AYAN KENYA

Advancing Health, Rights, and Dignity for Adolescents and Marginalized Communities

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Who We Are

AYAN Kenya is a youth-led, impact-driven organization advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), HIV prevention, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) response, mental health, and human rights across Western Kenya.

We operate at the intersection of health systems strengthening, community protection, and policy reform — designing integrated, evidence-based interventions that respond to the structural drivers of vulnerability affecting adolescents, Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW), and Sexual and Gender Minorities (SGM).

Our work bridges grassroots realities with institutional systems, ensuring that policy commitments translate into measurable community-level impact.

Our Strategic Value Proposition

AYAN Kenya delivers:

✓ Integrated "Triple Threat" programming (HIV, early pregnancy, GBV)
✓ Youth-centered health systems strengthening
✓ Community-based protection and safe spaces
✓ Evidence-driven advocacy and policy engagement
✓ Strong safeguarding and accountability systems
✓ Proven capacity in high-stigma, high-risk environments

We do not implement parallel systems, we strengthen existing county and national frameworks while centering community leadership.

Our Theory of Change

When adolescents and marginalized communities are equipped with knowledge, safe spaces, protection mechanisms, and access to responsive services and when institutions are strengthened to deliver equitable care, vulnerability cycles are disrupted, rights are realized, and sustainable health outcomes are achieved.

Core Technical Expertise

1. Integrated SRHR, HIV & GBV Programming

AYAN Kenya implements comprehensive, multi-layered interventions addressing the interconnected drivers of adolescent vulnerability:

- HIV prevention (testing promotion, PrEP literacy, risk reduction education)
- Adolescent-responsive SRHR education and contraceptive access awareness
- GBV prevention, survivor support, and referral strengthening
- Mental health and psychosocial support integration
- Youth-friendly service (YFS) engagement and accountability forums

Our programming integrates prevention, service linkage, and systems accountability — ensuring that communities move from awareness to access.

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2. Safe Spaces & Protection Infrastructure

AYAN Kenya establishes peer-led safe spaces across counties to provide:

- Trauma-informed psychosocial support
- Peer counselling and support groups
- Structured referral pathways to health and legal services
- Rights literacy and resilience-building sessions

The organization also collaborates with safe house facilities — providing emergency safety and transitional support to individuals facing violence, stigma, or displacement. This demonstrates our operational capacity in safeguarding and crisis response.

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3. Policy Advocacy & Human Rights Advancement

Through strategic advocacy, AYAN Kenya strengthens enabling environments by:

- Conducting policy analysis and legal literacy training
- Engaging county departments and community leaders
- Addressing stigma and discrimination in service delivery
- Supporting youth participation in governance spaces

- Influencing local implementation of national SRHR and HIV policies

We position marginalized voices within decision-making structures while maintaining constructive government engagement.

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4. Research, Learning & Evidence Generation

AYAN Kenya integrates research into programming to enhance effectiveness and scalability. Our research and learning portfolio include:

- Operational and community-based studies
- Policy analysis and evidence synthesis
- Documentation of best practices
- Learning dissemination to stakeholders
- Capacity strengthening on research and documentation

Evidence generated informs adaptive programming and strengthens donor accountability.

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5. Institutional Strengthening & Compliance Capacity

AYAN Kenya maintains strong governance and accountability systems, including:

- Dedicated Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, Research & Learning (MEARL) function
- Structured financial management and donor compliance systems
- Safeguarding and protection frameworks
- Transparent reporting mechanisms
- Integrated program-finance coordination

We are experienced in delivering high-quality narrative and financial reporting aligned with donor requirements.

Geographic Presence

AYAN Kenya operates across Western Kenya, with established networks in:

- Kisumu County
- Siaya County
- Migori County

- Homabay County

Our presence is community-embedded, enabling rapid mobilization and sustained engagement.

Populations Served

- Adolescents (10–19 years)
- Young people (15–24 years)
- Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW)
- Sexual and Gender Minorities (SGM)
- GBV survivors
- Economically vulnerable youth

Our programming prioritizes those most at risk of exclusion from mainstream systems.

Our Impact Orientation

AYAN Kenya focuses on measurable outcomes, including:

- Increased awareness and uptake of SRHR and HIV services
- Improved referral linkage to health and protection systems
- Enhanced youth participation in governance processes
- Strengthened psychosocial resilience among vulnerable groups
- Reduced stigma in community and service environments

Our interventions are structured to produce both immediate protective outcomes and long-term systems change.

Partnership Approach

We collaborate strategically with:

- County Departments of Health and Gender
- Health facilities and Youth-Friendly Service providers
- Civil society networks
- Community-based organizations

- Donor and philanthropic partners

We adopt co-creation models, ensuring sustainability beyond project cycles.

Why Invest in AYAN Kenya

Donors partnering with AYAN Kenya gain:

- A trusted grassroots implementer with strong community legitimacy
- Capacity to operate effectively in politically and socially sensitive contexts
- Integrated, multi-sectoral programming expertise
- Strong safeguarding and protection systems
- Evidence-driven adaptive implementation
- Clear pathways from funding to measurable community impact

AYAN Kenya combines local leadership with technical rigor — ensuring that investments translate into tangible health, protection, and rights outcomes.

Commitment to Sustainable Impact

As funding landscapes shift and vulnerabilities evolve, AYAN Kenya remains committed to:

- Scaling integrated Triple Threat interventions
- Expanding mental health and protection infrastructure
- Strengthening data systems for impact measurement
- Deepening policy influence at county and national levels
- Building resilient community-led structures

We are ready to serve as a strategic implementing partner, consortium member, or lead grantee in advancing inclusive health and human rights programming.