



STRETCHERS
Youth Organization
Building Youths and women capacities.

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"Our time is now - our rights, our future"

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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. We are guided by our vision which stated that "A healthy society where every youthful voice counts"

FOCUS

We focus 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 & gender mainstreaming, democracy and good governance through services and linkages to youths and women.

VISION

"A healthy society where every youthful voice counts".

HOW?

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

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

5 GENDER
EQUALITY



3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



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STRATEGIES

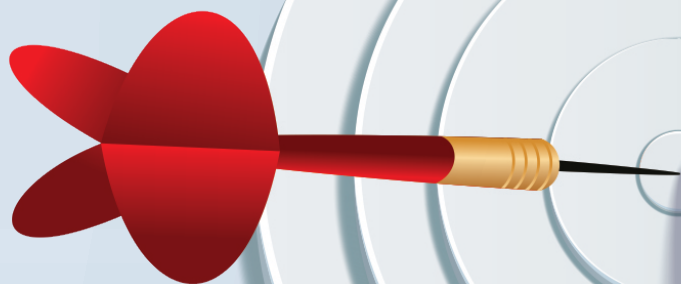
Our Strategies



Meaningful Youth Inclusion and Engagement among youth and women in decision making platforms



Policy & Budget advocacy on progressive policies and laws affecting the youths and women in Kenya and beyond



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



Strategic Partnership, Collaboration and Networking with strategic partners, the Kenya national and county governments



Our Programmes

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Our Programmes

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



Health & Well-Being

Our objective is to contribute to improved health outcome and well-being among youth in Kenya. This thematic area focuses on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for youths and women in Kenya is achieved.



Democracy and Good Governance

Our objective is to build a good culture of democracy and good governance in Kenya. This thematic area focuses on strengthening citizens' demand for transparency and accountability in the management of public resources, promoting citizen's participation in democratic processes and promoting citizen participation in advancing national integration.



Human Rights & Gender Mainstreaming

Our objective is to improve access to justice and promote gender equality among youth in Kenya. This thematic area also seeks to promote social justice and realization of potential for youth and women among our communities.





EVERY GIRL HAS THE RIGHT TO LEARN

Projects Implemented

PROJECT 1.0 AYEHA

This is an ongoing project that sought to follow-up concerns and issues arising from the Community Talking Boxes to address the information gap for adolescents and young people and youth peer mentors/providers on provision of comprehensive sexuality education.

This is an ongoing project being implemented for 12 months (April 2022 – March 2023) that is funded by Population Connection.

PROJECT 2.0 WE LEAD

This is a 5 year project (2021-2025) being implemented by a consortium of 11 organizations in Kenya where Stretchers Youth Organization implements it in Mombasa County with young women living with HIV/AIDS as their Right Holders. The project is being funded by HIVOS with Centre for Study of Adolescence being the Host Kenyan organization.

We Lead's goal is to: by the end of 2025, resilient young women with disabilities, living with HIV, affected by displacement or identifying as LGBTI, play a leading role in strengthened and inclusive organizations and movements that enjoy increased public support and have convinced duty-bearers and health-service providers to take steps towards implementing laws, policies and practices that respect and protect these young women's SRH-R”.

PROJECT 3.0 MEN FOR PERIODS RESEARCH

Its main aim is to establish the prevalence of sex-for-pads and evaluate if engagement of men in promoting menstrual hygiene reduces the practice among adolescents and young women in Mathare and Mwamlai villages in Changamwe and Jomvu respectively, Mombasa.

The project was Funded by Impact Research Development Organization, Men for Periods Study is an ongoing study .

PROJECT 4.0 ONE BY ONE HIV CAMPAIGN

This is an advocacy approach project that was used to create public awareness on mechanisms against HIV related violations and gender discrimination through digital platforms targeting the adolescents and young people, parents and care givers, healthcare providers and the key policy makers.

The following projects contributed to strategic objective 2 of our strategic plan 2021-2025; to build a good culture of democracy and good governance in Kenya. It was funded by THE ACCESS CHALLENGE.

PROJECT 5.0 MOBILIZE EMPOWER ACTUALIZE TRANSFORM (M.E.A.T)

This is a 24 month project (July 2021 – July 2023) and is supported by Voice under the influence grant. The goal of the project is to promote increased peaceful inclusion of youth in political processes in the forthcoming general election so as to ensure that they have greater participation in decision making roles which have a large impact in their lives.

Within the 18 months of project implementation in Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi Counties, Our 60 trained civic educators in Mombasa, Kwale & Kilifi Counties contributed to sustained peace during the August 2022 general elections in the Coastal region (Kwale, Kilifi and Mombasa) and Kenya at large.

PROJECT 6.0: MY VOTE MY VOICE MY RIGHT (M.V.M.V.M.R)

Its main aim is to establish the prevalence of sex-for-pads and evaluate if engagement of men in promoting menstrual hygiene reduces the practice among adolescents and young women in Mathare and Mwamlai villages in Changamwe and Jomvu respectively, Mombasa

This was a 10 months (Mar – Dec 2022) project funded by Solidarity Centre that was implemented in the 6 sub-counties Mombasa County.

PROJECT 7.0: SOCIAL COHESION

Conflict is ubiquitous in all societies. It is a phenomenon that is inevitable in all human society due to differences in interests, goals, values and aims among people. Amongst most African communities, there are frameworks that are in place for the resolution of conflicts and for preventing their escalation into violence, thus threatening the social fabric.

It is on this background that as an organization working closely with the national government ministry of interior, and other stakeholders, therefore sought to conduct a number of communities barazas in Mombasa County towards promoting cohesion and peaceful coexistence around the outcome of the general elections by de-escalating tensions and strengthening community resilience to online and offline violence drivers.

This was a 4 months (Sept-Dec 2022) project funded by Search for Common Ground to support implementation of activities towards addressing elections related conflicts and tensions.

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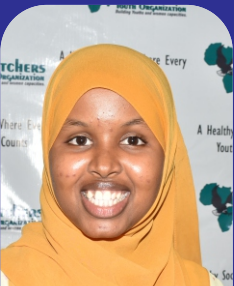
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Our Strategic Partners



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Our Implementing Partners



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LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE
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KELIN
Reclaiming Rights, Rebuilding Lives



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