



**VOICE OF YOUTH
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Annual Report 2021

EMPOWERING YOUTHS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



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ABOUT US

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

VOYOTA is a youth NGO founded by vibrant youth and legally registered under Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender Elderly and Children with the aim to raise youth awareness by sharing experience and knowledge through a range of activities.

VOYOTA's vision is A Tanzania society with unlimited possibilities and transformative opportunities for youth. VOYOTA's mission is to support youth effort from the grassroots to national level by promoting social welfare, conducting environmental protection campaigns, running youth development trainings and decision-making participation.

VOYOTA's main objective is to address youth contemporary and crosscutting issues by making sure that we invest much of our resources in transforming and shaping their behavior, attitude and perception towards decent and better living.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is VOYOTA Annual report starting January to December 2021. This Report summarizes the activities implemented in the area of Sex and Reproductive health, Environmental Conservation, Economic empowerment and development and Civic engagement, Human Right and Gender empowerment. Through different project and activities. The most interested In 2021 V O Y O T A Managed conduct different trainings as to build the capacity of more than 300 AGYW on civic education , Policy review ,Advocacy trainings SRH and Gender equality where participants had an opportunity to learn and to understand challenges ,the meaning of being a leader on social and political for them to elect or been elected in different decision making positions.



1. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMENS

Participants through AGYW leadership training got the class to learn the principle that lead the women on leadership substance such as volunteerism that will make them to be consciousness and crate top networking toward other level on leadership. And other thing is respectful and bring people together this will help them as women to be respected if they will start to show respect other people in community, and as women must know the technique on how to bring people together as well as being truth.

Also AGWY knew the types of leader in political subject, as they said, they know other leader may cause the problem and other leader who follows leadership code may be the roots of good obsession and community development. Other types of leader is that leader who use power to role and leave law behind and famous name called dictator, this is not good type of leading if the leader has the future to develop his people.

VOYOTA manage to conduct leadership training to 30 AGYW from three ward Usa River, Maji Ya Chai and Embasen , where participants had an opportunity to lean and to understood the meaning of being a leader on social and political for them to elect or been elected in different decision making positions participants got the chance to mention the Women who see is the good example in country, most of AGYW mention Mama Samia Suluhu Hassan who is sixth President of Tanzania and another one Jokate Mwegelo who was film actress but now is the District Commissioner also through workshop participants got a chance to ask questions and god answers for them to know their rights ,also they promised to be good peer to other AGYW and The Aim of this training was to prepared the AGYW to go through themselves on leadership rivalry.

Alliance Building: Other session in this training was alliance building working out where participants leant how they can form good structure during the leading competition as women without think to have impediment that can chunk them.

And community building possibly will bring excellent effect to develop young women and adult girls getting to the first chair on decision making level.

And this dwindle the relationship as well as lend a hand or show the mode to get to the target. All done through **HER VOICE PROJECT.**



Adolescent Girls and Young Women Leadership Training

POLICY REVIEW TRAININGS



VOYOTA Managed to conduct two workshop on policies and policies review where the participants in two different period of time and had chance to understand the Policies, Legal frameworks and international declaration which Tanzania as a country signed which protects the rights of women as human rights. All participants had group work to review some conventions, policies and laws for better understanding, Three policies was being conversed in this training, and that policies was ESA Commitment, National Youth Development Policy and National Health policy, but the most known policy is National Youth Development policy which known as Kiswahili as *“Sera ya Maendeleo ya Vijana”*. AGYW be on familiar terms with which protocol done by Tanzania to get the new policy. There is some stage other country may use before to come with new policy, during the policy preparation up to implementation . All participants had group work to review some conventions, policies and laws identifying the gapes and comes up for recommendation to overcome the gapes identified



ADVOCACY TRAINING FOR AGYW ON HEATH CARE

VOYOTA managed to conduct a one workshop on Advocacy and strategy where the participants had a chance to learn the concept of advocacy and Advocacy Approach. The presentation done well and participants gain a lot on Advocacy and they can be use as the smart way to encourage young women and girls to speak on the public to promote right for the women and girl by using social media, that is the one of the new media in global. Advocacy know as *“Uchechemuzi”* in Swahili language. In this training, Voice of Youth Tanzania strive to see what girls and young women dare to do with six months on advocacy issues and some of them realized have been doing advocacy work without them to know that was an advocacy work. Majority of girls tried to incredible on advocacy substance but most of them have no knowledge on how to better advocacy on their community as well as they did not understand the meaning of Advocacy while some time, they use as the method of educate their society.



Top: *Group presentation photo on advocacy.*

Bottom: *Pastor Witness facilitating during of advocacy training for AGYW*

YOUTH BUDGET DIALOGUE



VOYOTA in collaboration with Tanzania Youth Vision Association conducted a post-budget dialogue which was held at MS-TCDC in Arusha Tanzania whereby the main facilitators of this post budget dialogue was Tanzania Youth Vision Association (TYVA). The dialogue involve youth leaders from political parties district councils, WEO, PLWD, CSO's and Youth groups

The main aim of involving different people from different sectors was to have a wide range of opinions and ideas from all sectors that govern the total development procedures from low level to high level of the government, also this was to a have a wide range of data from the people as the scope of budget and its progress covers a wide range of activities. The post budget dialogue mainly was held under the guidance of two objectives. The first objective was to look upon the challenges that affect the whole process of budgeting from different levels as we were given questions to explain the challenges that we are facing while implementing the progress of budget and its tax collection, the second objective was to give out budget progress in Tanzania on how the structure of tax collection expenses and income. 25 attended



AGYW AND YOUTH DIALOGUES 2021

VOYOTA through HER Voice project organized and facilitate 6 AGYW dialogues on their Health and Rights, digital rights, digital opportunity and at all wards where the Her Voice Project is implemented, this was a result of the policies and SRH training which rose the need for the community members to participate also through these dialogues the Case studies were identified and documented. All dialogues coordinated by AGYW ambassador in collaboration with VOYOTA partners and local government authorities at village levels gives good support of making all dialogues happen through mobilizing other AGYW from the villages. Through this 130 AGYW reached



EAST AFRICA COMMUNITY SRHR BILL

Since 2018 VOYOTA championing to exist of EAC SRH bill,2021 VOYOTA attended two meeting one held in Dodoma and the second held in Dar Es Salaam The meetings brought representatives from different organs which includes Civil Society Organization (CSOs), Faith Based Organization (FBOs), Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), Government trough Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Parliament of Tanzania and East African Legislative Assembly (EALA). The main objective of the meeting was to pass through the Bill and recommend on how Tanzania as a Country and Member of East African Countries will merge her Local or context Law and regulation to ensure Sexual Reproductive Health Law is applied regarding the context of Tanzanian for the purpose of helping Young men and women, Elderly People, People with Special needs and Others attain their Health rights regardless their status and without breaking the Law of the Country.



Group Photo of National Consultative Meeting on East African Sexual Reproductive Health Bill, 2021

SAUTI YA KIJANA SCHOOL CLUB 2021

In 20217 school clubs were visited for training conducted including UNAMBWE, Good will, Ngongongare, Muungano, Maruvango and Uraki ,Nashori ,secondary schools. The aiming of this visits was torevive them, leadership election and training on SRH and gender Based Violencies. For Year 2021 a total of 800 students were reached. Also VOYOTA managed to conduct leadership training to the leaders of Sauti ya Binti clubs in 6 Secondary schools who were accompanied by their Matrons making the total of 38 participants. The session started by doing self-assessment on their Leadership needs assessment and letar on following by leadership training that makes them awaken to play their role to the school



HEDHI YANGU, UTU WANGU.

Campaign conducted by VOYOTA with the aiming to saving young women and school girls living in hard environment by providing reproductive health education, Menstrual Hygiene Managements and sanitary pads. The program started to be implemented at Mgeta Morogoro and Maruvango Secondary School in Arusha where by School girls provided with reproductive health education and sanitary pads.

VOYOTA Managed to provide 1000 sanitary pads to school girls from remote area school in Arusha and Morogoro these pads were donated by local supporters



GENDER CARAVAN



On 13th October 2021, Voice of Youth Tanzania joined other government organization and non-government organization to receive the Gender caravan in Arusha region. The Gender caravan was for making awareness in Tanzania about the right and important of Women from village to inherence the land, within this one day, the caravan travel in three regions in southern party of Tanzania and safari start from Mwanza region on 12th October and arrive in Manyara the next day of 13th October. The aim of this caravan was to make awareness to Tanzania community especial for the people who live in village to understand the women right where the village community got opportunity to participants on this awareness campaign. During these caravan events, VOYOTA participated to lead the events before caravan events and during the caravan. The event was held in Kikatiti ward where different gender obtains the probability to attend and women entrepreneurs got a chance to exhibit their hand made products

SIXTEEN DAYS OF ACTIVISM



VOYOTA in partnership with Vision for Youth, Glorious Foundation, WEHAF, Mwanamke Imara, Okoa New generation, Meru District Council hold a dialogue on 16days of activism that facilitate by Inspector Lydia from police gender, Monica from America, Community Development office from DED office, the guest of honor was ASP Kajianate who is assistant of Regional Police Commander(RPC) and the respected guest was Mr. Japhet Kurwa who is Arusha regional youth office, during the event also VOYOTA gives women entrepreneur a space for exhibition and 30 women entrepreneur exhibited their products and the event in total attend more than 200 people. Through our peace matching advocacy number of community citizen joined us on the road and others stand around the road and reading our different GBV and human rights messages



In sixteen days of activism VOYOTA manage to give awards to Inspector Lidya Naftari who is a district gender desk office, Lidya Naftali works close with CSOs TO SUPPORT GBV Cases in Meru Arumeru district and join many CSOs field work and community awareness on gender based violence ,VOYOTA Recognise her works through awarded her a trophy and VOYOTA in collaboration with Vision for youth awarded Regional youth office his support to CSOs in Arusha region Mr. Japhet Kurwa ,he has been very supportive of growth of many youth organization



VOYOTA managed to conduct online campaign on sixteen days of activism ,and conducting 5 radio talk show to address the challenge of gender based violence to the community ,the radio talk shows hosted by Radio five, Radio one ,TBC fm. Arusha One and Sunrise radio.





2. ENVIRONMENT PRESERVATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE



BACK 2 GREEN PROJECT

Since 2018, Voice Of Youth Tanzania was conducted a special program on Environmental Conservation and Management as one among the Organization's thematic area or working area through Back 2 Green Program with the Purpose of conducted all Environment related activities including Planting trees in different areas, conserving sources of water, educating People on how to manage and reduce wastes from homestead and markets by giving them alternative way on how to reuse or recycle wastes into other forms of valuable products or materials. Back2Green is Sustainable socio-climate change initiative that bringing youth together for the purpose of participating in environment management sharing knowledge about climate change situation and environment conservation in general. Through the project in 2021 VOYOTA managed to do the following:-

- 1 Impactful peace walk Campaign with the slogan Climate Justice is equal to Social Justice with the purpose of awakening People by raising awareness on the importance of respecting, conserving and protecting Environment since the life and rights (Social rights) of human life and other living Organisms on Earth depends much on clean, conducive and life supporting Environment such like availability of plenty water, arable land for agriculture, enough rain fall and mild temperature for life of living organisms The activity target was to protect and conserve Environment and to ensure the Challenge of Climate Change is tackled by planting trees, raising awareness on Environmental conservation,

- 2 VOYOTA managed to establish one site tree nurseries with 1000 trees, the nursery established for the purpose of distributing trees to the public area and community for promoting afforestation and tree planting, some of trees giving out to partner who joined the cause



- 3 VOYOTA in collaboration with ECESA-Africa, Ms-TCDC, conducted three online dialogues where many people from Tanzania joined and participated and also VOYOTA managed to plant 2133 trees in Meru District Council, trees were planted in two schools Maruvango Secondary School, Kiwawa Secondary School, Kisambare village





3. HUMAN RIGHT AND GENDER

Sio Poa –Tokomeza Ukatili Wa Kijinsia

VOYOTA in collaboration with WIDE organization conducted community campaign and capacity building activities aimed to create awareness, promote gender equality and activation of male champion “BodaBoda riders” as change agents in Arumeru District. The campaign covered three wards of Imbaseni, Maji ya Chai and Usa River which have higher rates of SGBV and IPV and characterized by having higher population in the district.

SIO POA-Tokomeza Ukatili wa Kijinsia is a social behaviour change campaign that increased awareness on gender equality, sexual gender-based violence and Intimate Partners Violence through engagement of men and boys working as bodaboda riders. The campaign involved Police Gender and Children Desk, Community Development Officers and Media i.e., Radio, Television and Partners and MET members’ social media (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram).

The campaign fostered men and boys’ engagement approach and mobilized 117 Bodaboda riders physically who to the large extent are left behind and most of the programs designed for Gender Based Violence (GBV) awareness creation, sensitization and capacity building are not adequately engaging these group, hence lack of awareness on issues related to Gender Equality and Gender Based Violence’s keep on increasing at the alarming rate. We supply stickers, refractors and poster, we conducted 4 radio talk show and online social media advocacy campaign.





4. INTERNATIONAL DAYS



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On 8th march 2021 more than 100 Women from difference wards in Meru District Council joined together to celebrate the National Women's Day.



This commemoration was organized by Meru District council and Voice Of Youth Tanzania invited other women from different wards and organization to participate on this day, that started by Women peace walking, who walked five Kilometers in Usa River ward, through this day we achieved to visit elders and giving them support.



WORLD CLEANNESS DAY



In 18th September 2021, voice of Youth Tanzania organizes World Cleanup Day that was commemorated at Meru Dc in Arusha, where organizations participated together with college students and other community member. where this event started from USA to IMBASENY Ward. Voice of Youth Tanzania has been commemorating this day every year since 2017 and environment is the one of the VOYOTA Thematic area.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF A GIRL CHILD



On top of 11th October 2021 Voice of Youth Tanzania organized and facilitated digital training on International Day of the Girl Child guided with the main theme of "DIGITAL GENERATION OUR GENERATION". Different people participated in this training, including ENNASO, Vision for Youth, Okoa New Generation, glorious foundation, Mwanamke Imara Foundation, university students and other volunteers from different places. International Day of a Girl Child is held in every year on 11th October mainly to recognize girl's rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world. In this training people managed to participate fully according to their own experience explaining what they have achieved through using social Medias where by some of the participants have benefited through using social medias while others social medias have brought bad impacts to them.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY



International Youth Day know as "SIKU YA VIJANA DUNIANI" have being celebrate in the world since 1999 after recognized by the United National for the purpose of make young people in community development, education, politics, volunteering as input and the first celebration was celebrate in 2000 as first IYD commemoration. In Tanzania IYD has been celebrated by different activity that organized by CSOs in partnership with regional government to show the different impact of youth in country and community. In 2021, the Theme of IYD day was "Transforming food systems Youth innovation for human and planetary health" and this was come as message that can be discussed by youth and see how youth may participate on innovation save the world through food system. During International Youth Day, Arusha region did different activity and one was the dialogue where youth meet together with other Youth stakeholder and other organization for the argument possibly will show the partaking of youth in food system, health economic and innovation .84 youth meet at Golden rose Arusha for the dialogue and receive the report of technical working group of health, economic. Youth got to know the problem that face them on economic issues, health, and mental health and understand the opportunity that available in their region and how they can get Leaders from government and NGOs were using this day at the same time as to respond the question from youth. Small entrepreneurs use this commemoration to show what they do, and one that was very attraction is the group of youth who create robot that controlled by laptop and they plan to make robot in future that will carry the luggage instead of human being. Not only that but also International HIV, AIDS day, African Child Day etc.

Lessons Learnt

There is power in partnership

During of 2021 VOYOTA used its connection with other organization in the implementation in most of their activities, example, Youth Budgeting dialogues, back to green, International Days etc

Mobilize Funds

VOYOTA will continue to mobilize funds from various sources to provide more support to District Level communities, Region and at the National level. This includes membership fee, volunteer, proposal writing, establishment of resource generating activities and initiation of group projects which will be used for supporting the project activities.

Peer Can Teach Peer

As VOYOTA struggling for resources to facilitates most of our activities, VOYOTA comes with idea of training few peers for school club sessions, and most of them become very good on facilitation SRH issues especially colleges and Universities Students.

Conclusion

Although there was a lot of obstacles in the beginning of the year VOYOTA managed to implement the something in all four thematic areas. The lessons learnt and challenges will be turned into opportunity in future so that more members of the community can benefit from our interventions.

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