



NEWS FLASH

December 2025 - March 2026

Introduction

The **Samburu Youth for Change (Y4C)** initiative, implemented by **Men End FGM Foundation**, continues to strengthen youth participation in county governance processes as well as in promoting gender equality. During the reporting period (**Dec 2025 - March 2026**), young advocates engaged policymakers, contributed to budget discussions, and accelerated efforts toward finalizing the **Samburu County Youth Policy**. On the other hand, our mentorship sessions targeting marginalized girls in Nairobi’s informal settlement as well as in Samburu continues to build girls’ agency, nurture their leadership skills and enhance their awareness on SRHR and harmful practices facing them.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

Driving Youth Voice. Shaping Policies. Empowering Girls.

Samburu Youth for Change (Y4C)
#SasaNiSisi

Reporting Period: Dec 2025 – Feb 2026
Samburu County, Kenya

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KEY ENGAGEMENT PLATFORMS CONVENED

59

STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED across youth leaders, government officials, and partners

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YOUTH MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED to influence the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP 2026/27)

100

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COMMITMENT SECURED to fast-track the Samburu Youth Policy

100

GIRLS REACHED in Nairobi’s informal settlements through mentorship

Youth advocate presenting during a strategy meeting.

300

GIRL GUARD MOVEMENT MEMBERS from Samburu engaged on leadership and SRHR

County public participation forum on the CFSP 2026/27 at Maralal VTC.

STRONG YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNANCE

MEANINGFUL YOUTH VOICE IN POLICY AND BUDGET PROCESSES

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION FOR LASTING CHANGE

EMPOWERING GIRLS AS LEADERS AND CHANGE MAKERS

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#SasaNiSisi
| Youth Leadership
| Inclusive Governance

Through coordinated engagements under the **#SasaNiSisi campaign** and **GirlGuard Movement**, youth leaders and MEF Mentors worked directly with county government officials, the gender sector working group, school leadership and development partners to ensure that policies and budgets reflect the needs and priorities of young people in Samburu County as well as building girl’s agency while addressing their SRHR needs.

Youth Driving Policy Change in Samburu County

Strategic Engagements with County Leadership

Youth advocates held a two-day engagement with the Samburu County Technical Policy Committee, where they presented youth-generated insights and recommendations for strengthening the county's draft youth policy.



During the review process, stakeholders identified structural gaps within the policy draft and agreed on the need for a revised youth-driven policy framework that responds to the realities and aspirations of young people in Samburu County.

Youth Participation in County Budget Planning

Y4C members actively participated in the public participation forum on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) 2026/27, held at Maralal Vocational Training Centre.

The youth coalition submitted a formal memorandum recommending:

- Budget allocation for finalization of the Youth Policy
- Increasing development budget allocation to at least 30% in line with public finance guidelines
- Adoption of SMART reporting frameworks for county projects

This engagement ensured that youth voices were formally documented in the county planning process.



Multi-Stakeholder Support for Youth Policy Reform

The Gender Sector Working Group endorsed the youth recommendations and committed to supporting a five-day intensive policy review and redrafting process scheduled for March 2026.



Development partners and county actors pledged financial and technical support to finalize the youth policy and advance it for approval by the County Executive.

Growing Youth Leadership

These engagements have strengthened youth capacity and legitimacy as key contributors to governance processes. Youth advocates are now independently organizing consultations, reviewing policy documents, and mobilizing young people to influence decision-making.



The momentum generated through the #SasaNiSisi campaign demonstrates the growing role of youth as partners in shaping inclusive and responsive county development policies.

Girls' Mentorship & Empowerment

During the reporting period, targeted mentorship initiatives were implemented to support adolescent girls with critical knowledge, life skills, and access to essential resources. These efforts focused on strengthening girls' confidence, promoting school retention, and addressing key challenges related to sexual and reproductive health.

Urban Outreach - Nairobi

In Nairobi's Korogocho, one of the informal settlements in the city, **100 girls** were reached through structured mentorship sessions on **sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)**. The sessions created safe spaces for open dialogue, equipping girls with accurate information to make informed decisions about their health and well-being. To further support dignity and school attendance, sanitary pads were distributed to all participants.



GirlGuard Movement - Samburu County



During this period, we made follow-up visit to members of our **GirlGuard Movement** in Samburu, where we engaged 300 girls across Kisima JSS School and Maralal DEB JSS. These mentorship sessions focused on encouraging girls to stay in school, pursue their aspirations, and take up leadership roles within their communities. The sessions also addressed menstrual health challenges, providing practical guidance and support, alongside the distribution of sanitary pads to promote dignity, confidence, and uninterrupted learning.

With Gratitude

We extend our sincere gratitude to Oxfam Novib and Restless Development Uganda under the AUEU Youth Action Lab program, and our private donor, whose generous contribution—made **in memory of Fran Hosken**— has played a vital role in attaining these achievements.

Your technical and financial support greatly contributed to:

- Strengthening youth-led advocacy for the Samburu Youth Policy
- Enabling meaningful participation of young people in governance processes

- Supporting mentorship and empowerment initiatives for girls, including access to menstrual health resources

This contribution reflects a continued commitment to advancing the rights, dignity, and empowerment of women and girls— values that **Fran Hosken championed throughout her life.**

Through this support, her legacy lives on in the lives of young people who are now better equipped to lead, participate, and shape their future.

We deeply appreciate this partnership and the trust placed in our work. The impact realized during this period is a direct reflection of this meaningful support.

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