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### VOICES FROM THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF ISIOLO KENYA SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT YOUTH INNOVATION CENTER



**Aisha Hussein: Volunteer Gender Department.** I used to think gender was a woman only issue. Through the centre, I have received training on gender issues. I have been equipped to pass the information down to other members of my community, and they now understand that to solve gender imbalance, women need to involve men and openly discuss

how they can bridge the gender inequality in society. This includes issues of early marriages, FGM and employment.

#### **Diram Abdirashid: Centre Volunteer at the Centre**



The exposure I got from running activities at the centre helped me overcome stage fright and embrace bold self-expression and public speaking approach. At the centre I get the opportunity to learn how to prepare professional documents, concepts, and professional writing. I am grateful to UNDP for the opportunity and training provided.



### **Emmanuel Ng'olia: Youth and Ward Administrator Ngaremara Ward**



I received Entrepreneurship and Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) supported by UNDP, which assisted my group get a contract award from the County Government of Isiolo and Climate Smart Initiative. My engagements with youths as a leader and my role as a volunteer at the Centre helped me to secure employment with

the County Government of Isiolo, where I currently serve as a Ward Administrator.

### **Harun Alinur: Beneficiary Computer Literacy programme**



I was involved with activities at the centre, especially the Coffee Talk, through which I learnt about the computer literacy course. I have completed the computer literacy course, and as a content creator, I regularly use the facilities at the center to promote my online content, through his my YouTube blog, 'King Yule Mpole'. It has

been a great blessing for me as a safe space because it has assisted me to avoid temptations like not to be lured to drug abuse and other vices that I could fall prey to through peer pressure and negative influence.



**Jabir Hassan: Ward Coordinator and Football Coach**



The Safe Space at the centre has been timely. As a football coach and

mentor. I have utilized the centre to demonstrate training modules and football dribbling techniques to my youth team, Taqwa Youth Talent Academy. With the availability of internet, I have been able to access training modules immediately they are released through YouTube. Indeed, it has been a blessing having the facilities and space in Isiolo.

**Kamal Ibrahim: Content Creator and Youth Leader**



As a content creator, the Centre has played a significant role in launching my YouTube channel, 'Da Princeonit.' The facilities enabled me to learn the basics of video editing directing through

online tutorials. The centre has served as the venue for many short dramas on YouTube, including 'Mushene' and Soja.



### **Nur Juma- KSG Isiolo youth innovation Centre Agri-business beneficiary**



“It’s time for the youth to rise and venture into Agri-business to improve their livelihoods for the betterment of their lives. Through the centre, I was trained in Agribusiness and hydroponic farming. I have managed to get 3 acres of land where I am practicing fish farming, vegetable farming, rabbit keeping and beekeeping. I sell my products to

supermarkets in Isiolo at wholesale price. We have a long-term agreement with local supermarkets. I intend to expand my supply to Meru and Nyeri counties.”

### **Sadia Hassan: Communication Volunteer**



Working in the communication department as a volunteer has improved my skills, I can communicate effectively to my peers, and I have been given the role of handling the Twitter account for the Centre and a sign language interpreter.



## **Wisdom Kizito: A Volunteer and Journalist aiming to promote Youth and Women Empowerment Using Media**

“It is unacceptable, in this era, for Kenyan women and youth to keep getting shunted to the side be sidelined when vital decisions regarding their present and future lives that affect them are being made,” he says. Kizito involves himself in various



community activities, ranging from volunteering in the Creative Art Department at the Isiolo Youth Innovation Center (IYIC), hosting youth-centered radio and TV programmes, and community mobilization. It is through these platforms that Kizito aims to plays a significant role in building the capacity of local women and youth. He also has plans to sensitize the local communities on matters relating to governance as well as their rights regarding public services.