

2024

ANNUAL REPORT

Community Voices Network, Year In Review!

2024 was a rollercoaster, some wins and challenges but definitely worth the ride.

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We spotlight the successes and achievements of Community Voices Network, a community-led organization that is youth-led and women powered started by a group of young people from Korogocho who went through social and health injustices and are determined to ignite change in their communities, For Us, By Us.

Mind Blow

We are living in an unequal world where some people have access to resources, knowledge and skills to help them realize their potential while the most marginalized are left behind. This inequality not only hinders learning and development but also promotes cycles of poverty and social disparity, impacting families' communities and economies.

CVN impact in 2024



2382

Adolescents and young people reached through our physical community programs



310

Young people linked with SRHR and SGBV services in 5 informal settlements (Korogocho, Viwandani, Majengo, Kayole, and Mathare) facilitated by CVN's online and community engagements.



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youth empowered through training, mentorship and linkage to education and livelihoods opportunities.



See what happens when young people take the lead inspiring community actions!

Media engagements: We organized and led 8 TikTok live sessions on different adolescents and youth issues, we attended 6 media shows (KU TV, Koch FM, Ruben FM, Pamoja Radio, and pearl Radio) holding discussions on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, Climate Change, Mental Health, Food Security, poverty and other social justice issues that impact the youth.

Published Articles: We wrote 6 progressive articles on the different social and health injustices on the Star, Nation and the Standard.



#CommunityVoices 2024



Key media highlights

1. **Community Voices Network at KU TV:** Across borders, youth-led movements unite against unreliable health systems and inadequate youth-friendly services, creating a global front for change. In the face of this revolution present an opportunity for advancing the agenda for meaningful youth engagement in the space of adolescent and youth sexual reproductive health. At Ku TV, our from Sauti Zetu Hub, Mercy Mugecha and Mary Maina share their vision on meaningful youth engagement in Sexual Reproductive Health programming in line with the Gen Z revolution.
2. Community Voices Network Executive Director **shares an article titled the power of naming and story telling in the fight against sexual and gender based violence:** In 1991, at St. Kizito Secondary school, a school located in Meru town, 306 boys attacked a girls' dormitory leading to death of 19 girls, 71 girls were raped and over 81 were injured. On witnessing the outcomes of these attacks, the then President, Moi shed tears. Today, the school has changed its name to St Cyprian Boys High School, perpetrators were all released and the survivors who some are parents of girls continue to pay for the price of these injustice, they suffer from trauma and stigma. These unfortunate incident can be the driving fuel for anti-gender based violence activism unfortunately not many activist leave alone Kenyans know about the incident.

Key Milestones

1. For youth-led grassroots organizations like us, financial challenges that limit our growth are common, **acquiring a running office space and a youth resource center in 2024** has not only helped us with a space to work reducing cost on venues but also increased our credibility positioning us for meaningful partnerships and potential funding.



2. For actions to combat climate change to be owned and driven by grassroots, we must ensure that Climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts are viewed from the lens of communities. To contribute to this dream, **we partnered with Communities from The Bahamas and Young People from Nairobi's informal settlement to develop Community Climate Change and Health Handbook, for us, by us.**



Stori Zetu (Our Story)

“Being part of Community Voices Network has really transformed me. As a young teen mother, I have faced a society that often doubts the abilities of teen moms, assuming they cannot lead or make meaningful contributions. Finding people who believed in me and entrusted me with a leadership role has been truly life changing. As a Sauti Zetu Hub Miss President, it has shown me I can rise above societal expectations and be a pillar of hope and inspire others to see potential where others see limitations. In the future, I see myself mentoring young people and teen moms to lead impactful initiatives that create inclusive spaces for growth and empowerment. I would want to be a source of hope and support others just like Community Voices Network has been for me to empower young people to lead and create positive change in their communities.”

Lucy Njeri, Ms President, Sauti Zetu Hub



Kudos to Us! Our Badge of Honor

Juggling school, relationships, youth challenges and passion for change is not easy for any young person. As a youth-led and youth serving organization we appreciate partners and individuals who see and recognize our work. **In 2024, Planned Parenthood Global awarded us the Brave Fund Award giving us hope and inspiring us to keep leading change.** Thank you Planned Parenthood Global for being our first funder.



We are grateful for the opportunities, the growth, and the partners who contributed to our success in 2024. Thank you for being part of our community.



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