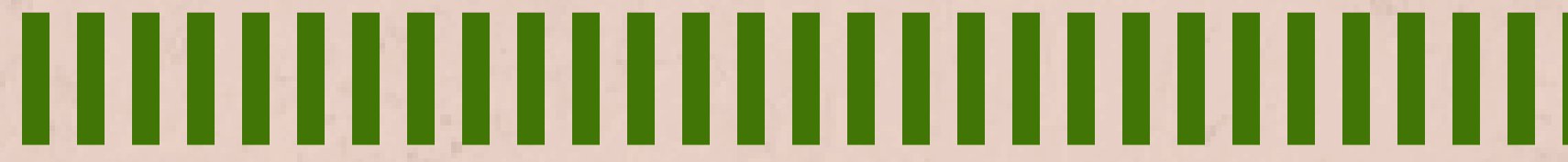
Delivery of innovative programmes to increase access to the most vulnerable and marginalized communities



Strengthening, building and establishments of adolescents and young peoples' network to champion for their issues



Our Programs Thematic Areas of Operations



The Organization works under three thematic areas with its beneficiaries

These include;

Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights: which seeks to improve sexual reproductive health and rights indicators among adolescents and young people especially through policy and budgets advocacy in Kenya. We had three projects implemented under this thematic area in 2019 (AGoTA 3 & 4 and GoTA)

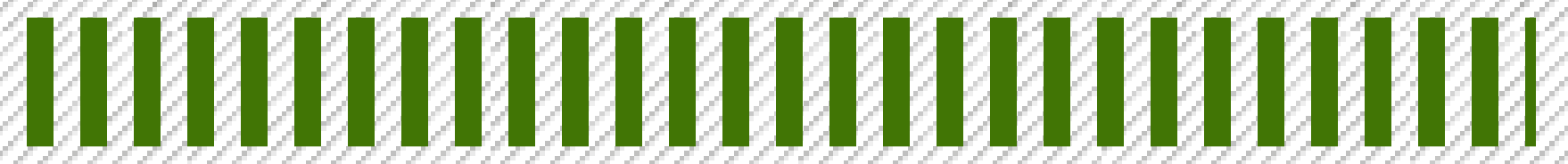
Human Rights, Democracy and Good Governance: which seeks to promote social justice and realization of potential for all human beings among our communities. We had three projects implemented under this thematic area in 2019 (EBBY, Njia Za Haki & Digitizing Civic Space for Young HRDs)

Skills development and Capacity Building: which seeks to promote skills development to our beneficiaries and build the capacities of our staffs for effective and efficient programs delivery

The projects have been discussed below into details



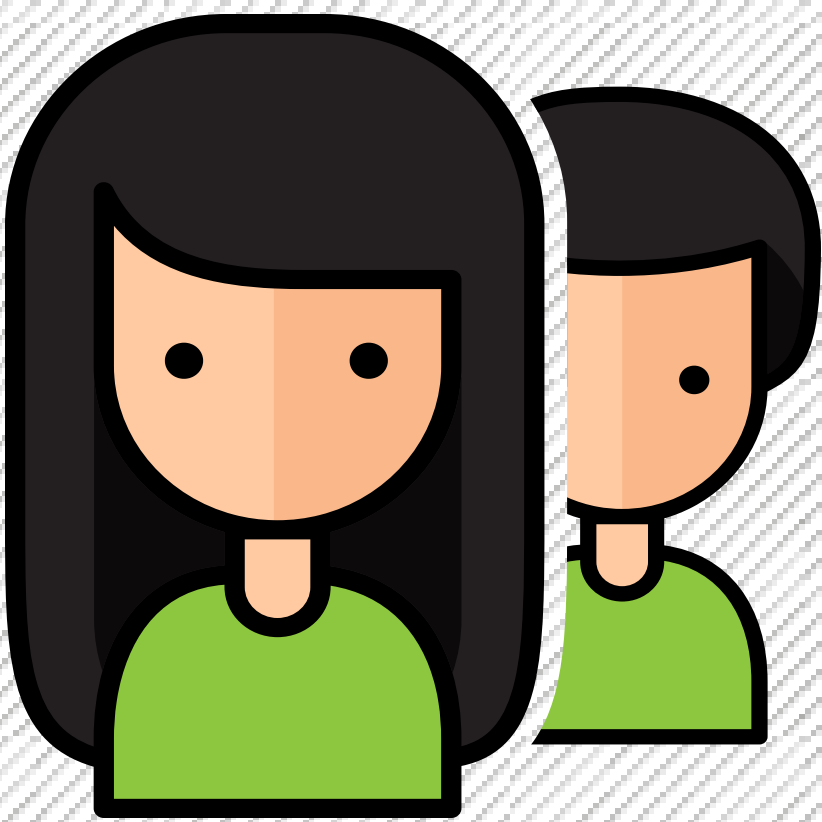
2019 SYO at a Glance



88% of this number were Adolescents and young people 10-24 years

2,744 people reached with SRHR information

Of this number, 1,797 were females while 947 were males



630 people reached with Human Rights & Democracy information

Of this number, 156 were females while 474 were males

8 people successfully accessed justice from the cases they documented



8 the number of participation in both International and National Conferences from our staffs and our champions



5 National TV Live Broadcast presence sensitizing the larger community on both SRHR & Human rights matters



6 National Radio Broadcast presence sensitizing the larger community on both SRHR & Human rights matters



720,727 Young people reached through our online platforms



Successfully Delivered 6 projects



4,016 Condoms Distributed



105 pads Distributed



2019 KEY MILESTONES

Implemented Projects

1. Adolescents Girls on Transformative Advocacy (AGoTA)

A project funded by Women Deliver which focused on empowering adolescents and young people to demand for their sexual reproductive health and rights.

This project had 2 phases;

1st phase was implemented between Jan-June 2019 and 2nd one between July-December implemented in Mombasa County.

We first trained a pool of 30 young people as young champions on policy and budget advocacy. The latter were mandated to reach out to other young people with the same information on how they could demand for budget increment for AYSRH (Adolescents and Youth Sexual Reproductive Health) programming.

Results; The trained young champions held 20 consultative forums with their peers, conducted 2 integrated community outreaches, participated in 1 public hearing and actively participated in our Girl Summit.

The young champions reached to a total of 972 young people with SRHR information and advocacy messages, 640 females and 332 males.

As a result of our advocacy work, they managed to influence a 50% increment in AYSRH budget for financial year 2019/2020



Our champion Rebecca Achieng' raising concerns on AYSRH budget increment during public participation at Tononoka Hall



2. Girls on Transformative Advocacy (GoTA)

A project funded by Amplify Change which focused on supporting the county government of Mombasa-Department of health to develop Mombasa county Adolescent and young people monitoring and evaluation implementation framework 2018-2023.

This project will run from April 2019-May 2020 implemented in Mombasa County.

We first trained a pool of 30 young people as young champions on policy and budget advocacy. The latter were mandated to reach out to other young people with the same information on how together they could push policy makers and stakeholders at county level to develop that framework.

Results; The organization held 5 strategic stakeholders forums towards development of the implementation framework with key policy makers and partners working on SRHR in the county, the young champions held 6 consultative forums, 5 community integrated outreaches, 4 radio talk-shows (Sauti ya Pwani, Msenangu, Pwani and Radio Citizen), 2 live national TV broadcast (K24 & KBC) and 1 community dialogue with young people to collect their voices to be submitted during stakeholders engagement as ASKs. The ASKs played a key role in our advocacy agenda.

The project reached and still counting 1,772 young people reached with SRHR advocacy messages, 1,157 females and 615 males.

As a result of our advocacy work, the county department of health developed the Mombasa County Adolescent and Young People Monitoring and Evaluation Implementation framework 2018-2023 and successfully launched it in November 2019.



3. Engaging Boda Boda Youths (EBBY)



A project funded by Search for Common Ground through European Union which focused on creating enabling environment for Boda Boda youth sector to thrive through close partnership with security apparatus. This project ran from March 2019-September 2019 implemented in Mombasa County..

We first trained a pool of 30 youth boda boda youth leaders on human rights, peaceful co-existence and on prevention mechanisms on countering violent extremism.

Results; The trained 30 youth boda boda were able to conduct 2 stage talks session with other youth boda boda riders, 1 town hall meeting, 1 police boda boda youth integration meeting and 1 consultative forums.

The organization conducted 2 national radio talk shows on youth and boda boda issues (Sauti ya pwani & Msenangu FM), 2 national live broadcasting/coverage (KBC & Citizen) on our project and its importance in the community and the project got published in 1 national newspapers in Kenya (Daily Nation)

The project reached 448 people, 52 females and 396 males through-out the entire project implementation.



As a result of our engagement with the youth boda boda riders, we saw decrease on cases of youth boda boda riders reported in Changamwe police station and 3 of our trained youth boda boda leaders appointed as Balozi wa Nyumba Kumi (A national security initiative to ensure enhanced security in Kenya)



4. Njia Za Haki (Access to Justice)



A project funded by UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) Amkeni Wakenya Project in partnership with Kituo Cha Sheria which would enable community members access justice

The project will run from October 2019-March 2021 implemented in Mombasa County.

We first trained a pool of 30 community paralegals on human rights, legal parameters, social justice and general community paralegals roles and responsibilities.

Results; The trained 30 community paralegals were able to conduct 1 legal Aid outreach and 1 video screening with community members to derive cases and provide legal consultation.

The project reached 182 people, 104 females and 78 males through-out the last three months of 2019



As a result of this project, we strengthened our access to justice center and 8 community members successfully were able to access justice



5. Digitizing civic space for young Human Rights Defenders (DCS4HRDs)



A project funded by Digital Defenders Partnerships through HIVOS which focused on equipping staffs with digital and physical skills and information, securing the office and empowering young HRDs to effectively protect themselves while doing human rights work.

The project ran from August 2019-December 2019 implemented in Mombasa County.

We first trained 15 staffs and Board members on digital and physical security management training, trained 40 young human rights defenders after conducting assessment for their organization and identifying gaps and secured our organization by installation of CCTV cameras.

Results; We installed 5 CCTV cameras, modernised our reception desk and empowered 40 young HRDs with basic skills and knowledge on digital and physical security management.



Achievements

Stretchers Youth Organization's advocacy efforts contributed to the development of the Mombasa County Adolescent and Young People Monitoring and Evaluation Implementation framework 2018-2023 and successfully launched it in November 2019 by supporting Mombasa County Stakeholders Meetings and Technical Working Group Meetings

We provided adolescents and young girls with 105 sanitary pads and information on Menstrual Hygiene Management

We distributed 4,106 male condoms to young people while carrying out our integrated outreaches and peer to peer learning sessions

We reached 2,744 people with Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights advocacy information and messages, 88% of this number being adolescents and young people aged 10-24 years old

We reached 630 people with Human Rights and Democracy information, messages and services, 8 people successfully accessed justice from the cases documented at our Access to Justice Center through our community paralegals

We organized/held in Mombasa the 1st ever Girls Summit to be done in Kenya which attracted attention of many partners and acted as a best practice for other counties to emulate and also it resulted to submission of a youth ICPD position paper to key decision-makers in Mombasa County which had recommendations from adolescents and young people.



We participated in 2 active learning programmes by one of our staff (Edward Sakwa); exchange programme between Kenya, Zimbabwe and Malawi and also participated in YALI programme for the East Africa which happened in Nairobi-Kenya .



We participated actively in 8 International and National conferences through submissions of best practices abstracts from our projects working with adolescents and young people:

The 8 conferences were; Reproductive Health Network Kenya conference in Malindi happened in June 2019, She Decides Nepal flagship event happened in March 2019, Youth Model ICPD in Egypt happened in October 2019, ICPD Nairobi Summit happened in November 2019, Kisumu UHC happened in March 2019, AHAIC in Rwanda happened in March 2019, International Workshop on HIV Adolescence in Nairobi happened in October 2019 and Adolescents and Youth Health and Well-being Symposium in Kwale-Diani happened in December 2019;

No.	Conference Name	Abstract Presenters/Conference Attendant	Abstract Title/Contribution to the Conference
1.	Reproductive Health Network Kenya	James Atito	Men Breaking Barriers on Stigma of Menstruation among Adolescents' Girls in Kenya
		Geoffrey Kithuku	Health Movers for UHC: The Case of Chaani Youth Friendly Centre
		Rebecca Achieng'	Transformative adolescents voices: The role played by adolescents in formulation of Mombasa county AYP strategy on SRH/HIV 2018-2023
		Evans Ouma	Opening remarks Speech/Speaker & Moderator
		Edward Sakwa	Active participant/Communications person
2.	Kisumu UHC	Rebecca Achieng'	Transformative adolescents voices: The role played by adolescents in formulation of Mombasa county AYP strategy on SRH/HIV 2018-2023
3.	AHAIC	James Atito	Young Men Breaking Barriers on Stigma of Menstruation among Adolescents' Girls in Kenya
4.	International Workshop on HIV Adolescence	James Atito	Menstruation Stigma? Men Breaking Barriers while promoting legal frameworks among adolescents' Girls
5.	ICPD (International Conference on Population and Development)	James Atito Geoffrey Kithuku Evans Ouma Zipporah Njoki Dickson Okong'o	Submission of Youth ICPD position paper/ Youth ICPD commitments
			Evans & Dickson were panelists in side events
6.	She Decides Flagship event	Evans Ouma	Kenyan Representative Global 25x25 She Decides champion
7.	Adolescents and Youth Health and Well-being Symposium	Dickson Okong'o	Panelist
8.	Youth Model ICPD	Evans Ouma	Kenyan Delegate/ Speaker

Our advocacy efforts contributed to the development of Kenya National Youth Development policy 2019-2022

Our advocacy efforts contributed to the development of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD25) commitments formally known as the Nairobi ICPD Commitments through consultative engagements with adolescents and young people

We submitted 5 memorandums, youth position papers and youth communique to key decision makers at County level. 1st Memo was submitted during public participation on County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2019/2020, 2nd submitted youth communique during Reproductive Health Network conference, 3rd submitted youth communique during 2019 World Population Day celebrations in Mombasa County, 4th submitted a joint commitment with youth champions, Mombasa County Health champions and County policy makers including Chair of Health committee Mombasa County and lastly submitted youth position paper on ICPD during the Girl Summit to the County Executive committee member of youth, gender and sports

In 2019, we expanded our scope of target audiences and reached out to TVETs and University institutions.





Foot Steps Left in 2019 and living forever

Geoffrey Kithuku
Our SRHR Champion & Beneficiary

"I joined Stretchers Youth Organization in April 2019, and since then I have gotten different opportunities that have helped to shape and build me and also discover what I had not discovered in myself. I had not known that I can champion for my fellow youth and adolescents especially on SRHR.

Through different trainings and activities engaged by Stretchers Youth Organization, they have helped me boost my self-esteem and courage to stand in front of people and SPEAK OUT.

They have built and bettered my leadership skills through capacity building and mentoring that I have use in development of my group.

Through Stretchers Youth Organization I have been trained on advocacy through different projects i.e. AGoTA, GoTA and SHAPE (by DSW) that has helped me to know how to advocate for changes in the county budget for the betterment of health of my fellow youth and adolescents especially SRHR through attending public participations and meeting with key policy makers.

Through advocacy skills that I got from Stretchers Youth Organization I was able to attend this year's 3rd Annual Scientific Conference on Adolescents and Youth SRHR held at Watamu Malindi and presented an abstract on Youth Friendly Services. The conference was my first ever conference to attend and it was a great exposure and experiencing. Getting to meet my fellow youth champions and advocates from different parts of the country who are more experienced than me enriched my capacity even more.

It is also joining Stretchers Youth Organization that I got to attend my second conference which was an international conference "International Conference on Population and Development" held at KICC Nairobi making me to witness my president making commitments that I will use to make my government to deliver to my fellow youth.

Also through capacity impacted in me by Stretchers I was called to Citizen TV to go and review the commitments the president made and speak on behalf of the youth. It was a great experience to me being my first TV appearance and media interview.

Joining stretchers this year and the steps I have made to me it's a life changer it has impacted my life in a more positive way."



Pauline Mutie
Our SRHR Champion & Beneficiary

"I joined Stretchers Youth Organization in Feb, 2019. Whereby I was involved through some trainings concerning sexual reproductive health Rights and on the same month I managed to win a miss condom crown Mombasa (2019-2020). This privilege forced me to go through many trainings because it was not easy dealing with adolescents. Through the activities I finally became passionate about the sexual reproductive health issues among adolescents and young people at the community level.



After the trainings and forums I attended, I was nominated to Youth Advisory Council in Mombasa County where I continued working as a youth advocate. My main focus is on adolescent where I get to interact with them and get to know the challenges they are facing, Early pregnancy and new infection of HIV/AIDS. Have been able to do condom demonstration on both female and male, given out HIV/AIDS self-test kits and condom distribution to the adolescent and young people. Through this opportunity I have been able to participate in different platforms like the youth forums, community dialogues and peer to peer talk's .I do this through the youths that I meet in Swahili pot and also in other groups. The opportunities have made me to be a strong girl and well empowered

I give special thanks to the Stretchers Youth Organization for giving me this opportunity and always supporting me to make every project a success. And I am looking forward to working with you in many project to come. I am really humbled!"

Josphat Odhiambo
Our Boda Boda Youth project & Beneficiary

"Through interacting and engaging with Stretchers Youth Organization under the EBBY project through meetings, trainings and stage talks they have taught us a lot i.e. We used not to know our rights, we were scared of the police but through Stretchers, they have supported us and trained us and we are well equipped in working with police in promoting peace and security in the community. We used to face challenges of police harassment when we started this stage at first December but after engaging with Stretchers there is harmony between the Police and BodaBoda youths."



Bevy Kinyua
Our Intern & SRHR projects beneficiary

"I joined Stretchers Youth Organization as a finance intern in April 2019. One day as I was walking around the neighborhood I came across Stretchers Youth Organization offices and decided to walk in, not knowing I was walking into a path that set stone my career path.

Being at Stretchers has instilled a lot in me, I have grown not only career wise but also as an individual. I got the great opportunity to work with awesome colleagues who have helped me develop both career and life skills.

Working at Stretchers for the past six months has allowed me to grow not only personally, but it also helped me to gain new skills majorly in basic accounting/finance and community interaction experience that I did not previously have, through the AGOTA and GOTA project, I have learnt about the county budgeting process including report writing, project management, minute writing, proposal writing, abstract writing and managing donor funds to name but a few.

It is also through the project trainings that I got mentorship skills great opportunities to work with DREAMS where I mentored adolescent girls aged between 10-24 years on financial capability and peer education on sexual reproductive health rights.

Stretchers Youth Organization has helped me make new networks, and gain a few new references for the future. But most importantly, I gained a new sense of professionalism and a clearer view of which direction I wanted my career to take. I gained so much from it on both a professional and personal level."



Christine Rashid
Our SRHR champion and Beneficiary

"Growing up in less disadvantaged society has always been a challenge to many especially to the girl child. Seeing all that is happening within our communities has always been a dream of many people wanting to change the way of life from governance, health and so many challenges that different communities go through, but many of these dreams have always diminished into thin air cause there is no one to hold your hand and help you change the society for a better tomorrow. Just like any other person whose dream is to improve the living standards of a community this has been my dream. Poor governance, poverty, ignorance, illiteracy, drug and substance abuse, HIV/AIDS and STIS and early teenage pregnancies have always given me a series of nightmares and asking myself why is all this happening and who is going to save us from all this?"



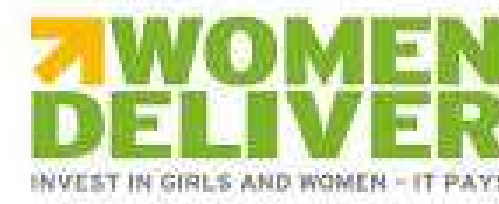
Thanks God Stretchers Youth Organization came to the rescue. Being a youth led community based organization founded with aim of raising dialogue through advocacy, community mobilization, capacity building, artistic expression and service linkage on reproductive health, human rights, good governance and skills development among women and young people at the Coastal counties of Kenya. Becoming a part of it has been of great help and I can proudly say kudos to them. Impacting me with knowledge which am able to share and implement within my community and seeing it bring a positive change has been one of my greatest achievements and always leaving my face with a smile and hope that yeah when we all come together indeed a better future that everyone dreams about really exists.

Wondering where I got the courage to express myself and address such issues affecting the community well Stretchers did that. They made a dream come true, they natured that naïve little lady full of dreams become who she is today. One who is able to come to the table with community and its leaders and draw a working plan which will be of benefit to the community, ability to stand up for what's right and what's wrong and fighting for the less disadvantaged to the society and that is what I define as success.

With time I believe all shall be well and a dream of many will be achieved. Once again kudos Stretchers for a work well done and together we can do more."



Our Funding Partners



Our Strategic Partners



Healthy Africa, Empowered People!



Our Implementing Partners



Our 2019 Financial Outlook

NO.	FUNDING PARTNER	PROJECT	PERIOD	AMOUNT(ksh)	SOURCE OF FUNDING
1	Women Deliver	AGoTA	12 months	1,000,000	International
2	Search For Common Ground- European Union	EBBY	3 months	200,000	Local
3	Hivos	DCS4HRDs	3 months	800,000	International
4	Amplifychange	GoTA	12 months	2,256,610	International
5	Amref Health Africa	AHAIC Conference	1 week	110,000	International
6	Solidarity Center	P-CVC	2 months	900,000	Local
7	International Planned Parenthood Federation	SHEDECIDES	1 week	164,500	Local
8	Youth Alive! Kenya	South-South exchange	3months	364,750	Local
9	SHEDECIDES	RHNK Conference	1week	144,000	Local
10	DSW Kenya	RHNK Conference	1 week	51,000	Local
11	Local Citizen Initiative	Administration & programs	12 months	1,792,347	
				7,783,207	
	2019 EXPENDITURE SUMMURY				
	ADMINISTRATION	890,688.88	16%		
	PROGRAMS	4,687,730	84%		
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,578,418.88	100%		
	NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1,472,581			
	CURRENT ASSETS	732,208			



Lessons Learnt in 2019

Working with policy makers - SYO have learned to work in greater partnership with policy makers, foster stronger champions inside the govt, who then relied on us resources and ultimately achieved stronger advocacy outcomes

Advocacy strategy development - when youth understood the policy making process and came to decision-makers with actionable policy solutions, their intervention was more effective

Pictorials in 2019



Teen pregnancies on the rise in Mombasa

Mombasa was the first county to develop such a strategy to address the issues of teenage pregnancies.

In Summary

- According to records in the county health department, some 8,034 cases were reported in health facilities in 2018, an increase of about 20 per cent from 2017.
- According to a 2017 report from the Health ministry on adolescent sexual and reproductive health in Mombasa county, one in five (17 per cent) girls aged between 15-19 in Mombasa had begun childbearing, which was about the same as the national average at the time.



Teenage pregnancy is high in Kenya-activists decry



Young mothers in a flood displaced camp - Maziwani, Kilifi

Human rights activists in Mombasa County have expressed their concern on the escalating case of teenage pregnancy in the county. Addressing the media in Mombasa on Friday Stretchers youth organization executive director Dickson Okong'o said according to the Kenya Health

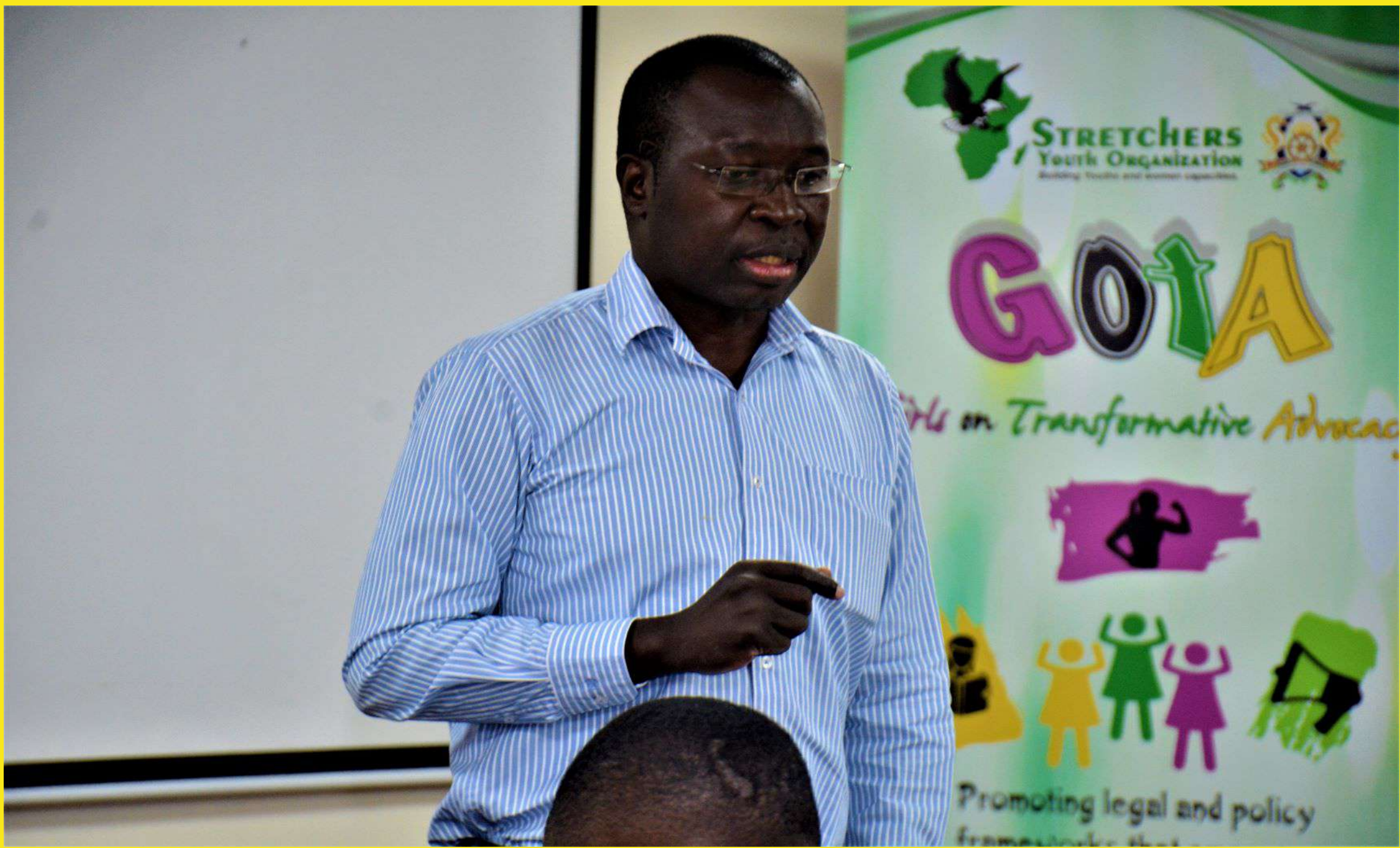
motherhood stands at 20 per cent since 2008. The director further noticed that according to KDHS report one in every five teenage girls aged 15-19 have either had a live birth or is pregnant with their first child. "One in every five teenage girls aged 15-19 have either had a live birth or is pregnant

at 20 per cent since 2008" he said. The human rights defender also noted that according to the Ministry of Education 13,000 drop out of school every year due to teenage pregnancy. Okong'o further exclaimed that despite the county having made strides in both health

concerned adolescents girls remain most vulnerable throughout the country. "The education ministry indicates a 13,000 school drop outs every year. Much need to be done in order to curb this" the human rights activist said. He urged both the county government and the national government to integrate age appropriate comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education and information into the school curriculum. The executive said the curriculum will enable teenage girls to make informed decisions concerning their sexual reproductive health and rights. "Both the two governments should incorporate a comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education in the curriculum" he indicated. He further urged the county government to set up the implementation frame work of the National Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health 2015. He said the organization is implementing a project

promoting legal and policy framework that empower adolescent girls in advancing their rights. "We have targeted 50 adolescent who wil act as ambassadors to the others. We expect that this program will take almost eight months. What we want is a more informed adolescent in Mombasa County" he explained. The training two day training has targeted 50 adolescent girls and young women drawn from the six sub counties. These sub-counties include Kisauni, Nyali, Likoni, Jomvu, Changamwe and Mvita. Meanwhile, Lucy Nyambura, a health official from the department of health in Mombasa County said the county has already launched the comprehensive sexual health education program aimed at reducing teenage cases in the county. "Parents are to blame. Most of them have failed in their mandates. I urge parents to take care of their children in order to avoid having teenage pregnancies" she noted. She blamed parents for what she termed as lack of playing











Communications

In 2019, the communication's department focused on increasing SYO's visibility through various mainstream and social media engagements.

These activities contributed to raising SYO's share of online voice and profile. The number of SYO's related articles in major local, regional and international media outlets increased in 2019 and the percentage of highly positive media coverage remained relatively high. Various high profile activities were covered including the 1st ever stakeholders forum to be held in Mombasa at Pride Inn Hotel where the Chief Officer Public Health (Dr. Aisha Abubakar), Chief Officer Medical Services (Dr. Shikely) and County Director of Health Mombasa County Dr. Shem Patta all graced the occasion and saw over 50 partners attended the meeting and our SRHR champion Mr. Geoffrey Kithuku providing insights of International Conference and Population Development on Citizen TV with regards to the 11 point commitments by H.E President of Kenya Uhuru Kenyatta in Nairobi at ICPD25

Some of the stories are listed below

Our Media Links

1. Comprehensive Sexuality Education Critical in taming early pregnancies in Schools
By Elvis Kenga July 19, 2019

GoTA Training (Jambo News <https://www.jambonewsnetwork.com/news/initiate-comprehensive-sexuality-education-in-schools-to-tame-early-pregnancies-govt-urged/>)

2. NATIONAL BROADCASTER (KBC CHANNEL 1) HIGHLIGHTING THE MOMBASA COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS MEETING SUPPORTED BY STRETCHERS YOUTH ORGANIZATION HELD ON 4TH JULY 2019 AT PRIDE INN HOTEL DOWN TOWN. Legislators from the Coast challenged to implement policies to tame social ills. The link to the highlights is below:- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCkptM_9Sos

3. STAR NEWSPAPER GoTA TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

Teen pregnancies on the rise in Mombasa

Mombasa was the first county to develop such a strategy to address the issues of teenage pregnancies. Page 20 of the Star Newspaper 20-21 July 2019. GoTA training (The Star newspaper 20-21 July 2019

<https://www.thestar.co.ke/counties/coast/2019-07-20-teen-pregnancies-on-the-rise-in-mombasa/>

4. GOTA TRAINING BEING AIRED LIVE BY K24 TELEVISION ON THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2019
The link to the full interview is as follows and our interview starts as from 13 minutes and 20 seconds: -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFv-2pPZqOg&feature=youtu.be>

5. ICPD 25+ Voices <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZFPZQVYq6I>

6. DAY BREAK | ICPD-25 Kenya's commitments by our champion Geoffrey Kithuku as from 8 minutes and 45 seconds discussing on eleven (11) commitments made by H.E Uhuru Kenyatta during ICPD25 Summit in Nairobi [Part 1] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0JEyS32fY4>

| DAY BREAK | ICPD-25 Kenya's commitments by our champion as from 12 minutes and 51 seconds [Part 2]
] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vQuqowckW0&t=770s>

7. The link to the #DailyBrief of National updates of the Direction the country is taking (K24 Tv on 2nd July 2019 Kenya south Sudan Ties (Pt1) as from 13 minutes 10 Seconds <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUXJc8y4Duo&feature=youtu.be>

8. Implementing CVE programs with Solidarity Centre at Pride Inn Hotel
The article was captured by Taifa Leo on 27th March 2019 by Diana Muthu
The link to the article is as follows:- <https://www.pressreader.com/kenya/taifa-leo/20190327/textview>



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