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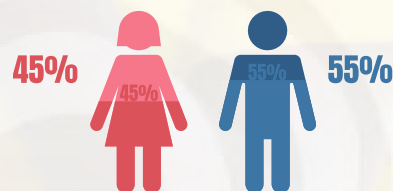


FOR
**YOUNG
PEOPLE**
BY **YOUNG
PEOPLE**

2024 at a glance



5,720+





Who we are

Stretchers Youth Organization is a membership, Youth-led community-based organization that was founded in 2011 to enhance and promote a healthy, equal, just and inclusive environment for youths through capacity building, advocacy and information sharing for sustainable development. The organization works in the coastal counties of Kenya with a partial presence in Nairobi, Kisumu, and Siaya counties respectively.

From our founding in 2011, SYO has grown from a grassroots initiative to a nationally recognized leader in youth empowerment, sexual and reproductive health advocacy, legal empowerment, Leadership and Governance, and digital innovation. Our journey reflects the evolution of Kenya's youth development landscape, with SYO consistently at the forefront of emerging trends, innovative approaches, and systemic solutions to challenges facing young people.

What began as a response to gaps in sexual and reproductive health services has expanded into a comprehensive ecosystem addressing the interconnected challenges young people face: from academic excellence and mental health support to legal empowerment and peace-building. This evolution demonstrates our commitment to holistic youth development that recognizes young people as complete human beings with diverse needs, unlimited potential, and the capacity to drive transformation in their own communities.



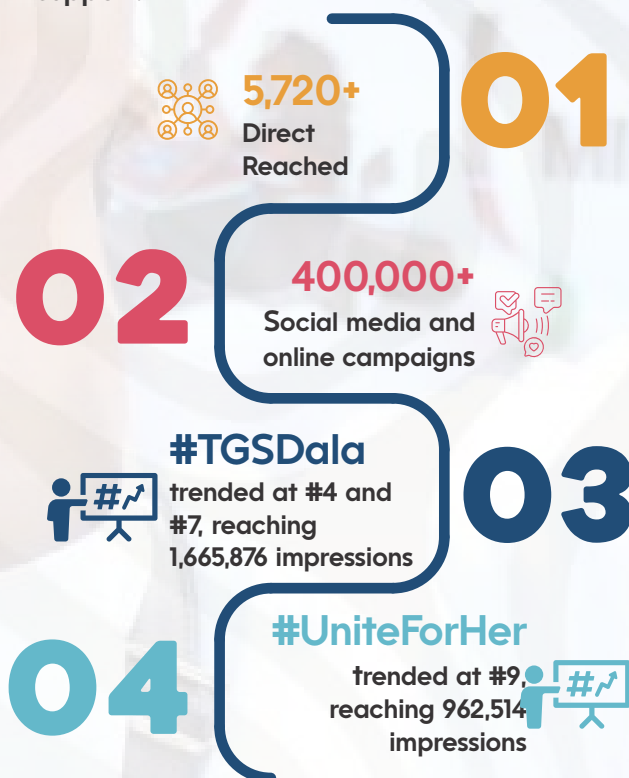
2024 Key Highlights

In 2024, Stretchers Youth Organization (SYO) achieved notable milestones that positioned youth and community voices at the center of policy, service delivery, and social change. Across our thematic areas, we moved beyond activity delivery to influencing systems, strengthening local leadership, and shaping policy outcomes. Through projects like MYPOA, MHLP, TASH, We Lead, Kujenga Amani Pamoja (KAP), and Njia za Haki, we successfully connected grassroots realities with decision-making platforms, ensuring that the needs and priorities of young people, women, and marginalized groups informed concrete action.

Our advocacy efforts yielded measurable policy influence. Under TASH and We Lead, youth-led consultations and community dialogues produced five formal memoranda, four in Mombasa County and one in Kwale County that directly fed into county strategies, including the Mombasa County Adolescent and Young People (AYP) Strategy 2024–2029 and the draft Kwale County AYP Strategy. These inputs have shaped commitments on youth-friendly SRHR services, menstrual health, gender equality, and budget allocations. Through the Girl Summit, adolescent girls presented a policy memorandum to the Kisumu County Government, influencing conversations on menstrual dignity, GBV prevention, and girls' education.

Our peacebuilding work under KAP led to tangible community-level outcomes, including a 30% reduction in gang-related violence in targeted hotspots, mediation and resolution of five local conflicts, and formal recognition of community peace activists in county governance spaces. In the justice sector, the Njia za Haki Project empowered survivors of GBV and other vulnerable community members to access legal remedies, strengthened police gender desks, and increased uptake of the Small Claims Court mechanism—securing successful case resolutions and financial recoveries for claimants.

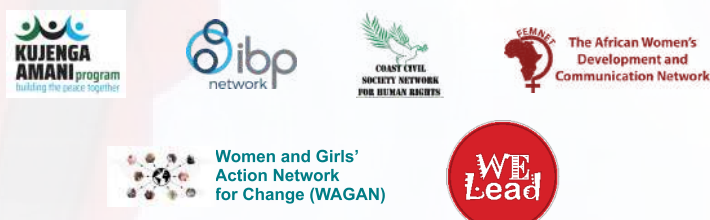
Beyond service delivery, our advocacy contributed to improved institutional capacity at the grassroots. Thirteen youth-led and community-based organizations were trained in leadership, governance, program design, and resource mobilization, increasing their ability to deliver impactful, accountable programs. In schools, mentorship and mental health interventions improved academic outcomes, with over ten students securing scholarships and dozens gaining the confidence to seek counseling support.



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