

Hi, I'm Maria
Kwekwe



Age

26



Gender

Female



Hails From



Kwale

Maria is a grassroots leader from Kwale county who champions for girls' education in her community. She is passionate about SDG 4 that seeks to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all. She serves as a Project Officer & Safeguarding Focal point at G For Girls Initiative CBO where she aims to narrow the gender gap in education by inspiring a community of leaders that are agents of sustainable change. She's currently a Masters student pursuing MSc. Africa and International Development at the University of Edinburgh

Maria is dedicated to safeguarding the well-being and safety of children, youths and vulnerable adults with a proven expertise in developing and implementing safeguarding policies and procedures and delivering impactful safeguarding training programs. She has contributed to advancing more equitable, sustainable and human-centered development agendas that prioritize the needs and rights of all individuals in her community.



Hi, I'm Brian
Kithinji



Age

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Gender

Male



Representing



Meru

Kithinji serves as the Executive Director of Policy Action Initiative a registered society dedicated to empowering youths to become positive agents of change and championing their meaningful engagement in governance and decision-making processes. He is an eloquent orator and loves utilizing his talents in advancing policy action on the key issues facing young people in Kenya. He has spoken in various platforms including the Global Landscapes Forum 2023, the African Youth Climate Assembly held at KICC in August, and most recently, the 10th African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development held at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa in April.



Hi, I'm Pascaliah
Nyaboke



Age

24



Gender

Female



Representing



Nairobi

Nyaboke is an active and dedicated member of Amnesty International, a commitment that began in high school and has since deepened through various roles and experiences. Currently, she serves as the Kenyan Youth Representative at the Amnesty International Regional Forum and Global Assembly where she has engaged in high-level discussions and initiatives, such as representing Kenyan youth at a significant human rights forum in Dakar, attended by delegates from across Africa. Her internship in the Communications Department at Amnesty International Kenya further honed her skills and passion for youth involvement in governance, policy implementation, and advocacy. As a Youth Sounding Board Member, she aims to leverage her experience to enhance youth participation in EU projects in Kenya



Hi, I'm Mutuku
Mutheu



Age

23



Gender

Female



Representing



Nairobi

Esther is the founder and Creative Director of Equality Vanguard, an organization focused on promoting intersectional feminism online. She uses her legal background and creative skills to develop engaging content, build partnerships, and lead initiatives that advocate for social justice and gender equality.





Hi, I'm Laureen
Wamaitha



Age

26



Gender

Female

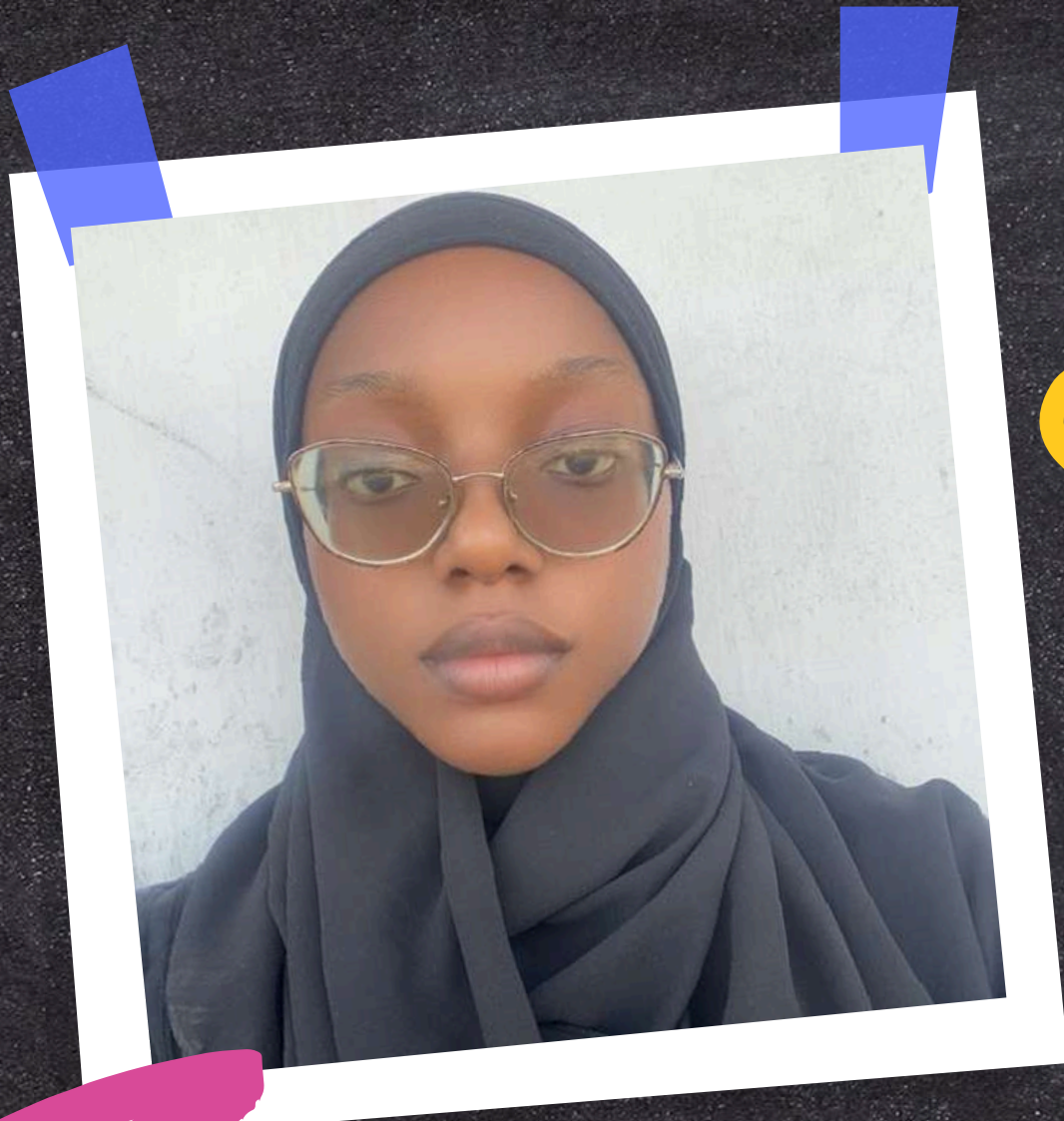


Representing



Tana River

Laureen is a young humanitarian and advocate working within the ICPD25 Youth Coalition with a focus on bridging the gap between youth and policymakers, particularly in the areas of climate change, reproductive health, and maternal and child health. She uses storytelling, photojournalism, and digital advocacy to amplify youth voices and drive policy change. Additionally, she is involved in implementing ICPD25 commitments, SDGs, and county development plans, while also providing skills training to young people. Essentially, she is a youth leader working to improve the lives of young people through policy advocacy, community engagement, and digital platforms.



Hi, I'm Sumeiya
Bakari



Age

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Gender

Female



Representing



Mombasa

A second year law student at the University of Nairobi. She is a very intelligent, hardworking and outgoing individual. She is able to adapt to any given environment easily. I am a team leader and most importantly I can work well with people. She is also interested in changing the social life of people here in Mombasa. Most importantly I would like to teach them various things to innovate them.



Hi, I'm Abdirahman
Ahmed



Age

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Gender

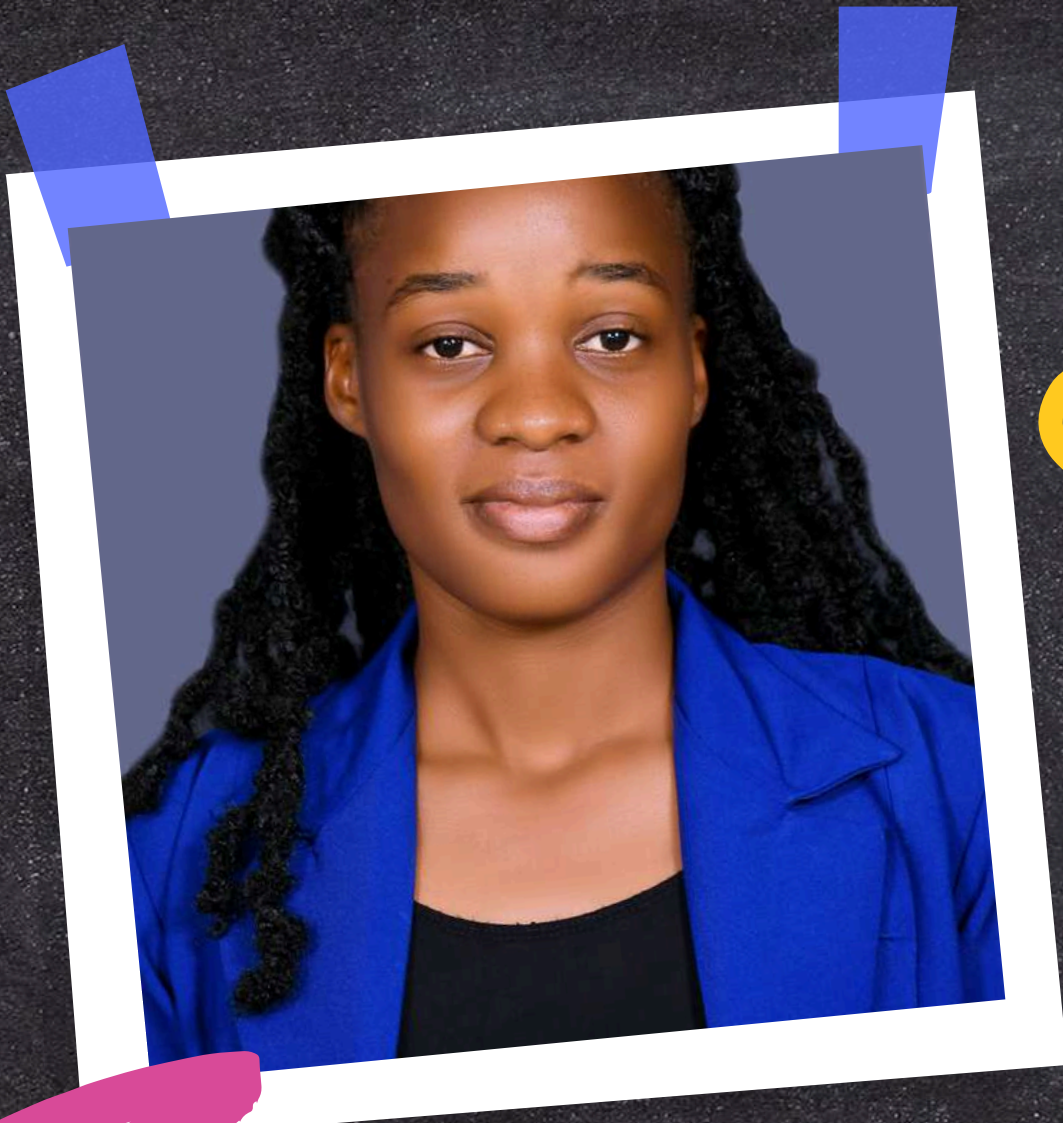
Male ♂

Representing



Mandera

Ahmed's work has always emphasized reaching and empowering young people from all backgrounds. Through Give and Grow Community Development Organization (GaGCDO), he actively engages with diverse youth groups, ensuring marginalized and vulnerable populations have a voice.



Hi, I'm Lydia
Otieno



Age

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Gender

Female



Representing



Kisumu

As a person with disability and a graduate in procurement, Lydia is deeply passionate about youth issues, particularly education and mental health. She has actively participated in youth-led initiatives, including organizing workshops and awareness campaigns. These experiences have fueled her commitment to advocating for young people.



Hi, I'm Alvin
Mwangi



Age

26



Gender

Male ♂

Representing



Nairobi

Alvin is the founder/Team lead for YEM Kenya - Youth Empowerment Movement Kenya. He has been engaged in feminist activism and advocacy, working alongside movements and organizations to advance gender equality, human rights, and social justice in Kenya and beyond. He has collaborated with local women's groups and youth-led initiatives to address issues such as gender-based violence, economic empowerment, and political participation in coalition-building initiatives, and policy dialogues aimed at influencing legislative and institutional change on critical issues such as SRHR and gender equality rights.



Hi, I'm Mercy Kavayi



Age

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Gender

Female ♀



Representing



Nairobi

Mercy is a board member of the Society of Professionals with Visual Disabilities and a the Director in result at Resilience HUB - Disabled Women and Children of Kenya. She has experience in disability Inclusion and Advocacy, result based management, youth empowerment and participation





Hi, I'm David
Ngure



Age

26



Gender

Male ♂

Representing



Mombasa

David is the co-founder of Sustainable Jamii Association. His areas of expertise and interest include youth empowerment, climate justice, peace and security, economic governance, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. His work involves empowering youth to lead, create, and transform within the digital space for a better future. He has also led initiatives to empower young people and provide them with mental health support, skills training, and opportunities for civic and political engagement



Hi, I'm Wilson
Kamau



Age

24



Gender

Male ♂

Representing



Kiambu

Wilson is a Disability Inclusion Facilitator with extensive experience engaging with young people, particularly those in marginalized and vulnerable contexts. His role involves conducting disability awareness training, accessibility audits, and mentoring young persons with disabilities, ensuring their inclusion in community and development programs. He has worked closely with youth groups, advocating for their rights and creating opportunities for their active participation in societal development.



Hi, I'm Precise
Syowai



Age

26



Gender

Female ♀

Representing



Makueni

Precise's areas of expertise and interest lie in procurement and supply chain management, youth empowerment, and sustainable development. Her interest in youth empowerment is evident through my involvement in various youth-led initiatives and organizations. As an advocate for youth participation in governance and policy-making processes, she has engaged in numerous dialogues and forums aimed at fostering inclusive and sustainable development. Through her experience with the African United Nations Youth Fellowship, she has developed a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing young people today



Hi, I'm Mercy
Chelangat



Age

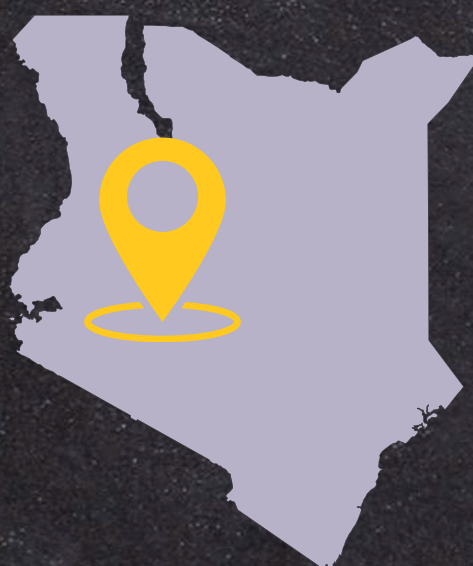
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Gender

Female ♀

Representing



Bomet

Mercy is a highly qualified individual with a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Diplomacy and a Master's student in the same field. She has over two years of experience in both government and nonprofit sectors. My expertise lies in youth development, peacebuilding, community service, advocacy, and policy development. Currently, Mercy is working with a youth-led organization focused on digital literacy, entrepreneurship, and youth empowerment.

Hi, I'm Stella
Napanu



Age

26



Gender

Female ♀

Representing



Samburu

Stella is a conservation scientist specializing in ecosystem health, particularly in rangelands management. She is currently working with the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT) as a county director, overseeing community conservancy governance and rangelands programs for community conservancies in Northern Kenya inhabited by over 18 indigenous peoples. She also serves as the chairperson of the National Conservancies Youth Forum under the Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association (KWCA), ensuring meaningful youth engagement in conservation areas nationwide. Stella is a board member of the National Conservancies Council, representing the youth's voice in conservation matters.