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# **ORGANIZATION**

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# ABOUT AFRICA YOUTH TRUST

Africa Youth Trust (AYT) is an independent, non-partisan development and advocacy organization established in 2005 to spearhead a youth led development model in Africa. Registered in Kenya under the Trustee (Perpetual Succession) Act. AYT is committed to inclusivity, transparency, and accountability, driving transformative change through four strategic pillars: Youth and Good Governance, Youth Economic Empowerment and Skills Development, Climate-Smart Agriculture, and Gender Equality.

## OUR WORK

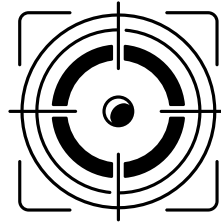
Through research, advocacy, and partnerships, AYT fosters democratic dialogue and meaningful youth engagement at national and regional levels. The organization's evidence-based policy analyses, including policy briefs and guidebooks, shape impactful policies and influence decision-making. Supported by a dynamic youth action network, AYT promotes youth-led initiatives and advocacy campaigns that inspire development across Kenya and the broader region.

# MISSION AND VISION



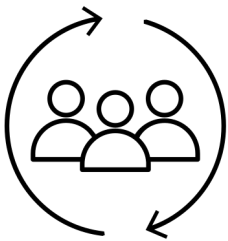
## Mission

We exist to harness the productive energies of youth towards peace, equity and prosperity within and across Africa.



## Vision

A well-governed and prosperous Africa that harnesses the full potential of its youth.



## Core Values

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Impact
- Solidarity
- Inclusivity
- Excellence
- Creativity
- Openness.



## Philosophy

Africa Youth Trust (AYT) believes in the transformative power of youth as essential agents of change.

We are committed to creating opportunities that enable young people to actively participate in shaping their communities and driving development.

At the core of our philosophy is the belief that every young person has the right and the ability to lead transformative actions, shape their futures, and contribute to building a better society.

# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



## Youth And Good Governance

AYT champions active youth participation in governance at both national and regional levels. By promoting transparency, accountability and inclusive leadership, AYT empowers young people to drive transformative change in democratic processes and policymaking.



## Gender Equality

AYT is committed to empowering young women by promoting leadership opportunities, advocating for gender-responsive policies, ensuring access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services as well as addressing gender-based violence (GBV). Through these efforts, AYT seeks to create an equitable and inclusive society.



## Youth Economic Empowerment & Skills Development

This is a comprehensive pillar that focuses on equipping young people with the necessary skills, resources, and support to build resilient livelihoods in the face of challenges and uncertainties.



## Climate Smart Agriculture

AYT supports sustainable agricultural practices that address the impacts of climate change. By enhancing food security, environmental sustainability and economic resilience, AYT ensures that agriculture remains a viable and climate-adaptive livelihood for youth.



# Achievements and Impact

## Youth Action Against Corruption

Empowered youth as key drivers of transparency and governance reforms through social audits, national anti-corruption platforms, and innovative feminist approaches. By influencing key policies and providing sustainable resources like the "Guide to Youth Action Against Corruption," AYT has strengthened youth agency and fostered a culture of accountability, paving the way for a more inclusive and equitable Kenya.

## Youth Tackling Gender Based Violence (GBV)

Assisted over 520 GBV survivors through our Survivor Support Network, that provides legal, medical, psychosocial services and economic empowerment to improve their economic security. Our innovative Mobile Technology 21094 SMS platform has enabled anonymous reporting, flagging and addressing over 20,000 GBV cases in partnership with ActionAid Kenya and the National Government. Our advocacy efforts have contributed to the development of inclusive policies that prioritize survivor-centered approaches and foster safer, more equitable communities. These initiatives reflect our commitment to building inclusive, safe, and supportive environments for all.

## Youth Engagement in Policy Formulation

Africa Youth Trust (AYT) has been a driving force in civic education and regional advocacy, empowering 457,709 youth during Kenya's 2010 Constitution referendum through the National Civic Education Program. AYT spearheaded the establishment of the East African Youth Network (EAYN), fostering regional collaboration and youth leadership. Our impactful policy advocacy has shaped inclusive, youth-focused, and gender-responsive frameworks across Africa. Key contributions include the development and 2024 review of the EAC Youth Engagement Policy, the Nairobi County Internship Policy, and the National Care Work Policy, which addresses unpaid care work to advance women's economic participation.

AYT also played a central role in the development of the IGAD Youth Policy (2023) and the National Women Economic Empowerment Policy, ensuring greater equity and opportunities for young people and women. Through the CSO's Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE), AYT championed and lead the development of the Youth & Children's Indicator adopted by the Global Partnership for Development Effectiveness Corporation (GPDEC)

In addition, AYT championed the enactment of the EAC Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) Bill, advocating for comprehensive SRHR policies that prioritize youth and young women. Through these efforts, AYT has driven systemic change, embedding youth priorities in governance and creating pathways for equity, empowerment, and sustainable impact across the region.



## Advocacy and Regional Processes

We have made significant strides in youth advocacy at both regional and international levels. By hosting the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) and East African Youth Full Assembly Meeting, AYT has mainstreamed youth issues within the East African Community (EAC), ensuring their voices are heard in regional policy-making processes. AYT has also engaged with African Union (AU) organs, including the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) and the Economic Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC), contributing to the draft Model Law on Gender Equality and Equity to prioritize gender considerations within legislative frameworks. Our advocacy extends to promoting children's and youth rights across Eastern and Southern Africa, demonstrated through participation in regional processes such as the SADC Capacity Building Workshop. AYT's efforts in developing scorecards to monitor gender-responsive public services have further promoted accountability and inclusivity within county governments, strengthening equitable service delivery systems.



## Women's Economic Empowerment

Africa Youth Trust (AYT) has been a catalyst for women's economic empowerment, sparking a transformative feminist movement that has mobilized over 5,000 young urban women living in the informal settlement of Nairobi County (Mukuru and Majengo) and Mombasa County (Owino Ouru, Tudor Muhoroto, Ziwa La Ng'ombe and Bangladesh) to advocate for policies protecting bodily integrity and promoting economic security. Through the Young Urban Women and Women Economic Empowerment Project, we analyzed County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) for Isiolo, Taita-Taveta, Mombasa, Nairobi, and Homa Bay counties, developed a memorandum that informed the CIDP 3 in these regions.



We also developed a training curriculum manual in collaboration with the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) and ActionAid International Kenya (AAIK). The curriculum focuses on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR), unpaid care work, bodily integrity, decent work, economic security, and gender-responsive public services. We hosted the Young Urban Women Global Movement Participatory Peer Review Summit, strengthening global networks of young women and amplifying their voices. Additionally, the establishment of a vibrant young feminist movement in Kenya has been instrumental in championing policies that improve women's bodily integrity and economic security, driving sustainable change for gender equity.

## Empowering Youth for Resilience and Economic Security

AYT has empowered 257,000 youth through targeted engagement initiatives, connecting them to labor market opportunities. Our comprehensive training programs have equipped 18,520 youth with employability and entrepreneurship skills across various counties, fostering economic empowerment and sustainable livelihoods. Beyond training, AYT has mentored 20,000 young people, linking them to microfinance institutions and the Youth Fund to further enhance their economic opportunities. In Mombasa and Kwale Counties, we have strengthened the resilience of over 3,000 youth against violent extremism by providing employability, entrepreneurship, and vocational training. Additionally, by offering seed funding to entrepreneurial groups, we have reinforced economic security and supported sustainable livelihood creation in these regions.



# Publications and Networks

## Publications

- Guide to Youth Action Against Corruption
- Gender Mainstreaming in East Africa
- EAC Women, Peace and Security Implementing UNSCR 1325
- Action Guide on Youth Engagement in Public Policy Making and Promotion of Accountability

## Networks & Affiliations

1. National GBV Technical Working Group
2. Nairobi County GBV Technical Working Group
3. Sub County GBV Technical Working Group (Embakasi East Constituency)
4. Pwani County GBV Technical Working Group
5. National Social Economic & Financial Inclusion Technical Working Group
6. Kwale County Engagement Forum on CVE
7. Civil Society Parliamentary Engagement Network (CSPEN)
8. Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)
9. East African Youth Network (EAYN)
10. Kenya National Chamber of Commerce Industry
11. East African Civil Society Forum (EACSOF)
12. Youth Serving Organization's (YSO) Consortium





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