



KENYA*

Her Voice, Her Agency, Her Power; Amplifying Young Women's Voices in Leadership, Political Processes and Peacebuilding

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Despite the significant youth population within Kenya's indigenous and rural communities, young women remain hindered from accessing leadership opportunities. Persistent challenges such as poverty, exclusion in governance, school dropout or early marriage limit their potential and participation, exclusion in governance and political processes. Deep-rooted cultural norms and male-dominated governance structures restrict women's participation in decision-making and peacebuilding processes. Although the region experiences periodic electoral and resource-based tensions, women remain underrepresented in peace and security spaces. Increased digital access has exposed young women to technology-facilitated GBV, discouraging civic engagement and ultimately restricting young women's ability to influence governance and policy decisions. Further, the digital divide and lack of digital literacy skills impede on young women's effective participation.



This project aims to strengthen the leadership, political participation, and digital resilience of young women in indigenous and rural communities, to enable their meaningful participation in governance, peacebuilding and democratic processes. It will adopt holistic approach that addresses gendered power imbalances, combats digital and structural violence and builds leadership capacity:



Building leadership, advocacy and civic engagement skills of young women to increase their confidence and participation in governance, decision-making, peace and security processes.



Enhancing community awareness and acceptance of women and in particular of young women in leadership.



Improving digital literacy, promoting online safety among young women.



Establishing sustainable mentorship hubs and leadership networks that support continuous growth and participation of young women leaders beyond the project period.

*Busia County, Homabay County, Vihiga County, Nairobi County.

KEY TARGETS INCLUDE

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YOUNG WOMEN

including political aspirants trained on leadership, governance, digital literacy, peace and security - among which 20 declare intent to run for elective positions ahead of the 2027 elections.

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DIALOGUES CONDUCTED

with peace and security committees and 30% increased representation of young women in conflict prevention initiatives.

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COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

conducted to challenge harmful gender norms, raise awareness and acceptance of women leadership.

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MENTORSHIP AND LEADERSHIP HUBS

conducted to strengthen leadership capacity among young women.

PARTNERSHIPS



Dua ya Dada

Vuka Forces Initiative

The Shield Maidens

KEY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Engage senior feminist women leaders in intergenerational mentorship forums, to inspire and guide young women aspiring to leadership roles.
- ▶ Organize targeted leadership and governance training sessions for young women to build their confidence in leadership.
- ▶ Engage men as allies through community dialogues, to challenge harmful gender norms, raise awareness and promote acceptance of women leadership.
- ▶ Organize trainings for young women on peace and security.
- ▶ Facilitate dialogues with county peace committees and security actors.
- ▶ Organize digital literacy and online safety trainings for young women.
- ▶ Establish mentorship and leadership hubs to strengthen leadership capacity among young women.



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