

Community Voices Network 2025 Report



Executive Summary

Key Note from The Executive Director

When the year 2025 begun, Community Voices Network team wanted so much, we wanted to scale to other parts of the country, we wanted to build our systems, we wanted to deepen our impact, we wanted money, we wanted every informal settlement to experience our awesomeness and what it meant for young people with lived experiences to lead. These dreams scared me as a leader. Community Voices team were anxious but we chose to show up every single day. We showed up for ourselves and for our community.

This newsletter tells our story, the moments that energized us, moments that challenged us, our failures and lessons learnt. The success and the resilience of Community Voices Network wouldn't have been possible without the support of our partners, friends, young people from different parts of the country and most importantly the community of Korogocho who are our foundation.

With Appreciation,
Ritah Anindo

Mind Blow: Daring to Believe

For far too long, the narrative around Korogocho, Viwandani, Mathare and other informal settlements has been that of recurring cycle of teenage pregnancies, drug abuse, poverty and crime. But amidst these challenges, there is a beacon of hope! Informal settlements are fertile grounds for innovation, walk in one of the slums in Nairobi, you will see a lot of young people leading change, you will see urban farming, powerful graffiti calling for social justice, informal schools, and thriving small businesses in food and the arts industries. This is where resilience and creativity flourish.



Daring to Show up Imperfectly, CVN impact in 2025!

If there is one thing that 2025 has taught us is that young people from informal settlements are not waiting to be saved, they are organizing, leading, and rewriting the narrative of youth leadership. Here is Community Voices' Impact in 2025;

- ✓ 5700+ adolescents and youth in Nairobi (Korogocho and Viwandani) and Kiambu reached through our physical community programs on Sexual Reproductive Health, Education and Livelihoods.
- ✓ 150 stakeholders including parents, healthcare providers, children officers, chiefs and teachers mobilized and engaged through our quarterly stakeholders engagements.
- ✓ 600 adolescents and young people in Nairobi were linked with SRHR and SGBV services in Korogocho and Viwandani facilitated by CVN's online and community engagements.
- ✓ 170 clients from Korogocho, Dandora and Kariobangi were offered mental health services through Bonga Wellness Community model.
- ✓ 160 youth empowered through training, mentorship and linkage to education and livelihoods opportunities.

Daring to be Seen:Media Engagements



We created 126+ user generated content/podcasts/videos, led 4 TikTok live sessions, 2 X spaces and attended 12 radio shows at Koch FM, Mtaani Radio, and Sikiliza FM holding discussions on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, Climate Change, Mental Health, Food Security, poverty and other social justice issues that impact the youth.



Community Voices Network members have published 15+ progressive articles on different social justice issues on both national newspapers and global platforms.

IT ENDS WITH US

**BREAKING THE CYCLES
OF TEEN PREGNANCIES
IN KOROGOCHO**

**KOCH FM
RADIO**

**LUCY NAMU
SAUTI ZETU PRESIDENT**

NOV 12, 2025 **11:00A.M**

COMMUNITY VOICES
NETWORK

CATALYSTS
BOLD
UNAPOLOGETIC
AFRICA-LED

Daring to build, Community Voices Network Key Milestones in 2025

The birth of Bonga Wellness

For us, creating innovations that work for us and for others is important. In 2025, Community Voices launched Bonga Wellness, the first Community mental health Center in Korogocho. Bonga Wellness is a holistic model that utilizes developmentally appropriate, culture-sensitive, and context-specific interventions, including play-based interventions, art therapy, and positive parenting to support the mental health of adolescents and youths.

CVN Strategic plan 2025-2028

Community Voices Network together with stakeholders from the Community of Korogocho developed and launched CVN Strategic plan 2025-2028 , a clear roadmap for strengthening community-led advocacy, youth leadership, resource mobilization thus sustaining Community Voices.



Daring to build, Impact and Milestones in 2025

Rise and Rally 2026

Community Voices convened the first National Youth SRHR Rise and Rally Convening which brought together 17+ youth-led organizations from different parts of the country to forge pathways for sustaining the AYSRHR movement amidst the shrinking funding landscape and other emerging global and local challenges.

CVN segregated data

0-5 years -9 female 5 male.= 14 children

6-12 years 251 female, 173 male- 424 children

13-24 years, 3900 female, 1647 male 20 others = 5700 persons

Overall total - 6138 persons reached



Daring to Dream, From Informal Settlements of Korogocho to Global Stages!

When we started Community Voices Network, we did not imagine that the organization would see any light in global stages. In 2025, Community Voices Network members had a chance to attend the following global platforms;

The Move 92 Partner gathering in Bangkok, Thailand; Rest is an act of resistance. We joined 36+ grassroots organizations funded by [Move 92](#) across the world to rest, reflect, and deepen our connections. Thank you, Move92, for making this possible for us.

The African Region Global Health Reform Dialogue a critical space that brought together African governments, Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector, the Youth and other stakeholders shaping Africa's unified voice in the global health architecture. Here is the link to the [output document](#).

Community Voices Network participated in the BNN Summit in Uganda themed, "Our Voices, Our Power, Our Future. " BNN is a space that is powered by a billion BRAVE young people (B!lls) in charge of their bodies, cultures, and destinies.

Sponsored by [Global Fund For Children](#), Community Voices attended the African Regional Convening toward Women Deliver, a forum led by Sonke Gender Justice which brought together bold voices shaping the future of SRHR across Africa.

#CommunityVoices 2025



#WomenDeliver



Be the change
you want to see



#BONGA



#AHAIC

#youthpower



#Move92

BNN
SUMMIT



Global Health Reforms

Sharing recommendations from our grassroots work, Community Voices Network was represented at the The Africa Health Agenda International Conference (AHAIC 2025), held in Kigali, Rwanda, a conference aimed at promoting Africa-led thought leadership in health.

Daring to Speak- Stori Zetu (Our Story)



“I got pregnant when I was 16 but this does not define me. I am passionate about helping other girls and boys linking them to education and health opportunities because I know what it means to lack.

I am so many things, a community health promoter, a mentor in Korogocho and a mother of two. At Community Voices Network, I am one of the founding members of the organization, I support admin, logistics and community mobilization. I am still not very confident but I believe that my work speaks for itself. I make sure that everyone is set to work, referrals are well coordinated and documented and the environment is conducive for both participants staff and volunteers. Through my team's support I started the Dance4Choice project, I am inspired by my own story to do good to other adolescents and teen mothers. I am also passionate about Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights.”

Ritah Akinyi Ochieng'- Community Voices Network Admin and Logistics Officer

Gratitude



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Thank you for Being Part of Our community in 2025!



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