



DARAJA COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

(Community-Based Organization)

Siaya County, Kenya

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Building bridges to resilient and thriving communities

Focus Areas:

- Education Support for Vulnerable Children (OVCs)
- Youth Empowerment & Skills Development
- Women Empowerment & Livelihoods
- Community Health (SRHR, GBV Prevention, Mental Health Awareness)
- Environmental Conservation & Climate Action
- Advocacy & Community Mobilization



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About Daraja Community Organization

Daraja Community Organization is a community-based organization founded and formally registered in 2020 in Kenya. The organization operates in Siaya County, Western Kenya, working closely with schools, community leaders, and local stakeholders to support sustainable community development.

Daraja serves orphaned and vulnerable children, youth, women, and other community members through programs focused on education support, youth empowerment, women empowerment, community health, and environmental conservation. The organization uses a grassroots, participatory approach to promote resilience, dignity, and long-term community transformation.

Vision

A resilient and empowered community where present and future generations thrive sustainably with dignity and equity.

Mission

To empower vulnerable children, youth, women, and communities through education, advocacy, health, economic empowerment, and climate action for sustainable livelihoods.

Core Values

- Integrity
- Equity and inclusion
- Community participation
- Accountability
- Empowerment
- Sustainability

Our Programs and Activities

Daraja Community Organization implements community-driven programs aimed at improving the well-being and resilience of vulnerable groups in Siaya County. Our work is organized into the following key thematic areas:

1. Education Support for Vulnerable Children

Daraja supports access to education for orphaned and vulnerable children through mentorship, learning support, school engagement, and distribution of essential learning materials. The program aims to improve retention, performance, and completion rates among learners.

2. Youth Empowerment and Skills Development

We equip young people with life skills, leadership training, and entrepreneurship knowledge to enhance employability and self-reliance. The program also promotes mentorship and positive youth engagement.

3. Women Empowerment and Livelihoods

Daraja supports women through capacity building, income-generating activities, and financial literacy training to improve household income and economic independence.

4. Community Health (SRHR, GBV, Mental Health Awareness)

The organization conducts community awareness on sexual and reproductive health rights, gender-based violence prevention, and mental health. We work to promote informed, healthy, and safe communities through education and sensitization.

5. Environmental Conservation and Climate Action

Daraja engages communities in tree planting, environmental education, and climate change awareness activities to promote sustainability and environmental protection.

6. Advocacy and Community Mobilization

We work with schools, community leaders, and stakeholders to raise awareness on key social issues affecting vulnerable groups and to promote collective action for community development.

OUR WORK IN ACTION

EDUCATION & YOUTH EMPOWERMENT



Daraja Community Organization, in partnership with Because International, distributing school shoes to vulnerable children to improve dignity, reduce absenteeism, and support access to education.

Daraja collaborates with partners such as Because International in implementing community support programs including education and child welfare initiatives.



Youth empowerment session conducted by Daraja Community Organization focusing on life skills development, leadership training, and personal growth for young people in Siaya County.

HEALTH, COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION



Menstrual health and SRHR awareness session conducted by Daraja Community Organization at Ulafu Senior School, empowering girls with knowledge on hygiene and reproductive health rights.



Daraja Community Organization conducting a community sensitization forum on best farming practices to enhance agricultural productivity and strengthen household resilience.



Young people ready to participate in a tree-planting exercise at Ulafu Dispensary after receiving mentorship on environmental responsibility, translating knowledge into action for a greener and more sustainable future.



Following an SRHR awareness session facilitated by Daraja Community Organization, girls from Ulafu Senior School took part in a tree-planting exercise, linking health education with environmental stewardship.

