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About Us

Positive Young Women Voices (PYWV) is a community-based organization that was founded as a safe space to amplify the voices of underprivileged girls and young women in Dandora.

We work towards creating a world where women and girls in all their diversities rights are promoted; where women and girls shape their reality and steer their development to realize gender equality in the society.

In 2025, We realized how easily shifts in governments and global policies continued to impact the transformative and feminist work we do everyday. It is this regard we recognized the importance of collaboration and solidarity in our efforts to address the health, the safety and inclusion challenges that so many Adolescent girls and Young women continue to face in our communities.

Our greatest objective was to lay the foundation for the strategic expansion of our interventions into communities and the formation of key partnerships that increased our visibility and further deepened our impact. By scaling up our efforts, we did not only extend the reach of our programs but we also build momentum towards creating communities where the voices of women and girls in their diversities resonated beyond the spaces Positive Young Women Voices has created.



Our Thematic Areas:



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PYWV has a diverse team that collaboratively bring skills and perspectives in our work, ensuring efficiency and effectiveness in implementing our programs.



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The Year At A Glance

At PYWV, we have remained committed to strengthening our networks, safeguarding our right-holders and consolidating our resources to sustain our impact on those we serve. PYWV collaborated with partners and friends towards a healthier, Inclusive and Violence-free community.

This ensured we were able to prioritize respect for rights and freedoms as well as safety and agency thus setting the stage for a future that is secure, dignified and shaped by adolescent girls and young women in their diversity.

Our work anchored on intentional, community-led interventions, the team continues to prioritize the dignity and well being of adolescent girls and young women in their diversity, center inclusion and further build on sustainability.

As the team forges on achieving successful PYWV Strategic Plan Implementation, the report shares the wins that excited and invigorated the team to keep going.



RIGHTS & ADVOCACY:

Strategic Objective: PYWV aims to promote the rights of AGYW in all their diversities through capacity building initiatives and stakeholder engagement by 2026.

END VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN
AND GIRLS IN ALL
THEIR DIVERSITIES

Violence prevention & Mitigation-Prevention & Elimination of Violence Against Women & Girls.

As part of PYWV's sustained commitment to ending violence against women and girls in all their diversities, we trained 30 healthcare providers and community promoters on GBV screening, prevention, and response with the aim of strengthening frontline capacity to identify and support survivors of violence.

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Building on previous ToT sessions, five community-based organizations (Refugee Brotherhood, Sex Workers Outreach Program (SWOP), Wote kwa Wote, Dada for Dada Kenya, and Family Bridge of Hope) came together with PYWV to initiate a movement building process. This collaboration led to the formation of the Sauti Moja Alliance, a unified platform for community led advocacy. The followup sessions focused on deepening partner integration and fostering alignment around a shared vision, core values, strategic goals, and operational procedures.



Stakeholder Engagement -Community Dialogues

PYWV moderated intergenerational community dialogue sessions across all the five phases of Dandora, all of which were focused on conflict and conflict resolution. The community members discussed the prevalent cycles of violence - persistent crime, rising cases of Femicide, shame and self-stigma. The conversations also touched on the rights of women and children within marriages, particularly, the importance of interpersonal and community centered conflict resolution mechanisms.

During these sessions, community members including religious leaders, local authorities and community gatekeepers actively engaged. The five inter generational community dialogue forums reached 150 community members and laid the groundwork for inclusive dialogue, enhanced community trust and sustained collective action against violence.





ACCESS TO INCLUSIVE HEALTHCARE

Strategic Objective: PYWV aims to promote uptake of sexual and reproductive health services for AGYW in all their diversities by 2026 as measured by increased access to quality healthcare services.



HIV Prevention & Care - My Tribe Support Group

Following the US government’s funding freeze that greatly impacted HIV response, care and prevention work in Africa, a lot of recipients of care, community -led organizations and vital healthcare systems were affected, with access to vital and life-saving care disrupted for many.

At PYWV, We continued to hold space for monthly My Tribe support group meetings for young women living with HIV, fostering a secure and empowering space for peer interaction, collective learning, and psychosocial support.

The My Tribe support group strengthened psychosocial and health outcomes for 10 young women by fostering peer support, enhancing knowledge on HIV management, Sexual & Gender-Based Violence, Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights and promoting financial empowerment. In addition to group sessions, personalized home visits were carried out to offer individualized follow-up, enhance adherence support, and tackle personal challenges in a comfortable and familiar setting.

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Young women benefited from improved psychosocial and health outcomes as a result of the My Tribe support group, which fostered peer connections, enhanced knowledge on HIV management, SGBV, SRHR, and promoted financial empowerment.

These visits, reinforced treatment adherence and catered to individual needs based on their lived realities. A participant shared that they have learnt to love and accept themselves more than they did before and this powerful reflection underscores the transformative impact of safe, affirming spaces for young women navigating life with HIV.



Lesbian, Bisexual & Queer Programming

PYWV conducted sensitization training for healthcare workers and community health promoters on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE), Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), and intersectionality to promote inclusive and rights-based service provision.



Healthcare providers and community health promoters participate in a SOGIE and SRHR sensitization training, engaging in Values Clarification and Attitude Transformation (VCAT) activities.

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20 healthcare providers and community health promoters were trained, equipping them with knowledge and tools to deliver inclusive, non-discriminatory SRHR services.

The sessions included Values Clarification and Attitude Transformation (VCAT) activities which then allowed participants to thoughtfully examine their own values and biases and by extension how they hinder them from offering judgement free services to LBQ Womxn. To extend the impact of the trainings, we leveraged on Continuous Medical Education (CME) forums at Dandora 1 and Dandora 2 Health Centers and had those from the core training group moderating conversations on SOGIE and SRHR with other health care providers and facility staff who were not previously engaged in the trainings.

The sensitization training directly reached 20 healthcare providers and community health promoters, equipping them with knowledge and tools to deliver inclusive, non-discriminatory SRHR services. An additional 40 healthcare workers and facility staff were engaged through Continuous Medical Education sessions, broadening the reach and reinforcing inclusive service provision in Dandora 1 and

Dandora 2 Health Centers. The integration of VCAT exercises fostered critical self-reflection, contributing to a shift in attitudes and strengthening the foundation for rights-based and person-centered care.



Adolescent Girls & Young Women Rights Network.

PYWV joined the AGYW Rights Network in a capacity building workshop designed to improve members' knowledge and approaches to advocacy.

Composed of representatives from AJWS-Supported organizations in Kenya, the workshop helped the members to understand key policy analysis tools, map relevant stakeholders to influence, strengthen advocacy techniques and deepen knowledge of the legislative frameworks upon which our work is premised.

The workshop also allowed the team to finalize the Network's Strategic Plan of action for the future.



Mentorship (School & Community)

Two targeted mentorship sessions with adolescent girls from both school and community settings were conducted. The inaugural session, delivered in collaboration with She's the First, focused on menstrual health and centered the implementation of the [My Period Diary Initiative](#). The second session served as a reflective, listening session for the girls involved in the program, allowing them to share their insights and experiences on what we could do to improve and strengthen the program in the coming year.

PYWV remains committed to co-creating needs centered and rightsholder driven interventions as we address persistent challenges in our community.





CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAYS



International Women’s Day

Storytelling Festival and SRHR Camp



March being the women’s history month, PYWV gets to amplify, support and reflect on the progress towards gender equality and the protection and promotion of rights for all women and girls in their diversity.

In line with the 2025, International Women’s Day theme- For All Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment - PYWV in partnership with MSF, convened young women advocates, creatives and story- telling and provided a platform for the women to share their stories, express solidarity and celebrate each other. Through spoken art, written stories, poetry and music, explored issues of Femicide, Child abuse, domestic violence, sexual violence and more and called

for continued action to address them.

Running concurrently was an SRH camp designed to center the sexual and reproductive health needs of women in their diversity through information and service provision.



For All Women
and Girls:
**Rights. Equality.
Empowerment**



Menstrual Hygiene Day

To commemorate Menstrual Hygiene Day, an extensive medical outreach at the Dandora dumpsite in partnership with Peers Action Community Group, Dandora 1 Health Center, and the MSF Youth-Friendly Center was conducted. During the outreach, 300 dignity kits were given out, reproductive health education, tetanus vaccinations, and multivitamin supplements to the adolescent girls and young women living and working in the dumpsite.

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Through the mentorship and menstrual hygiene day outreach efforts, 500 adolescent girls and young women gained critical menstrual health knowledge. To create further awareness on dignified, safe and accessible menstrual hygiene practices, PYWV participated in a mainstream talk Radio Maisha where we highlighted our work, calling the public to break menstrual stigma and taboos and ensure access to menstrual products for all in need of them.

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Menstrual Hygiene Day outreach at Dandora Dumpsite



Medical Services



- Reproductive health education
- Tetanus vaccinations
- Multivitamin distribution



Dignity Kit Distribution

300

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Partner Collaboration

1. Peers Action Community Group
2. Dandora 1 Health Center
3. MSF Youth-Friendly Center





Menstrual Hygiene Day outreach at the Dandora dumpsite, where dignity kits are distributed to adolescent girls and young women living and working in the area.



Pride Month- Celebrating our Rights and Diversities.

To close out the We Lead Program, PYWV held the 2025 colour festival in pomp and pride. We convened 60 right holders, duty bearers, health care providers, local authorities, staff and funding partners in a colorful and celebratory event that also marked the start of PYWV's Pride month celebrations.

The festival was a platform to affirm and safeguard our rights, advocate and co-create right holders- centered solutions, support and learn together, and promote dignity for young Queer women and young women living with HIV in a safe, innovative and inclusive platform. Participants danced, painted and acted in solidarity for their comprehensive rights and freedom.



Mental Health

Committed to our collective wellness and movement.

To support our psycho-social well being and foster solidarity and movement building, PYWV convened the 2022,2023 and 2024 cohorts of We Lead right holders, alongside PYWV staff and volunteers , for a wellness and team building session.

Guided by a trusted psycho-social counsellor, participants discussed individual and collective accountability to our wholistic wellness in light of global political disruptions to survivor -centered service provision, programming and advocacy that supports young women living with HIV and young women who identify as Lesbians, Bisexuals, Trans and Intersex (LBTI)





SOCIO- ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Strategic Objective: PYWV continues to equip AGYW with financial and entrepreneurship knowledge for improved livelihoods through investment in viable and sustainable economic opportunities for self-sufficiency.

Her Power Program

PYWV's Her Power Program , empowers and equips young women with knowledge ,skills and confidence to pursue socio-economic opportunities and lead change in their communities.

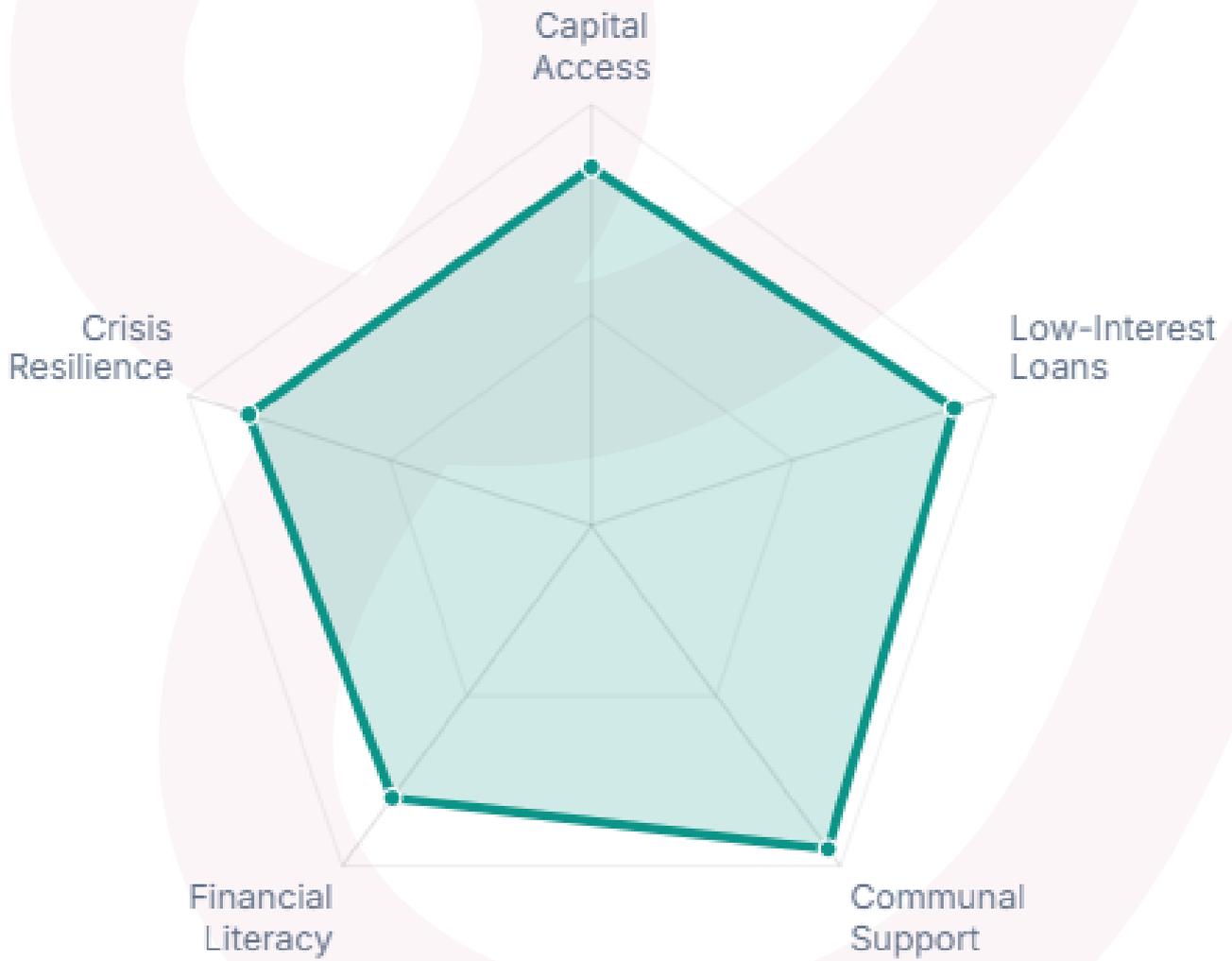


Participants of the Her Power Program during a Graduation Ceremony

This year financial literacy training was conducted for 2 cohorts of young women. The socio- economic empowerment program focused on strengthening economic resilience through financial skills, entrepreneurship skills and business support. 22 young women successfully underwent training, mentorship and practical learning on financial literacy and entrepreneurship, life skills and business development.

After completion, the participants engaged in a business pitching exercise. The pitching session not only enhanced their presentation skills but also boosted their confidence. The program facilitated successful market linkages for most of the young women, with some providing services that were outsourced during the graduation events. 5 young women successfully started their own businesses, while the group as a whole strengthened their networks, fostering a support system. They celebrated 2 graduations that marked their progression to the next level and formulation of a savings group.

The graduates exit the program with enhanced capacity to make informed decisions, start and grow businesses and engage meaningfully in leadership and community initiatives.



Success Stories



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I am 24 years old. I work as a self-employed M-pesa agent. The **Her Power Program** made me more knowledgeable about the M-pesa business. The topic that stood out for me was bookkeeping, which made me learn how to keep records of my business and finances. Before the program, I was earning 7000 to 10,000 kenyan shillings, but after the skills I gained from the **Her program**, I am earning 11000 to 12000 kenyan shillings monthly. The seed grants helped me increase customer-base due to increased transactions, boosted my M-pesa float and increased my monthly commission, however the challenge I am facing is lacking Float to keep the business running. I would recommend **Her Power Program** to enroll and empower more young women.

**BEATRICE
WANJA**



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I am a 22 year old fruit vendor selling mainly avocados and oranges. Before the **Her Power Program**, I used to work as a waitress at a restaurant within Kariobangi. The program gave me an idea of starting my own business and how to manage it. I used to save the reimbursement money I received from the program and this helped me start up my business. I am not sure about my earnings before the **Her Power Program**, but after the program my earning is now 6000 kenyan shillings per month depending on the sales made. I used the seed grant to add business stock. Maintaining cash flow due to shifts in market trends, demand for services decrease; thus affecting sales, money paid to City Council officials to keep the business running and Inadequate income that increases the vulnerability of the business, thus affecting its growth and stability are the challenges I am facing. I would recommend the organization to consider selecting more participants to be awarded for the seed grant. Also follow ups with alumni of the program to enhance continued learning on market trends and how to boost the business.

**Zipporah
Kyuli**



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**MARYANNE
AKINYI OKOTH**

I am 19 years. Before the program, I was helping mom with chores at home, doing a short course in catering and helping mom run her omena business. After the program, I begun selling omena as my own business venture. From **The Her Power Program**, I gained skills and knowledge on how to run and manage a business, as well as devising strategies for competitive advantage. **The Her Power Program** also helped me enhance my independence and divert from the normalized early sexual engagement after high school studies within my home area. I was also able to incorporate the knowledge and skills gained into my business and it helped boost my business compared to when I used to work with my mother. Before joining the program, I used to collect a monthly profit of 500 kshs, this was after purchasing the stock, paying for rent, and other utilities. After joining the program, I collected a monthly profit of 1500 kshs. I was able to set up my own business using the seed grant. This helped me become more stable financially, hence enhancing my livelihood. I was also able to break off friendships and relationships that were detrimental to me. This impacted my productivity and that of the business. I am grateful for the opportunity. I encourage continued efforts on the program since the program is positively impacting the lives of the young women in Dandora as well as their families. Additionally, the program should extend their reach to the young women in Dandora.



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**LIVIA
NYAMBURA**

I am a 23 year old self-employed videographer and photographer. the **Her Power Program** helped me get more knowledge about financial management, I got to understand more on inventory record keeping and I had a deeper understanding of self accountability in my business. Before the program, I was earning 5000 to 8000 kenyan shillings, but after, I am earning between 10000 and 12000 kenyan shillings. From the seed grant, I was able to purchase more tools for my business. The challenges I am facing however are customers are seasonal and at times they reduce, delayed payments from clients and lack of funds to modify the studio. I would recommend the **Her Power Program** to provide seed grant boost after a month.



PARTNERSHIPS & ADVOCACY



STREAM NETWORK

Stepping Stones With Children.

The *Stepping Stones With Children* programme draws on a diverse range of disciplines. It combines the latest neuro-scientific research regarding child development with a gendered, child-rights focused framework. It takes a holistic approach, seeking to achieve multiple positive outcomes across a wide range of issues affecting children as they grow up.

It draws on the creative and performance arts to maximize opportunities for active self-learning. It contains powerful exercises to engage children and their caregivers, convey information, explore norms, discover their abilities and individually and jointly create stronger ways of being and doing. The programme covers issues faced by all young people as they grow up and which may be particularly challenging for those affected by HIV, from friendships at school to relationships, sexuality and livelihoods.

Through the Stepping Stones Trainers engaging with activists Movements (STREAM) Network, PYWV conducted a two-week Stepping Stones With Children workshop, engaging children aged 5-14 and their caregivers on gender norms, communication and fostering supportive environments.



Image: Children and caregivers engage in interactive activities during the Stepping Stones With Children workshop, learning about healthy relationships and gender norms.

The workshop was delivered in age-appropriate formats, with the training exploring healthy and supportive relationships between caregivers and their children, many of whom are predisposed to violence and face adverse childhood experiences.

Following the workshop, PYWV hosted a community stakeholders dialogue, bringing together community leaders, religious leaders, educators, policymakers, health service providers, and civil society partners. The dialogue held space for everyone to reflect, share lessons and explore strategies to sustain impact.



YOUTH POWER DRIVING ESA COMMITMENTS

To ensure no one is left behind, the Eastern and Southern Africa Ministerial Commitment recognized the urgent need for a more systematic scale up of sexuality education and youth friendly SRH services in the region. While important strides have been made, significant gaps and barriers still exist to the realization of the ESA Commitment targets.

An evaluation conducted revealed progress in reducing new HIV infections, increasing comprehensive HIV knowledge and creating a conducive policy environment. However, from the evaluation, it indicated that accelerated efforts were urgently needed to reduce early and unintended pregnancy, gender based violence and curb the effect of humanitarian emergencies, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.



To promote a better understanding of the context in Kenya, foster collaboration, and build stronger engagement, Positive Young Women Voices in collaboration with Restless Development Zimbabwe and HIVOS hosted a National Dialogue on the 21st of May 2025 in Nairobi, brought together 25 Youth Advocates, Civil Society Organizations, County and National Government Stakeholders, and Healthcare providers, all of whom play a pivotal role in the SRHR space.

Image: Youth advocates, civil society representatives, and healthcare providers gather for the National Dialogue on the ESA Commitment, advocating for improved SRHR policies.

The collaboration enhanced Integration of youth voices into local governance where they meaningfully engaged with policymakers. The platform provided young people to claim their rights and hold duty bearers to account on their commitments and advocate for a more inclusive and sustainable ASRHR.



Image: Youth advocates, civil society representatives, and healthcare providers gather for the National Dialogue on the ESA Commitment, advocating for improved SRHR policies.

WE LEAD

A Milestone!

Since its inception in 2022, the *We Lead* programme has been key to PYWV's growth as an organization and has greatly built the capacities of rights holders, staff, and volunteers. By onboarding annual cohorts, PYWV has directly engaged 135 rightsholders, among them 70 young women living with HIV and 65 young LBTI womxn.

Program participants have cited increased knowledge, strengthened networks and movement, and access to opportunities that have enabled them to advocate for their reproductive rights, access non-judgmental services, participate in decision-making forums and spaces, facilitate peer-to-peer support forums, and participate in safe spaces as a result of the We Lead program.

In 2022, PYWV documented some of these stories and We Lead's unique and innovative program approach into a case study that we shared with partners, colleagues, and networks, which has greatly influenced our other programming work.

PYWV has recorded significant outcomes throughout program implementation. Young rights-holders representing PYWV and their peers in key decision-making spaces, including the National Syndemic Disease and Control Council (NSDCC) and the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA), where they are using their voice to shine light on the SRHR needs and lived realities of rights-holders, and consequently push for positive policy change and practice.

Rightholders have been trained on Meaningful Youth Engagement, Intersectionality, and Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) among other key approaches to advocacy that have enabled them to understand and integrate the needs and rights of all in their advocacy efforts. From our interactions with other Community Of Action (COA) organizations, PYWV learned the value of documenting and communicating our impact, which has been a great source of pride for the staff and partners we work with.

PYWV has held in-person, digital, and radio campaigns that have pushed boundaries and shifted narratives in support of the holistic lives of our rights holders.

These have included national and local SRHR-themed radio talk shows, digital takeovers and campaigns, and celebration of international SRHR days, including Pride Month, World AIDs Days and Human Rights Day, among others.

Taking on these public facing campaigns, PYWV learned the need to prioritize the safety and security of our rights holders, staff, and allies, as the issues we advocate around are often controversial and challenging to discuss. This meant adopting basic safety and security practices and devised an organization safety and security plan to help us mitigate and respond to immediate threats.

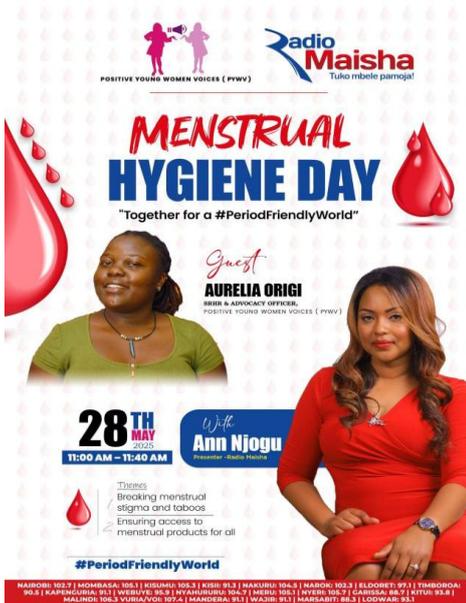
PYWV’s direct engagement with service providers was born out of the We Lead program. Since then, the team has been able to conduct and facilitate social accountability processes within health facilities in Dandora, organize inclusive service delivery forums, improve relationships between service providers and rights holders, and shift health care workers’ attitudes to be more inclusive and responsive to the needs of our rights holders.

These relationships have since developed into regular partnerships in the form of rights-holder-centered dialogues, PYWV facilitates health talks and facility-led continuous medical education processes. PYWV has, over the years, engaged local, county, and national duty bearers and policy makers in support of policy, institutional and budget changes in support of SRHR. These partnerships have been strengthened, which will prove beneficial for PYWV beyond the We Lead program.





COMMUNICATIONS *Desk.*



The communications department advances our advocacy efforts through the online campaigns and by engaging our online audiences. These campaigns aim to fill the knowledge gap that exists regarding policies and laws and give a voice to the diverse groups negatively impacted especially their sexual and reproductive health and rights.

This year, as part of Carving My Future, My Voice, My Safety, My Rights, we brought our work online through the #InclusiveNarratives campaign. The campaign was all about making sure that the stories of people who are too often ignored or misrepresented were heard and valued.

We shared these stories on Instagram and Facebook, published thoughtful articles on our website, and took the conversations to radio.

As a way of confronting the lack of inclusive narratives that perpetuate stereotypes, sustains inequality and limits public understanding of the challenges and contributions of underrepresented groups.



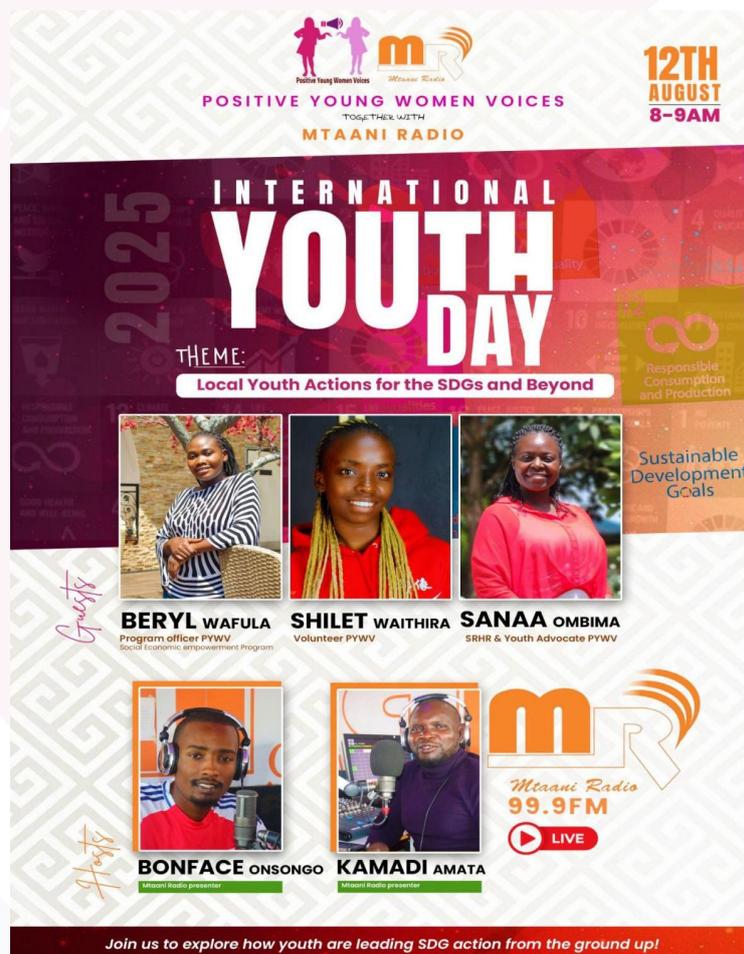
The campaign entailed radio talk shows, social media engagements on X and publishing of articles and blogs; all of which provided an in-depth analysis of the importance of inclusive storytelling and media representation as well as actionable recommendations for change.

Three radio talk shows on Ruben FM, Radio Maisha and Mtaani Radio with different panelists were featured and six articles published on the website from various beneficiaries.

The campaign successfully sparked widespread engagement, prompted discussions,

and provided a platform for individuals to share their narratives. Overall, the collaboration reinforced our relationship with a local media platform that has strong grassroots reach, opening doors for future advocacy opportunities.

The participating staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries gained on-air experience and confidence in public speaking, enhancing PYWV's internal capacity for media engagement.





Our **IMPACT**



PYWV Impact data 2022 -2025

Community Dialogue - 2,541



By placing the community at the centre of these conversations around conflict and violence - we have hosted community dialogues in each of the five phases in Dandora, to better engage with the community and pass the baton to keep the conversations going. This has created an understanding of what triggers violence in our community and better program our activities to bridge the gaps.

Socio-Economic Empowerment - 110

110 impacted: 24 awarded with Seed grants to establish and expand their ventures. The supported enterprise spanned into various sectors including fashion and tailoring, daycare, baking, food vending and small cafes, Rice enterprise, beauty services, Photography, Shoes and Mpesa shops.



110
Impacted •
24 Seed Grants

Everlyne's chapati business



Beatrice's Mpesa shop



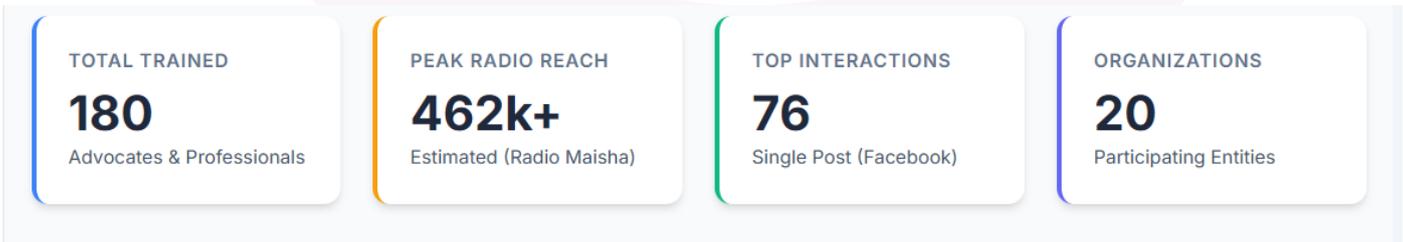


Mentorship - 1,835

We engaged girls both in school and in the community to ensure there is a balance in terms of the groups of Adolescent Girls we reach. This year, we will also explore partnerships with other like-minded organizations working to end period poverty within Dandora and utilize this as an avenue to maximize on our impact.

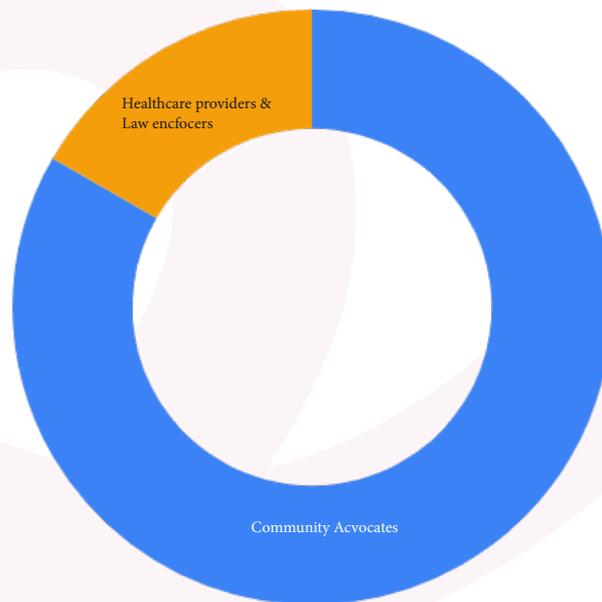


PEVAWG TOT -180



20 organisations reached 30 per session,150 advocates trained. An additional 30 participants who were health care providers and law enforcement officers were also trained bringing the total to 180 persons impacted by the ToT sessions.

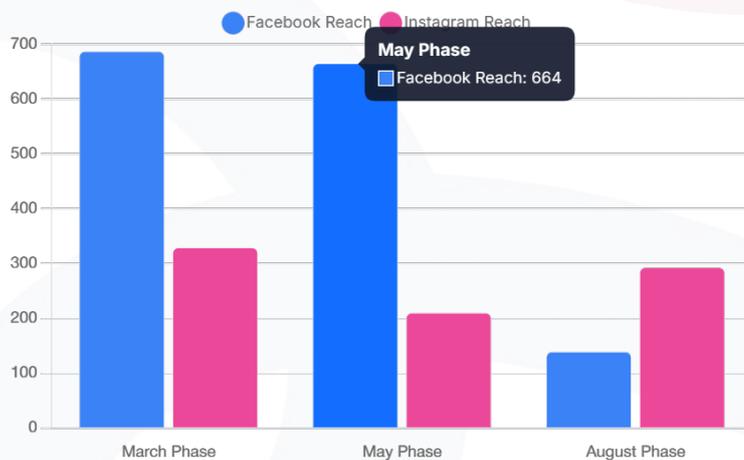




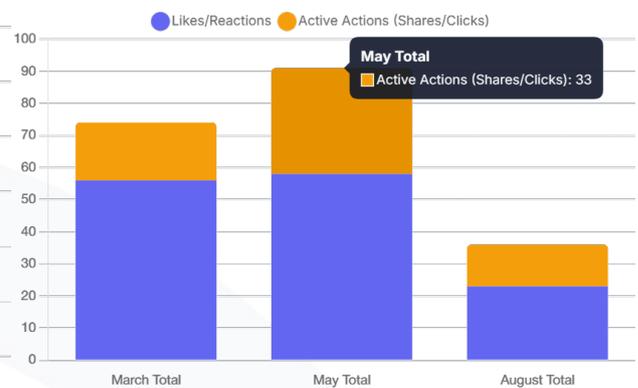
Training Demographics Comparison

In March on Ruben Fm 350,000 people had tuned in. On Instagram we had 450 views on the poster we put up a day before the talk show for people to tune into the show. 17 interactions with the post (13 likes and 4 shares) and 328 accounts were reached.

For Facebook 933 views and the reach was 686, 57 interactions (43 reactions 14 clicks) Month of May, Radio maisha 10.5% of the total number of people living in Nairobi. On Instagram we had 348 views on the poster we put up a day before the talk show for people to tune into the show. Had 184 views 8 likes and 76 accounts were reached. on the poster we put up on the day of the talk show for people to tune into the show. 15 interactions with the post (13 likes and 2 shares) and 209 accounts were reached. For Facebook 696 views and the reach was 664, 76 interactions (45 reactions 31 clicks). As per the recording put up on YouTube by Radio Maisha it had 202 views 6 likes.

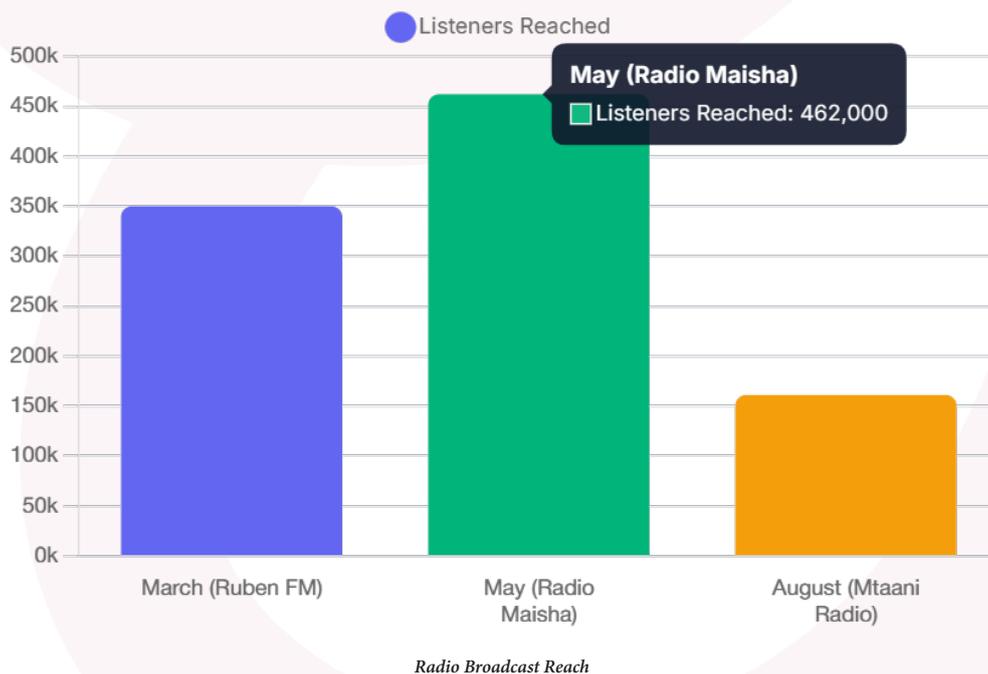


Platform Reach Over Time



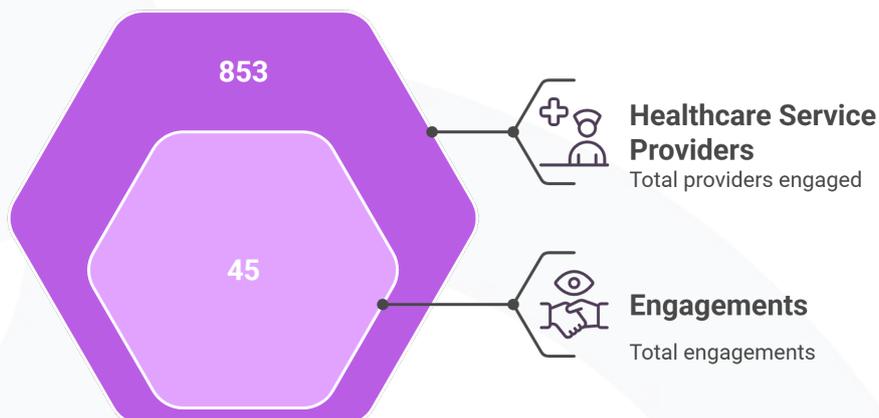
Interaction Quality (Likes vs. Actions)

August radio talk show on mtaani radio 161,000 people tuning in and 145 people engaging online. On Instagram we had 518 views on the poster we put up a day before the talk show for people to tune into the show. 22 interactions with the post (15 likes and 6 shares 1 repost) and 292 accounts were reached and 5 accounts interacted with our profile. For Facebook 252 views and the reach was 138, 14 interactions (8 reactions 6 clicks). As for the recording posted on YouTube by radio mtaani it had 28 views and 2 likes



LBQ Programming

45 Engagements with 853 Healthcare service providers and Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer wxmen directly impacted.

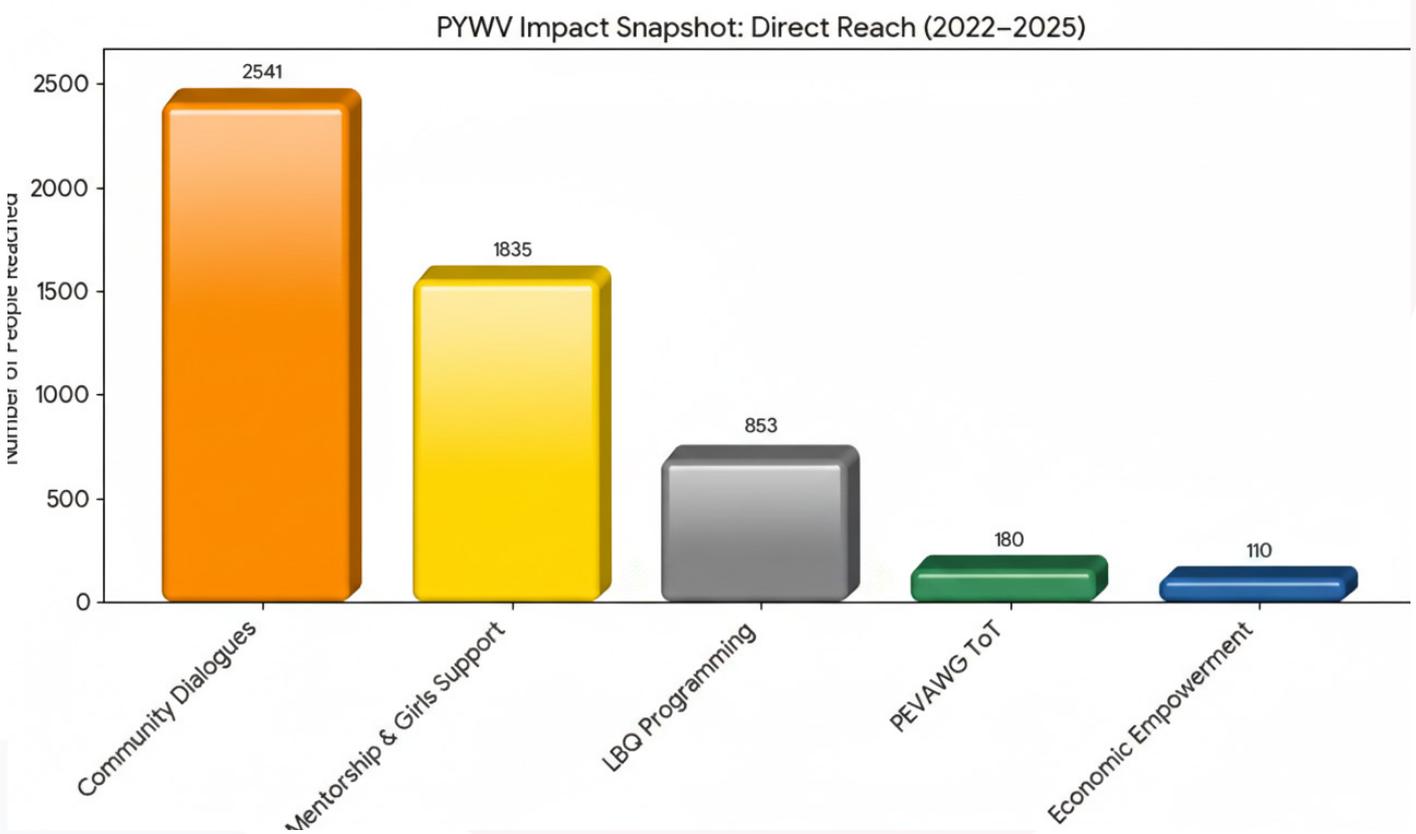




My Tribe

Health care providers, peer mentors and mentor mothers were engaged to ensure the young women who are recipients of care, not only learn but also receive the support they need in terms of treatment adherence, disclosure and continuity of care.

GRAPH:





IMPACT *Stories*



My Journey with PYWV.



Stephanie Jade *Empowered and Thriving*

Growing up as a young girl in the countryside, life was simple and quiet. There were no phones or open conversations about our bodies, relationships, or sexual health. You just grew up and figured things out, often the hard way.

When I moved to Nairobi after high school, I was a naive girl stepping into a fast and unfamiliar world. I didn't know much about myself or what lay ahead.

Then I attended my first PYWV activity as a

mentee. I had never been in a space where young people spoke so openly about issues we could barely whisper about back home. By the time I left, my mindset had completely changed.

As I continued engaging with PYWV, I slowly discovered my true calling in advocacy and community outreach. Over the years, I've grown in my understanding of sexual and reproductive health, mental health, and supporting the LBQ community. PYWV became my home, giving me the confidence and courage to speak up.

Eight years later, I now help young people access healthcare, share information through social media, and create safe spaces for others. With the support of Lucy and Lydia, I found both purpose and family.

Today, I'm empowered, thriving, and still growing.



CLAIRE LUNG'AH

Hope In Action

If someone had told me in 2019 that a single Facebook message would change my career, I would have laughed. But there I was, a fresh Community Health and Development graduate in Dandora, full of dreams and running low on hope.

While researching organizations working on GBV, I came across Positive Young Women Voices. Something about it clicked. I sent Lucy, the Executive Director, what I call my “last shot” message, asking for a volunteer

opportunity.

At that time, I was at one of my lowest points. As a new graduate from a community where GBV and teenage pregnancy felt normal, I was searching for purpose. I wanted to be part of the change, not just talk about it.

Positive Young Women Voices came into my life like a warm sunrise. It became more than an organization; it became family. Through mentorship and training, I unlocked my potential and grew both personally and professionally.

I facilitated PEVAWG sessions, supported mentorship programs, handled case management, and joined community advocacy initiatives. Slowly, my confidence and sense of purpose strengthened.

Looking back, I can say PYWV didn't just shape my career; it shaped who I am. It turned my uncertainty into confidence and my passion into purpose. With a community that believes in you, hope truly finds a way.



BERYL AKOTH

Leading With Excellence!

Volunteering with Positive Young Women Voices has been a truly transformative part of my personal and professional growth. I began my journey as a Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) advocate, engaging young women in meaningful conversations about their health, rights, and overall well-being. This role helped me build confidence in public speaking, advocacy, and community engagement.

I also had the privilege of serving as an Office Administrator, where I supported daily operations, coordination, and communication within the organization. This experience strengthened my administrative and organizational skills, and gave me practical insights into how youth-led initiatives are managed.

In addition, I took part in the Mentorship Program for Adolescent Girls and Young Women, where I helped train and mentor participants on economic empowerment. This was one of the most fulfilling experiences, seeing young women gain knowledge, confidence, and practical skills to better their lives was incredibly rewarding.

Overall, my time with PYWV has shaped me into a more confident leader and passionate advocate. It has enhanced my professional skills, deepened my commitment to community service, and inspired me to continue empowering others. I'm truly grateful to have been part of such a powerful movement for change.



VERAH ODHIAMBO

Vision Boards and New Beginnings

My name is Verah Odhiambo. I am an HIV champion and a young mother of one beautiful daughter who is HIV-negative. I hold a diploma in Social Work, which has been instrumental in making me passionate about championing the needs of vulnerable young persons in my community especially in regard to HIV prevention, management and sexual and reproductive health. I am also an entrepreneur, trained by PYWV on managing small business enterprises under Her Power Program.

Before joining the support group, I struggled with non-acceptance, loneliness and depression. At one point, I thought of giving up my child who at the time was just five months for adoption because I couldn't afford to buy food. I engaged in transactional sex for survival after giving birth, faced stigma from friends and struggled to share my HIV status. Even when I got a job opportunity, I couldn't take it because my baby was only two months old.

During the first support group meeting, I wasn't able to speak because the faces were new. However, listening to other young women's personal stories carried me along. The session on "Gaining Clarity: The Vision Board Workshop" greatly stood out for me. I was able to create a vision board which clearly showed me that I can achieve what I want if I stay focused and ambitious.

My life has changed. I am moving stronger, my child is happy and I can interact freely. I dream of being a better mother, securing a stable job in community work and running a small enterprise. The support group encouraged me to hold on until my child turned negative and today I feel empowered to help others who are still in denial.



ELIZABETH ODHIAMBO
*Seeing the Whole Person:
Lessons in Inclusion*

My name is Elizabeth Odhiambo, a diploma holder in Counseling Psychology. I also have a certificate in Community Health and Development. I have also undergone additional training in Child Protection, GBV Response, Adherence Counseling, HIV Surveillance, Patient Rights, Stigma and Discrimination, HIV Testing Services, 2022 new ART guidelines and PRO-ACT. With nine years of experience in the NGO sector, I have provided psychosocial support and counseling to HIV patients, survivors of GBV, orphans and vulnerable children.

In my role, I spearhead improvements of adherence to ART treatment, retention and viral load suppression through home visits, effective case management, support groups and treatment preparation. I also supervise peer mentors, lead multidisciplinary teams in discussing difficult cases and coordinate service provision to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) right holders at household level.

The training on SOGIE, SRHR and intersectionality stood out for the clarity with which it explained the difference between sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Although I thought I understood the basics, the real-life examples deepened my knowledge. A powerful moment was hearing a participant share how often they are mislabeled or misgendered. Realizing how such “small” acts carry immense emotional weight shifted my perspective. It opened my eyes to the fact that inclusion is not only about policies but about daily actions that affirm identity.

I believe that when all members of a community regardless of age, gender or language are able to access preventive care and timely treatment, then the whole population becomes healthier. For this reason, my message to fellow healthcare workers is simple: Remove barriers, see the whole person, avoid judgment and protect confidentiality as you would want yours protected.



ANN NDUKU

Financial Literacy Journey

My name is Ann Nduku and my journey began in Dandora, where I enrolled in the financial literacy classes offered by Positive Young Women Voices organisation that became the turning point of my life. As a young woman searching for direction, I walked into those sessions with simple hopes. But these programs gave me far more: they expanded my dreams, sharpened my goals, and awakened a confidence I never knew I had. Their mentorship, belief, and unwavering support became the light guiding every step of my transformation.

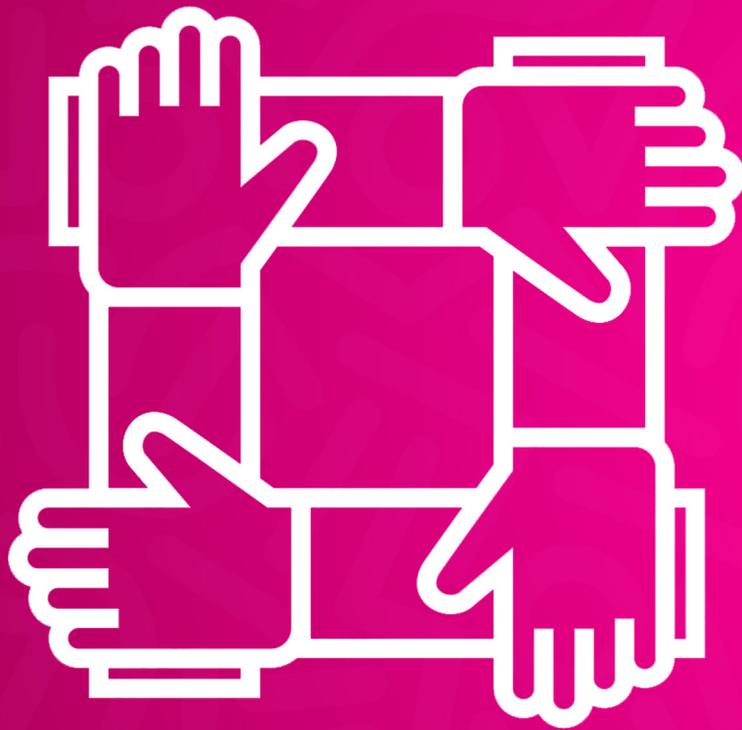
Even before completing the program, I used the small transport stipend we received to start building a daycare business. It became proof that the lessons I was learning discipline, vision, and courage had taken root in me. After graduating, I received startup support, which I invested in essential learning and play materials for the children under my care. This strengthened my business and deepened the trust of parents in my community.

One day, through our WhatsApp group, I came across a post advertising a KCB Foundation scholarship. With the boldness and clarity inspired by Positive Young Women Voices, I applied and I was selected. Today, I proudly study Fashion Design, living a dream I once thought was too big for someone like me.

My story is proof that small steps, when guided by knowledge, mentorship, and opportunity, can create powerful change. I am still growing, still learning, and determined to inspire other young women the same way I was inspired.

I stand where I am today because Positive Young Women Voices believed in the limitless potential of young women. Their impact will live in my story forever.

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The partnerships have strengthened PYWV’S profile, reputation and boosted the organization’s visibility.

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