



A light moment for participants of a GBV forum held in Chepkumia-Nandi County. *Photo: USAID*

KENYA

USAID ELEVATE VOICE YAKE

USAID Elevate Voice Yake's primary goal is combat sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) by amplifying the voices and aspirations of adolescent girls and women to enable them to exercise their right to a dignified and meaningful life. The activity will integrate efforts of community members, government, private sector, and civil society in Kiambu, Kwale, and Meru counties.

USAID Elevate Voice Yake is implemented by a consortium led by the Centre for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW-Kenya), and including Young Women Christian Association of Kenya (YWCA Kenya) and Life-Skills Promoters (LISP)

Objectives of USAID Elevate Voice Yake are to:

- Promote positive norms, values, attitudes, and practices that make SGBV unacceptable.
- Strengthen implementation of and accountability for policies that protect women and adolescent girls from SGBV.

- Increase awareness of existing mechanisms and their budget allocations across civil society, the private sector, and county governments to prevent exploitation and abuse.

OUR WORK

Our work focuses on four approaches. Social norms transformation.

This approach boosts community actions that promote positive norms, values, attitudes, and practices to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence. Elevate Voice Yake will increase knowledge on social norms transformation for 900 adolescent girls, young women, and community members. The activity will also support knowledge sharing, networking, partnering, and advocating to address SGBV with both county and national levels.

Mentorship, coaching and life-skills promotion.

This area aims to empower women and adolescent girls to prevent, detect, and respond to violence through mentorship, coaching, and life-skills training. Elevate Voice Yake will support 1,800 adolescent girls and young women in learning institutions, along with their institutional leaders, to gain knowledge of their human rights and increase their capacity to prevent and respond to SGBV.

Advancement of legal and policy reforms.

Elevate Voice Yake will strengthen accountability systems and structures for implementing SGBV laws and policies. Interventions will support the work of accountability action groups in Kiambu, Meru and Kwale counties, and facilitate input and feedback sessions between these groups and county leadership.

Improved coordination, networking, and collaboration.

Elevate Voice Yake will strengthen the structures within government, civil society, and the private sector that prevent exploitation and abuse of women and adolescent girls. The activity will enhance information sharing on preventing SGBV among key stakeholders, support County GBV technical working groups coordinated by the Ministry of Gender, and support collaboration across other county-level civil society organizations and networks.

BUDGET: USD \$ 999,703

DURATION

2023-2026

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Kiambu County
Meru County
Kwale County

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

CREAW
YWCA
LISP

KEY PARTNERS

Teachers Service Commission (TSC)
Judiciary
Ministry of Education (MoE)
Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVETS)
County governments
Civil Society Organizations (CSO)

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