



Spotlighting KENYA

HER Voice Fund Ambassador Represents Botswana at the 9th International SRHR & HIV Workshop



The HER Voice Fund (HVF), coordinated nationally by Y+ Kenya, supports adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) to lead advocacy on HIV, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and gender-based violence (GBV). In a context shaped by the “triple threat” of new HIV infections, teenage pregnancy, and GBV, the Fund strengthens AGYW leadership, resourcing grassroots organisations to translate lived experience into policy influence.

Through a youth-led and feminist approach, HVF Kenya has supported community-based organisations to expand access to services,

strengthen safeguarding and referral systems, and secure AGYW representation in decision-making spaces. Across counties, AGYW have shifted from community dialogue to county- and national-level advocacy, ensuring that policies reflect lived realities.

Key outcomes include improved survivor referral pathways for GBV, strengthened safeguarding and PSEAH frameworks within youth networks, increased county-level advocacy on SRHR and HIV, and AGYW representation on technical working groups shaping health and gender policies.

Angaza Youth Initiative – Kilifi County

Through the Empower Her Rise project, Angaza Youth Initiative supported AGYW in Kilifi North and Magarini to access education and advocate for SRHR. In partnership with Tiko Africa, 900 AGYW were reintegrated into secondary school through support for fees, uniforms, and sanitary supplies.

Angaza also strengthened AGYW leadership through Know Your Rights forums, sexuality education dialogues, and participation in technical working groups, including advocacy for the Kilifi County Sexuality Guide. AGYW further used creative advocacy tools, producing the award-winning short film *Silenced Whispers* in partnership with the African Population and Health Research Centre, highlighting barriers to SRHR access.

As a co-founder of the Rise and Rally SRHR Advocacy Network, Angaza has positioned AGYW from Kilifi as contributors to national reproductive health discussions.



**Kilifi
North**



MOYOTE - Nairobi



Nairobi

MOYOTE implemented the My Body, My Rights, My Future project in Nairobi's informal settlements, including Dandora, Kayole, and Mukuru. The initiative created safe spaces for AGYW, particularly young mothers and those living with HIV, to engage on SRHR, GBV, and the triple threat.

Over 400 AGYW participated in community dialogues, street theatre, and digital storytelling initiatives focused on bodily autonomy, consent, and access to services. MOYOTE also connected community voices to county-level SRHR policy discussions, ensuring perspectives from informal settlements informed Nairobi's health priorities.

MOYOTE - Nairobi



Nairobi

Through Voices of Dignity, Eagle Neema reached over 500 AGYW and young mothers in Nyeri County with information on HIV prevention, menstrual health, and GBV. The project combined school and community dialogues with mentorship from young women role models to build confidence and leadership skills.

As a result, five AGYW now sit on the Nyeri County NSDCC Technical Working Group, contributing to strategies addressing HIV, teenage pregnancy, and GBV. One AGYW advocate also represented Nyeri at the National Devolution Conference, calling for youth-led solutions to health and gender inequality.

Rising Winners Youth Empowerment Initiative (RWYEI) – Kilifi County



Through the HER Space Project, RWYEI reached more than 1,400 AGYW across Kaloleni, Kilifi South, and Rabai. The project trained AGYW, including young mothers and girls living with HIV, as peer advocates to lead SRHR education, HIV, TB and malaria awareness, and community dialogues challenging harmful gender norms.

AGYW champions engaged health facilities and county officials to improve service responsiveness and inclusion. Their advocacy has influenced county-level discussions on health investment, gender equality, and youth inclusion, strengthening AGYW leadership in local decision-making.



**Kaloleni,
Kilifi South, &
Raba**

Community Aid Transformation Alliance Group (CATAG) – Homabay County



CATAG focused on shifting harmful norms and strengthening AGYW advocacy in Homabay County. The organisation trained 120 AGYW champions in digital skills, community engagement, SRHR, GBV prevention and response, and mental health and self-care.

AGYW champions reached over 4,000 peers through school outreach, community dialogues, radio talk shows, and social media engagement. Their advocacy contributed to key policy processes, including the Homabay County Integrated Development Plan (2022–2027), the County SGBV Policy, and the Adolescent and Youth SRHR Framework.



**Homabay
County**