





Vision

A healthy society where every voice counts

Mission

Promoting health rights and good governance among youths and women by integrating capacity building, advocacy, and information sharing through linkage to services

Motto.

Building youth and women capacities



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**MESSAGE FROM
THE CHAIRPERSON,
BOARD**

As I introduce and welcome you to Stetchers Youth Organization Annual Report FY 2020, I am reminded of a quote by one of India's most revered poets Rabindranath Tagore "You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water." Staying resilient and agile in difficult situations is the only way we can respond efficaciously and adapt to changing times swiftly. This is exactly the spirit behind our 2020 success.

With the COVID-19 pandemic paralyzing the world and causing disruption to the magnitude never experienced before, our operations were not spared, our implementation was slowed down and hence we had to scale down, our dedicated management team quickly shifted focus on safeguarding the safety and well-being of employees ensuring implementation continuity while considering all the relevant guidelines and supporting the community we live and operate in. Driven by a strong belief that an organization's strength is in its employees, the organization ensured that there were no job losses due to the COVID-19. The organization invested in technology specifically virtual communication to ensure that activities are conducted and deliverables met.

We are glad to note that this investment has transformed how we do business in the organization and will definitely inform future programming and interventions. Despite the challenges and disruption that COVID-19 posed, we are grateful and proud to present to you the work that we did under very difficult circumstances in 2020. While many actors in our sector halted implementation, we felt that we have an important role to play during the COVID-19 crisis and therefore committed ourselves and re-strategize to support the communities especially the adolescent and youth. The report captures our interventions, performance and lessons learnt in the year 2020. As we move in to a new year, we are confident of our growth potential and opportunities that each of our segments exhibit. As the environment improves gradually, we are optimistic of better performance. We are also confident of creating sustained value for all our stakeholders as we progressively step into FY 2021.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of S.Y.O, I want to thank all employees, volunteers and the management team for their hard work. I would also like to thank our Development and implementing partners, the National and county governments for their continued trust, confidence and support. Let's work together to make our country and more so our community better for all. We count on your strong engagement and support to continue delivering quality services to our beneficiaries and hence achieve our mission.

I thank you very much

Sincerely,

**Ezekiel Kodonde
Board of Directors
Chairperson**

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE, DIRECTOR

Change is expected in life and can bring with it many challenges, both professionally and personally. This past year has been one of change here at stretchers youth organization, but through change we see growth, opportunity, and new beginnings.

When the COVID-19 pandemic started, it appeared like a mirage – something that was far off and removed from our reality then – but it finally landed in Kenya. The pandemic brought unprecedented changes to most organizations and institutions and our organization was not immune to the disruption of normal operation, we had to adjust to the new normal, a situation we were ill-prepared.

Although we had disruption of our normal operation caused by COVID 19, we were thrilled to make impact in our community by adjusting to the new normal. This past year has also been an opportunity for the organization to re-imagine its digital footprint. We can proudly say that COVID 19 was a window of opportunity in our organization operation, we enhanced our social media footprint, gaining thousands of followers across multiple platforms to better reflect how we communicate to our community and in turn how our community can respond to our calls for action.



In the last year we successfully implemented 6 impactful projects in Mombasa, Kenya in the year 2020, reaching 3088 (both male and female) adolescents, young people, and women of Kenya. During the Girl Summit 2020, we successfully launched the "community talking boxes" that would help adolescents and young people to share their issues both in schools and at the community level. We want to thank all our funding, strategic and implementing partners for allowing us to serve the community in new ways while staying true to our values and beliefs.

For my part, I am excited, humbled, and honored to be entrusted with this important role as the executive director at stretchers youth organization as we mark our 10th Anniversary of service this year (2021). I look forward to more opportunities to collaborate with existing and new partners as we realize the vision and mission of SYO as we also launch our first ever 5-year strategic plan (2021-2025) that will strategically guide the operation of SYO in the years to come. Stay safe.

Okong'o Dickson Obonyo.
Executive Director
Stretchers youth Organization

2020

CORNER

We are
the voice "girls"
bare to dream
because its

not on the list of top
good things

I'm proud

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Summit

Follow our dream

When I was
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WHO WE ARE



Stretchers Youth Organization is a membership, Youth-led community-based organization, that was founded in 2011 to promote health rights, good governance, and gender equality among youths and women by integrating capacity building, advocacy, and information sharing through linkage to service. The organization works in the coastal counties of Kenya with a partial presence in Nairobi, Kisumu, and Siaya counties, respectively.

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.

MEET THE 2020 TEAM



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Executive Director



Evans Ouma
Programs Manager



Khadija Salad
Project Associate



Rebecca Achieng
Adolescent Liaison Officer



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James Atito Omolo
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Administration Manager



Zipporah N. Marigi
Chief Administrator



Bevy Kinyua
Monitoring and Evaluation
Officer





our Strategies



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.

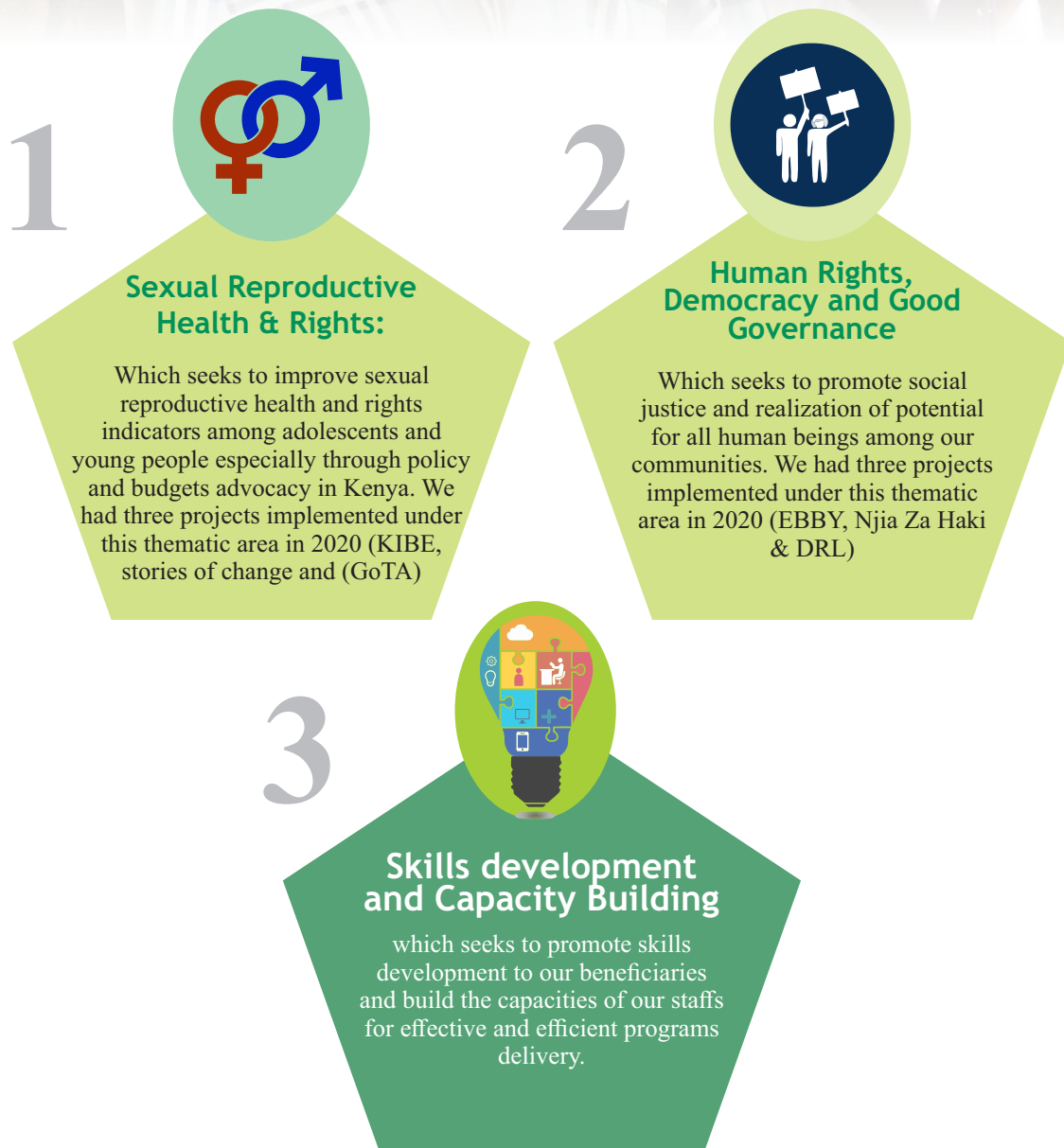
Strengthening, building and establishments of adolescents and young peoples' network to champion for their issues

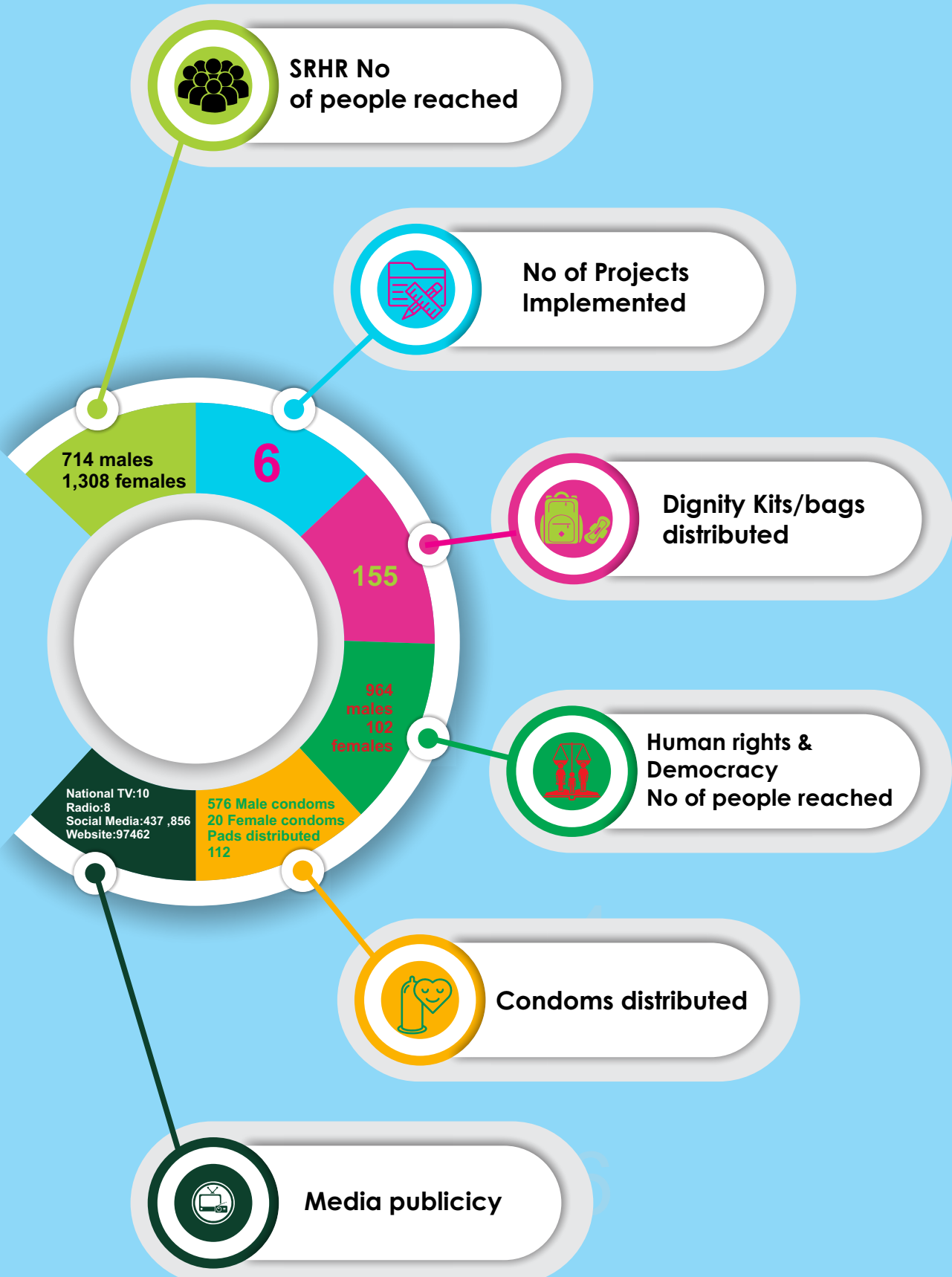


Our Programs



The Organization works under three thematic areas with its beneficiaries. These include.







OUR 2020
PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED

INUKA!



Programme 1: Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights Programme

PROJECT 1.0 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 was implemented from April 2019-May 2020. It was 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 1,772 young people with SRHR advocacy messages, 1,157 females and 615 males.

As a result of our advocacy work, the county government of Mombasa 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 and partners reporting template for all CSOs working on health programmes for adolescents and young people in the county.





PROJECT 2.0 KIJANA IMARIKA BONGA ELIMIKA (KIBE)

A project funded by Population Connection which aimed to address the SRH outcomes of adolescents and Young people in the marginalized areas of Jomvu and Chagamwe sub-Counties which will in turn contribute to a healthy population of Adolescents and young people in Mombasa County.

This project was implemented between February 2020 – December 2020. We first trained 30 community health workers and adolescent champions who would engage other adolescents and young people in Chagamwe & Jomvu sub-counties. The 30 were trained as community youth champions.

Results: The project reached a total of 773 (251 males 522 females) adolescents and young people throughout its implementation period. The beneficiaries were reached through community youth villages, community dialogue, international day's commemoration, policy makers meeting and The Girl summit event.

As a result, these activities built the capacities of the adolescents and young people hence giving them the synergy to advocate for their sexual reproductive health rights.

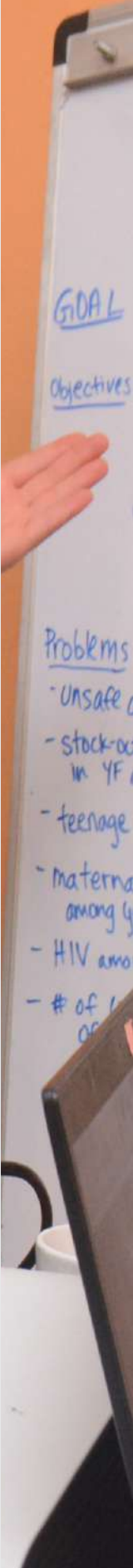


Project 3.0 Stories of Change

A project funded by Population Reference Bureau (PRB) that aimed at developing two advocacy communication materials that is digital, interactive data visualization and short videos. Through the digital, interactive data visualization and short videos we targeted the county government of Mombasa, specifically Mombasa county assembly health committee members, County executive committee member Health (Minister), Reproductive health coordinator, county director of finance and economic planning and the Governor of Mombasa where we sparked conversations around high rates of teenage pregnancies in the county, high rates of unsafe abortion cases among adolescents and young people and the impact it has to the economy of Mombasa County.

Results: Through the project our 8 staffs were trained on development of two advocacy communication material (WhatsApp English and Kiswahili videos and power point presentation on AYSRH/FP needs for Mombasa County).

As a result of the development of the two advocacy communications materials and presentation to key county policy makers, we saw an increase of county of Mombasa with specific department of health services allocate 5 M kshs to support adolescents and youth SRH programming in Financial year FY 2020/2021, from 3.5 M Khs FY 2019/2020.



PROJECT 4.0 ENGAGING BODABODA YOUTH LEADERS (EBBY)

A project funded by Search for Common Ground through European Union which focused on creating enabling environment for BodaBoda youth sector to thrive through close partnership with security apparatus. EBBY sought at building the capacity of the BodaBoda Youths and leaders through building resilience in promoting peace and countering violent conflict in Changamwe and Jomvu sub-county. EBBY project Phase II was a continuation from the first phase under INUKA supported by Search for common ground. INUKA is a comprehensive youth-focused community peace building action across the Coastal region of Kenya. This project was implemented in Mombasa County (Jomvu & Changamwe sub-counties) from February 2020 – October 2020. Results: The entire project reached a total of 1,024 youths and women (940 Males and 84 females) throughout its implementation period. The beneficiaries were reached through various activities conducted; BodaBoda Youth Inception Meeting, BodaBoda stage Talks, Police and BodaBoda youth integration meetings, Moot Court and Mombasa County BodaBoda Youth Convention.





PROJECT 5.0 NJIA ZA HAKI (NZH)

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 is implemented from October 2019- March 2021 in Mombasa County.

Results: The entire project reached 213 people (127 males, 86 females) through access to justice meetings, video screening engagement, moot court and celebration of social justice day event. It also reached over 1,000 people (68% males & 32% females) through our online engagements and recorded 22 cases in our social justice desk.

As a result of access to justice program we successfully followed up a compensation case that was filed in our office, by ensuring that complaint got justice. He filed a complaint against G4S poorly handled his or her that led to the loss of his property. He was paid Ksh 45,000 as the compensation



Project 6.0 Hustle Yangu Haki Yangu (DRL)

A project funded by Solidarity Centre which seeks to improve enforcement of existing protections for informal economy workers and promote adoption of greater social protections. The Programs specific objectives and activities are designed to create awareness of informal economy workers' rights among unions, youth-led organizations, informal economy workers, local chiefs, communities and employers and to strengthen the institutional capacity of unions and youth-led organizations to be more sustainable, inclusive, and well-coordinated with local chiefs so that all three are equipped to effectively enforce and advocate for informal economy workers' rights. The project's implementing partners include KYEN in Nairobi & KUDHEIHA (Nairobi & Mombasa)

Results: The project reached a total of 420 informal workers (physically) through its first quarter period and over 2,500 people reached through various platforms such as Radio Talk-shows and Facebook lives that were conducted. Some of the activities during this quarter mainly constituted of Chief Barraza's as well as leveraging on other activities that the organization were doing.

As a result 12 cases of informal workers' rights were successfully reported through toll-free line calls.



OUR 2020 *Achievements*





We successfully implemented 6 impactful projects in Mombasa, Kenya in the year 2020 targeting adolescents, young people and women of Kenya.

We organized and hosted the 2nd Girls Summit in Kenya which attracted attention of many partners and acted as a best practice for other counties to emulate. The summit hosted high profile individual who was the chief guest (Chief Administrative Secretary- Ministry of ICT & innovation Miss Nadia Ahmed Abdallah) and UNFPA representative. Which led to successfully launch of the “community talking boxes” that would help adolescents and young people to share their issues both in schools and at the community level

We participated in the 4 conferences through abstracts submissions, moderations, and as active participants. The 4 conferences were 4th Scientific Reproductive Health Network Kenya conference in Diani-Kwale where through UNFPA network sponsored 7 young people to attend by receiving full sponsorship, Men4Periods conference where we actively played key roles, 9th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights and MHM Inclusion conference.

We provided adolescents and young girls with 112 sanitary pads and information on Menstrual Hygiene Management

We provided adolescent and young girls aged 10-24 years with 155 dignity kits/bags during 2020 with support from UNFPA Kenya & CREAM Kenya.

We distributed 576 male condoms to young people while carrying out our integrated outreaches and peer to peer learning sessions

We reached 2,022 people with Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights advocacy information and messages.

We reached 1,066 people with Human Rights and Democracy information, messages and services, 12 people successfully accessed justice from the cases documented at our Access to Justice Center through our community paralegals

We actively participated in active learning programme (YALI) for East Africa which happened in Nairobi-Kenya.

Our advocacy efforts contributed to;

- i. An increase in county of Mombasa with specific department of health services allocate 5 M kshs to support adolescents and youth SRH programming in Financial year FY 2020/2021, from 3.5 M Khs FY 2019/2020.
 - ii. 6 BodaBoda youths in cooperated in peace and security committees in Changamwe & Jomvu sub-counties.
- One of our staff (Executive Director – Dickson Okong'o) won an award from a highly contested nominations of youth in Kenya under category Youth of the Year 2020 Health services from Youth Agenda Kenya





OUR 2020
Success Stories



"EBBY Project has contributed to a renewed relationship between us the BodaBoda of Changamwe and them. The police have trusted us to extent that they ask for our BodaBoda during curfew hours to move around in making sure that it is peaceful. We are now been hosted at the police station whenever we feel like having a meeting. We just need to make a phone call and it is arranged for us. Previously you could be asked to develop a letter 3 days before the event. It used to have a process but we thank stretchers youth Organization as this is of the past. Our relationship with them is nyweeee" **Martin Oyoo Chairman Changamwe BodaBoda Association**

"Stretchers Youth Organization has renewed our relationship with our brothers from Changamwe, it's not that we are starting a fresh no. Our relationship has been there when Changamwe was just one with Jomvu, but after devolution took shape we parted ways and we say thank you Stretchers through EBBY for reigniting this candle again, we are going to work as brothers in making sure we eliminate this evil deeds among the BodaBoda sector." **Mohammed Matano Chairman Jomvu Sub-county**

"Seating as a decision influencer in a peace and security committee was nothing that I thought of. But through EBBY project and the lesson learned my interest for being a BodaBoda peace champion was revamped and as I talk to you today I make sure that BodaBoda and women issues are addressed with consideration while giving a clear map of how the sector is. I have my self-esteem boosted with the exposure I have received while engaging with stretchers youth organization through the stage talks, youth convention, moot court and the police integration meetings." **Felix Okidi Sakina stage Chairman Jomvu**

The access to justice centre program led to one compensation case succeeding and the victim got paid his assets worth 45,000Kes from G4S who had led to loss by negligence and the compensation on one employment and labor relation case, the victim got a promise that he would be paid his dues as the business dissolution took place. Access Justice Centre.



"Being a young mom and a champion of Stretchers Youth Organization, I want to say that I am so thankful because in 2020 I was actively engaged. Through the KIBE project, I got opportunity to participate in various useful programmes including taking part in KBC live show for a talk on challenges young mothers face and causes of teen pregnancy. Through the activities I have been engaged in, I have gathered information that are positively influencing my daily lifestyle. I wish to participate in such more programmes. Thanks Stretchers Youth Organization and the KIBE project." **Lilian Atieno, young mother**

"Stretchers Youth Organization has given me platform to showcase my talent through different activities that were supported by KIBE project in the community. Through theatre performance, I was able to educate different audience with information such as Sexual gender based violence, women rights and also children protection. This was through information provided by Stretchers Youth Organization, I am so grateful." **Julius Peter.**

"I really give my gratitude to Stretchers Youth Organization for the great work they have been doing to impact on the lives of adolescents and young people, it is through their engagement that I got a platform to participate in the Girl summit conference as a panelist. It really made me to feel motivated and also I got more confidence to continue fighting for the rights of our young girls especially in the informal areas. Thank you so much S.Y.O for what we did in 2020 through the KIBE project. It has made me want to learn more on what I advocate for and also pushed me to be better." **Esha Mohammed, Young person.**



OUR Partners



Our funding Partners



SEARCH FOR
COMMON GROUND

POPULATION
CONNECTION
America's Voice for Population Stabilization



AMPLIFYCHANGE



Our Strategic Partners



Our Implementing Partners



KITUO CHA SHERIA
LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE
we care for justice



Lessons Learnt in 2020

- The use of technology is inevitable during this 21st century: Covid19 has pushed us to our limits to fully incorporate technology within our programming
- Development of risk management plans for every project is necessary to ensure continuity for achievement of projects success: This is borrowed heavily from covid19 pandemic.
- Flexibility in programming should be embraced: The actual planning on paper changes swiftly with change in dynamics on the ground/environment.



Communications & Publicity 2020

In 2020, with the hit by COVID-19 pandemic, the communication's department focused on adapting approaches and strategies in increasing SYO's visibility through social media engagements. Such strategies and approaches included, purchasing of equipment's that would ensure facebook live streaming, engagement in twitter storms, development of blogs and articles and incorporating our activities with live streaming.

These activities contributed to raising SYO's share of online voice and profile. The number of SYO's related articles/blogs and live-streaming in our social media platforms & major local, regional and international media outlets increased in 2020 and the percentage of highly positive media coverage remained relatively high.

The Youth Convention was highlighted in Daily Nation newspaper, KBC and K24 channel. The Links are below:

KBC; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOCupMwY_Wc&t=709s&ab_channel=KBCCChannel1TVShows as from 1 hour 30minutes

K24 <https://www.facebook.com/512821582122343/videos/878261766041886>

The Youth Convention was also given a highlight tagged "Wahudumu Wa BodaBoda Waomba Wajumuishwe Katika Kamati Za Usalama" Daily Nation Newspaper <https://taifaleo.nation.co.ke/?p=60707> on 22nd September 2020

Youth Convention highlighted in People Daily Newspaper on 23rd September 2020. The Link is as follows:
<https://epaper.peopledaily.co.ke/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=eafb2631-e86d-40c5-9506-c174cea0d500&pnum=21>

BodaBoda youth role in peace and security was featured during 2020 International Youth day by Voice of America VoA (Swahili). The link to that story is as follow: Swahili (#VOA DUNIANI LEO AUGUST 12, 2020) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDQS7NitTgw> as from 10:00 Minutes to 13:02 Minutes.



OUR 2020

Pictorials







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