

Positive Young Women Voices

Our hosts!

Lucy Wanjiku Njenga, Kenya



Lucy Wanjiku Njenga founded Sauti Skika in 2015. Sauti Skika is the first network of adolescent and young people living with HIV in Kenya that has become a platform that gives adolescent and young people a voice. Lucy is also the Founder and Executive Coordinator of Positive Young Women Voices and now the Programme Officer for W4GF's Accountability work. Lucy served as the African Delegate in the NGO Delegation to PCB of UNAIDS in 2018 -2020 and is the Alternate Board member in the Kenya Coordinating Mechanism (KCM) to the Global Fund. She has engaged in the developing national funding request submitted to the Global Fund as well as advocating for the Global Fund to advance gender equality across its entire portfolio.

Lucy is our host for the full meeting!



Cindy Katanu

Cynthia Katanu is currently the Finance Officer at Positive Young Women voices and is tasked with coordinating and providing Finance, budget, and administrative support involving the recording and interpretation of financial and budgetary information.

Katanu is organizing all our finances!



Lydia Odipo, Kenya

Lydia Odipo works at Positive Young Women Voices as the Administrative Coordinator. She's a holder of Diploma in HR from Kenya Institute of Management and Certificate in leadership skills from Research Triangle Institute.

She's a mentor and SRHR rights advocate in Dandora community.

Lydia is also a survivor of Intimate Partner violence, who uses her story to encourage survivors of GBV to speak up because she believes, evil thrives when silence shouts!! Lydia has committed to End violence against women and girls by raising a generation that values and respects women!!

Lydia is organizing all our logistics!



Emma Mogaka, Kenya

I am a Certified Leadership Coach, passionate about coaching women and girls, leadership development, and women empowerment. My mission in life is to use my creativity and insight to help others achieve their potential. I have 11 years of experience in the NGO sector, specifically working with women and girls. I have demonstrated capabilities in program design and development, strategic planning, program planning and management, Monitoring and Evaluation, budget development and management, stakeholder engagement, community organizing, and network building. I enjoy creating opportunities for cross-learning. My leadership journey has taught me the value of inclusion because we achieve more together.

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Emma will be our facilitator in Nairobi!



Cynthia is a Board Member of PYWV!

Cynthia Buchira (She/her), Kenya

Cynthia is an energetic, self-motivated, hardworking individual. SRHR advocate, passionate peer mentor, passion on matters of mental health and ending violence against women and girls, HIV/AIDs prevention Ambassador.

I really enjoy learning new things, creating and expanding my network and I'm constantly seeking out new learning opportunities.



Elidah Maita, Kenya

My name is Elidah. I take injustices experienced by Girls and women personal. I am currently volunteering with Positive Young Women Voices as the rapporteuring officer and as ardent advocate empowering girls and women and the LGBTIQ+ persons to claim and demand for their rights into the realization of their sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Elidah prioritizes the community and believes that meaningful engagement of it would help bridge many gaps hindering the progress and achievement of Gender Equality.

Elidah envisions communities and a world that is equal and fair. A world that leaves no one behind.



Shem Otina, Kenya

Shem Otina is an accomplished creative and communication enthusiast, writer, and human rights advocate. Explorer through the web to the furthest expanses of the earth to capture human stories that inspire human rights and decent lives for all.

Layered by human interest stories, art, technology, and socio-political environments punctuated by untamed power balances. Through various avenues, social media taking precedence to share my vision of gender justice society with millions of people and inspire them to action.

My visionary perspective has earned me opportunities to work and engage in prominent campaigns, initiatives, and actions that speak to accelerating positive actions as well as prioritization of adolescent and young people's health. At the age of 32, I have established myself as a human rights advocate, gender activist, idealist and explorer.



Vivian Kiarie

My name is Vivian Kiarie and I have been a member of Positive Young Women Voices (PYWV) since 2019 as a photographer.

Cameroon



Mbzigha-a Beltivate Mutoh, Cameroon

I am 22 years old and an adolescent living with HIV. A citizen of Cameroon by birth precisely from the Northwest Region (Bamenda). I speak English fluently, I also know a bit of sign language and French. I am a level 400 (final year) student in the University of Bamenda studying Management.

I love doing body exercise and also love playing with children. I am a peer educator in HEDECS (Health Development Consultancy Services) and an adolescent champion at my treatment center Mbingo Baptist Hospital. I do counseling, health talks, follow up, tracking, testing, dispensation of drugs and referrals.

Honduras

Keren Dunaway, Honduras



Keren is a young HIV activist, since the age of nine, she has been an advocate for the rights of children, adolescents and young people to achieve the goal of having a comprehensive and healthy childhood and adolescence, free of stigma and discrimination and having them integrated into public policies.

She has been a member of ICW since 2006, and she is currently working at the global offices as the ICW Gender Equality Officer for the PLHIV Stigma Index. She studied Political Science at the University of Buenos Aires and believes that political advocacy needs a solid base of research and evidence.

Kenya



Florence Anam, Kenya

Florence is Programme Manager for Love Alliance at GNP+ and leads GNP+ advocacy on paediatric HIV treatment and care. She is a seasoned HIV and SRHR advocate with over ten years' experience in Program Management, Advocacy, Policy and Communication for health and social development at national, regional, and global levels. Previously, Florence worked as the HIV/TB Advocacy coordinator for Africa at Doctors without Borders (MSF) where she managed Africa region and International HIV Policy Analysis and advocacy for MSF. Prior to that, she was the Global Advocacy, Policy and Communication Manager at the International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW). Florence has served in various global technical working groups including being a member of WHO treatment guidelines committee group, member of the Women living with HIV Advisory group to WHO, UNAIDS start free technical working group, Stigma Index small working group, among others.



Joyce Ouma, Kenya

Joyce Ouma is a young women advocate living openly with HIV from Kenya. She is passionate about the meaningful and ethical engagement of young people living with HIV in all the decision making processes. Most importantly she is an aspiring scholar who has keen interest in pursuing a Masters in Public Health (MPH) and on completion, a doctorate. Joyce is equally passionate about research and adapting community voices and experiences as critical evidence in programming.



Maurine Murenga, Kenya

Maurine Murenga is a passionate advocate for the health, development and human rights of women and girls. With a background in Program Management and Community Development, she is a pioneer amongst the young women and adolescent girls living with HIV and affected by TB movement in Kenya and a fierce advocate towards ending pediatric HIV and TB.

Maurine who is the founder of Lean on Me Foundation is currently the coordinator of TB women Global. She is a board member of Unitaid, Friends of the Global Fight US, EGPAF Kenya, an IAS Mentor and a Faculty Member of IAS Advocacy for Cure Academy. Formerly a board member of Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.



Cynthia (Cindy) Mekubo, Kenya

Cynthia Mekubo is a young advocate currently affiliated to Lean on Me Foundation, a teacher by profession and a feminist at heart. She is also a mother of one and very compassionate of what she does. Cynthia's journey started in 2017 where she worked as a community peer volunteer affiliated to her referral hospital in her home town. She was named a peer champion in 2019 because of the leadership skills she portrayed during her voluntary service.

She joined Lean on Me Foundation in 2020 as a peer educator where she managed to form 3 support groups for adolescent girls, young mothers and SGBV survivors in her community. She was later promoted to a programs officer on TB where she continues to show her skills.

Cynthia is very passionate about what she does and is always open and ready to network with other people in her community especially those working with adolescent girls and young women.



Patricia Asero, Kenya

Patricia Asero Ochieng is Executive Director of Ringa Women Fighting AIDS group (RWFAG). She is Team leader of @DACASA. She is also Chair of ICW Kenya, and Board member of ICWEA.

Fierce Award winner 2022.

Patricia has 32 years' experience working in the HIV Field, 'Advocates on human rights' SRHR, Activists Without Borders.



Beatrice Oyugi, Kenya

Beatrice is a seasoned public health professional with over 15 years' experience in designing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating Evidence Based Interventions targeting young vulnerable children, pre-teens, young people, and their caregivers.

I have a wealth of experience in building capacities of local organizations to implement impactful programs, and in working with government at different levels to advocate for the creation of an enabling environment for integration of services targeting children and young people to improve their health and well-being.

I have a Diploma in Community Based Development, a BA in Development Studies with IT and am currently studying for a MSc in Public Health.



Florence Kilonzo, Kenya

Florence is a Kenyan professional in Community Health Nursing, HIV/AIDS, Family planning, Participatory Community Development Approaches and Capacity building.

She has over 25 years working for the public sector and non-governmental organizations programs.

She is committed to working with Communities to ensure women and young people access appropriate youth and gender equitable and rights-based Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Services.

She has strong leadership skills in programme design, research and community participatory trainings.

Florence has a passion in working with Women, young people and children to strengthen their capacity to challenge factors that perpetuate their poor sexual and reproductive health and overcome Gender based violence.

Florence has experience of 20 years in training *Stepping Stones*. She was involved in developing *Stepping Stones Plus* and *Stepping Stones with Children*.

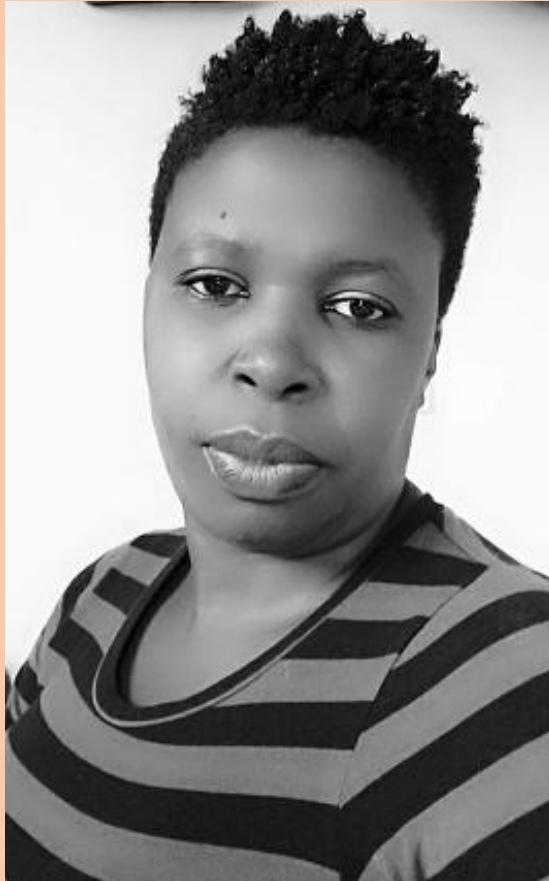
Florence has a Diploma in Community Health Nursing and Community Development.



Martin Opondo Obwar, Kenya

I am a counselor, planner, trainer, M and E implementer and adviser of community development projects. I have competencies in project implementation, planning and management of community development, and empowerment.

I took lead HIV programming since 1989 and progressively worked with various organizations in different positions. Kenya I have been instrumental in formation of community structures to in Prevention, Care & support and Mitigation of HIV AIDS pandemic, research and other related issues. I have been involved in Behavior Change communications, project planning, community advisor and trainer Stepping Stones, Pax in familia, family based GBV prevention, teaching self-government, vaccine literacy, HTS/HTC/VCT.



Maureen Kemunto Bitengo, Kenya

Maureen is a Social Scientist working for a Human Rights organization in the 14 Counties of the Lake Region Economic Bloc in Kenya. I have special interest on women and children's rights. I am a *Stepping Stones* trainer and a counsellor by training.

I am a results-oriented, highly productive social science and management professional with demonstrated ability to significantly help in addressing their issues, negotiating favorable terms and streamlining community development channels. I have a proven ability to ensure that an organization enjoys a competitive edge when compared to their competitors by securing the best quality and terms from suppliers. With Skills and knowledge in civic education and engagement, community mobilization, research, data collection (ODK), Knowledge on Conflict and nonviolence alternative approaches and Gender and Human Rights Based Approach.



Mustafa Haji, Kenya

Mustafa holds a BA in sociology from the University of Nairobi. I am a trained *Stepping Stones* trainer and I have trained *Stepping Stones* for various organizations for over fifteen years. I registered a consulting firm i.e. *Stepping Stones practitioners and promoters*.

The organizations I have offered *Stepping Stones* trainings with include ActionAid, Plan International, UNICEF, AMREF, Care International, Medical Emergency Relief International, Day Star University among others.



Steve Owiti, Kenya

I am Hon. Stephen Ouma Owiti - Member of County Assembly (KISUMU COUNTY-2017 -2022), a competent Leader, an Accountant by profession, public affairs manager and Community Trainer.

I am a holder of Bachelor's degree (B.A-Corporate Leadership and Governance), Certified Public Accountant II, have a certificate in Project Planning & Management and am an accredited *Stepping Stones* trainer.

I have wide working experience within the local government and communities. During my working experience, I have held various positions in line with my qualifications and passion within local authorities and communities. At the County assembly, I chaired the Budget and Appropriations Committee during my term.

India



CZ, India

My name is Lalchhuanzuali from Mizoram. I am a single mother of two kids. I got married at a young age. I learned my HIV status during my pregnancy. My husband, who transmitted the virus to me, kicked me out from our house.

After many emotional struggle, I stand to fight against HIV/AIDS. In our community there are still discrimination towards HIV/AIDS victims. The condition of young women living with HIV is not favourable in our community as many treated them differently from men. I am currently working as Outside Producer in LPS Vision (Local Cable TV) and engage with Mizoram State Aids Control society for Media Awareness Platform.

Tanzania



Gea Reamadhan Mbaruku, Tanzania

I am 23 years old. I have finished form four. I started my ART in 2007. I work with the National Network of Young People living with HIV / AIDS.



Eliaimtonga Sadikiel Kaale, Tanzania

Elly is a mother of two children Erick (32) & Daniel (17). She says: “I have been living with HIV for more than 14 years, using ARVs. I was a banker before I acquired HIV. I was excluded/terminated from my job early in February 2008, because of my health deterioration. I tested HIV positive and my son (Daniel) also tested the same in 2008.

“Since then I am a homemaker and caregiver living with my children. In 2016 I attended the *Stepping Stones* workshop with Daniel conducted by PASADA where I got good experience in how to take care of our children and grandchildren respectively.

“God is good always: I am happy, healthy and thankful for myself and my family members especially Daniel who completed his ordinary level education (Form IV) last year, November 2021. Here's my photo and Daniel's.”



Pfirmiaeli Kiwia, Tanzania

Ms. Pfirmiaeli Kiwia is the Programme Coordinator and co-founder of Kimara Peer Educators, a community-based NGO responding to HIV & AIDS in Tanzania. She has worked in the field of HIV & AIDS since 1992, with a particular focus on prevention, counseling, impact mitigation, PSS, stigma reduction, research, programme management, capacity building, and translation of key documents (English-Kiswahili-English).

Ms. Kiwia has worked with communities impacted by HIV including children and their care-givers. She has been involved with *Stepping Stones with Children* as a trainer as well as being instrumental in furthering the *Stepping Stones With Children* initiative in Tanzania.



Gaspar Mkenda, Tanzania

I am Gaspar Mkenda. I live in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. I like to work with most vulnerable children such as orphans and children living with HIV. In collaboration with a local NGO known as Pastoral Activities and Services for People with AIDS Dar es Salaam Archdiocese (PASADA), I participated in the initial stages of developing the *Stepping Stones with Children* training manual. I was also involved in the work of piloting the manual and thereafter conducting trainings in different communities in Dar es Salaam and Coast regions in Tanzania. In my spare time I like to talk with children.



Willbrord Manyama, Tanzania

My name is Willbrord Manyama working for Kimara Peer Educators NGO in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. I work with communities in areas of HIV and AIDS, Youth in Development Work and Community Economic Development. This has included: 1) leveraging resources and expertise in building resilience and empowerment for facilitating development and growth; 2) developing training manuals such as Southern African AIDS Trust Training and Practice, Understanding and Challenging HIV/AIDS Stigma, NAMWEZA: Appreciative Inquiry Interventions, and Stepping Stones with Children and 3) co-training Stepping Stones with Children workshops in Tanzania and in Inaugural Workshops in East Africa and Southern Africa regions.



Martha Kamuhabwa, Tanzania

Martha is a registered nurse currently working at the Pastoral Activities and Services for people with AIDS Dar es Salaam Archdiocese (PASADA), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. She has a Diploma in Palliative Care, from Makerere University in Uganda. She is certified as a Trainer of Palliative Care for [Children, and Master Trainer in Stepping Stones with Children.](#) She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and she recently graduated with a Certificate in the Montessori education. As a nurse, teacher and sociologist, Martha continues to holistically support children who are living as well as those affected by HIV and AIDS.

Nelson Chiziza, Tanzania



Nelson has always worked to advance the lives of young people. He worked first as a trainer of teachers (BA, Dip Ed, Cert Ed) but then moved into working as a trainer on adolescent SRH, providing youth-friendly health services and advocacy.

He worked with UMATI on community-based distribution and growth monitoring of under 5s. Then he became project coordinator of a teenage mother programme and then an adolescent reproductive health, rights and advocacy programme.

He then worked with PASADA from 2006-2019, as their Director of HIV community health education. He trained first as a *Stepping Stones* facilitator, then developed PASADA's reproductive health training curriculum.

From 2012, Nelson co-developed the *Stepping Stones with Children* guide, and became a master trainer.

Uganda



Jacquelyne Alesi, Uganda

I am a 36-year-old, self-driven, committed young woman openly living with HIV and passionate about working with young people living with HIV. I have contributed actively to the HIV response nationally, regionally and within local communities and globally.

My extensive work with young people living with HIV is in various capacities, including that of being the Executive Director of Uganda Network of Young People Living with HIV/AIDS, but I stepped down to let another young person lead.

I am currently the founder and Team Leader of **The Jacquelyne Ssozi Foundation** whose mission is to provide a conducive environment for vulnerable people especially Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) and children living with and affected by HIV including those with disabilities in our communities to live a better and healthy life.



Baron Oron, Uganda

Baron Oron is a lead trainer of *Stepping Stones* in the East and Central African region and beyond. He has also worked with a number of USAID-supported agencies as behaviour change manager. He is at the moment taking lead as trainer of *Stepping Stones* in the Makerere University-led research, with CFAR-Uganda as the implementation partner, applying *Stepping Stones* for a Mind and Life-funded project in Gulu, Northern Uganda. Baron Oron studied Literature and Drama, majoring in Theatre for Development at Makerere University.

Ellen Kajura Bajenja, Uganda



Ellen Bajenja MPH is a social scientist coordinating the network of *Stepping Stones* trainers in Uganda, called CFAR-Uganda (Communicating for Action and Results).

Ellen has 25 years' background of research, project design & implementation in both humanitarian and stable contexts and adaptation of community-based interactive social norms training programs.

She is skilled in gender transformative, integrated HIV & SRHR programming & has worked in several national and international research & development organizations, including the Medical Research Council (MRC) Uganda, German Development Service (DeD), and ACORD.

Ellen is passionate about working WITH adolescents and young people in designing evidence-based interventions for improving their sexual & reproductive Health.



Germina Sebuwufu, Uganda

Germina is a Stepping Stones Expert, an independent consultant on various issues. She holds a Master's and Bachelor's degrees of Makerere University and other certificates. She served in both Government and Non-Government organisations. She facilitated in the first *Stepping Stones* workshop of Buwenda, Masaka, Uganda in 1994 and in the subsequent trainings to date. She is a competent national and international trainer in Uganda and outside Uganda with PLA/PRA methodologies. She is a child rights activist with child-to-child friendly approaches. She is very dedicated, hard working, trustworthy, self motivated, mature person with a good sense of humour. Finally, she is a member of CFAR-Uganda, a platform of accredited trainers of the *Stepping Stones* programme and acts as a resource hub for the programme.



Juliet Nakato Odoi, Uganda

Juliet holds a Master's degree in Women and Gender Studies and a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from Makerere University. Juliet has over 15 years' experience in development work, currently working with UN Women in Uganda as Gender Mainstreaming and Coordination Officer. She has previously worked at Forum for Women in Democracy (FOWODE), Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD) and Minority Rights Group International. In addition to gender, she has extensive experience in policy and advocacy that has focused on gender, SGBV and minority rights. Ms. Odoi is a feminist with a passion for social justice. She has trained as a Trainer in *Stepping Stones with Children*.



Jude Okajje, Uganda

Alfred Jude Okajje cherishes working with and putting smiles on the faces of community members. He has worked with local and international communities, including refugees, boys, girls, women and men. He is the lead trainer of *Stepping Stones with Children* with UNYPA, funded by Grand Challenges Canada. With more than 20 years in development work, he has gained immense knowledge and skills in supporting communities in relation to HIV and AIDS, GBV reduction, cash transfer handling, fund raising, livelihoods, and capacity building (training) using *Stepping Stones*. Jude has a BA in History and Economics from Makerere University and a PGD from Uganda Management Institute.

Sonia Kusiima, Uganda



Sonia MPH, MSc (cand.) is a trained *Stepping Stones* trainers and researcher with CFAR-Uganda.

She is also a freelance consultant.

Sonia has completed an MPH and a BA in Public Administration and Management. She is currently studying for an MSc in Clinical Psychology,

Sonia has worked for 9 years in the context of humanitarian responses, with a focus on SRHR and Protection; and has completed 4 years of Human Centred Design. She works both in humanitarian and development spaces. She also has experience in project management, design research, SBCC, SRH and gender and protection programming.

Sonia works with CFAR Uganda as a researcher and trainer.

United Kingdom / Ireland



Angelina sadly won't be with us
In Nairobi but is joining these
preparatory calls...

Angelina Namiba, UK/Kenya

Originally from Kenya, Angelina has over 24 years' experience of working in the HIV sector on different initiatives ranging from providing one-to-one support to people living with HIV, treatment advocacy, managing service delivery to facilitating, promoting and advocating for the involvement of women living with HIV in forming and informing local and national strategy and policy.

She is passionate about the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of women living with HIV and enabling good quality of life for young people living with HIV and has supported them around various issues and coping strategies including HIV Treatment Literacy and general well-being around living with HIV. Her special area of interest is HIV and pregnancy.

Among many other positions, Angelina is Co-Director of the 4M Mentor Mothers Peer Support Network and a Trustee of Salamander Trust.



Alice Welbourn, UK

I am an activist, trainer, and participatory researcher and lived and worked for most of the 1980s in Kenya and Somalia. I learnt that I have HIV when I was diagnosed in 1992 when I was expecting a baby. This shaped the development of *Stepping Stones* with colleagues in Uganda from 1993-5, with whom I still work (their organisation is now called CFAR-Uganda).

I became involved in global advocacy and research processes to advance the SRHR of women living with HIV from 2002 when I joined ICW and learnt at first hand about the power of movements to effect change.

Salamander Trust started in 2008 and we have tried to weave together advocacy, research and training agendas to continue to advance the SRHR of women and girls in all their diversity. With colleagues in Tanzania we developed *Stepping Stones with Children* in 2012-2016. Salamander Trust is now winding down as I retire.

Zimbabwe



Martha Tholanah, Zimbabwe

My name is Martha Tholanah. I am a feminist, health, human rights and social justice activist and advocate. It is now 18 years since I started anti-retroviral treatment (ARVs) five months after an HIV positive diagnosis. Scientific research has fascinated me since then, as when I started, I was surrounded by no hope for survival from the community I lived in, the medical field I looked up to for remedies, and the faith where I thought I would be given encouragement against all odds. In the end, it was science to the rescue. It has been a fascinating journey witnessing how science has ensured a transformation of how people living with HIV are treated. I have also seen my self-growth, now actively contributing to building scientific evidence.

Abraham Makoni, Zimbabwe



I am a father of two boys and my great passion is in contributing to making society better in my small way. I have worked in the non-governmental sector for over two decades. I am a dedicated development worker with vast experience in both rural and urban programming having worked on projects with focus on Food Assistance, Non-Food items Assistance, Education, Child and Women Protection and Empowerment, HIV and AIDS, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Early Childhood Development, Psychosocial support, Cash transfers and Internal Savings and Lending programs.

My educational background includes BSc Sociology, Diploma in People Management, Diploma in Non-Profit Management, Post Graduate Diploma in Water and Sanitation, Post Graduate qualification in Development Studies and MSc Strategic Management.

I have also received training in peer education, qualitative interviewing and also attended training on *Stepping Stones with Children*. Have done voluntary work as a Mentor under Regional Psychosocial Support (REPSSI), Chairperson for Marondera Child Care Society, Board Member Mashonaland East Sports and am a serving Board Member at Philadelphiah Trust.



Barnabas Muhoma, Zimbabwe

Barnabas John Muhoma born 22 August 1962, firstborn in a family of 4 boys 4 girls, married to Rejoice blessed with 2 girls 2 boys. One of my sisters died of AIDS complications and my daughter is on anti-retroviral treatment.

A public health specialist, I attained relevant qualifications that include Master of Public Health, Bachelor of commerce marketing management degrees, Certificate of completion *Stepping Stones with Children*, Salamander Trust; Certificate in Community work with children and youth, University of Kwazulu Natal.

A trainer for StStWC since 2016. Dependable, works well with minimum supervision, open to correction and criticism, can adapt to most living and working conditions, reasonable success facilitating for adults and youths and not good at facilitating for children especially under-fives. Currently WASH Manager at FCTZ in Harare.



Jane Magama, Zimbabwe

I am a mature lady aged 58 years. I am a widow and mother of 3 sons aged 36, 34 and 29 respectively. I am a development practitioner who has received training including nursery nursing (N.N.E.B), community development, psychosocial support and *Stepping Stones With Children*. I have experience working with orphans and vulnerable children, youth and families, including mentally and physically challenged in both institutions and family environments. I assist women and girls at my local church in different moral and social areas.

I enjoy reading, gardening and socialising.



Patience Muyambo, Zimbabwe

I am a passionate *Stepping Stones* trainer for over 23 years, with diverse experience on training, capacity building and empowerment on Gender issues with different groups and communities in East, West and Southern Africa, Asia, South America and Europe. I'm a family woman and I like cooking a lot. I find joy in guiding my family on Christian values. I feel good whenever I make a difference in people's lives, especially women and young people, in whatever way, big or small. I have adopted use of people centred participatory methodologies and advocacy work. I've worked with different organizations to mitigate the impact of HIV and AIDS for people living with HIV and those affected by AIDS.



Patson Mavuto, Zimbabwe

Patson was born on the 9th of November 1969.

I completed ordinary level in 1987 and worked as a teacher before joining FCTZ in 2004.

I got a certificate in Community based work in Child and Youth Development Programme under REPPSSIE, attended the *Stepping Stones with Children* Workshop in 2016, worked as a field Officer in the ISALS programme, facilitated in the Psychosocial Support workshops.

Born in a family of nine, seven of the family members have passed away due to the AIDS pandemic and they all left children I had to raise and I am still looking after them. I am married with two kids.