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## EMPOWERING GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN

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After an eventful Q1 of 2023, the Association has continued to run programs that seek to empower Girls and Young women make their world a better place. We have been earnest in our commitment to nurturing our Girls and Young Women to be great ambassadors that stand out as beacons of integrity, nurturing and championing social values.

Some of the major highlights in Q2 included the Annual General Meeting that reviewed the past year and ratified the inclusion of new members to the National Council. A total of 8 new members were ratified for appointment to various positions on the National Council and Executive Committee. Later on the same day, the Association held a public participation on the anticipated review of the Kenya Girl Guides Association (KGGA) Act - KGGA bill, 2022 and the constitution hence ensuring that voices from the members and Stakeholders are heard and valued.

Other highlights of Q2 included the National Council Induction, the County Commissioners Conference, signing of the memorandum of understanding with the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) and the presentation of the World Association of Girl Guide and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Medal of Service Award to Alice Waweru, WAGGGS Senior Member Organization Partner.

across the country and counties including the Good Deeds Day celebration, International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (IDADA), Youth Exchange South to South (YESS), World health week, Her Sanctuary, Menstrual Hygiene Management Day, the Green Tech Generation amongst many others, the Association has continued to enhance its membership recruitment across board with new schools being recruited through the Membership Growth Project. There is a significant increase in the number of new schools registering in counties that have been hard to reach such as Kajiado, Garissa, Bungoma, Kilifi among others. Currently, the Association enjoys a sizeable membership of 376,080 across the various branches.

We look forward to a successful WAGGGS 29th World Conference that will be held in Cyprus from 26th to 31st August 2023 and more so we take this opportunity to wish Ms. Josephine Mwangi (KGGA Assistant Chief Commissioner) who will be vying to be elected to the WAGGGS Board all the best.

Looking forward to a great and fruitful Q3 of 2023!

*Priscilla Gathiga*  
National Executive Officer

With vibrant programmes and celebrations

### EVENTS, CONFERENCE AND AWARDS 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On 28th April 2023, KGGA held a physical 2023 Annual General Meeting, reviewing the past year and welcoming new members to the National Council. A total of 8 new members were ratified for appointment to various positions on the National Council and Executive Committee.

Later on the same day, the Association held a public participation on the anticipated review of the KGGA Act (KGGA bill, 2022) and the constitution hence ensuring that voices from the members and Stakeholders are heard and valued. Representatives from the key Ministries of Education, Public Service, Gender & Affirmative Action and Youth Affairs, Sports & the Arts were present during the meetings.



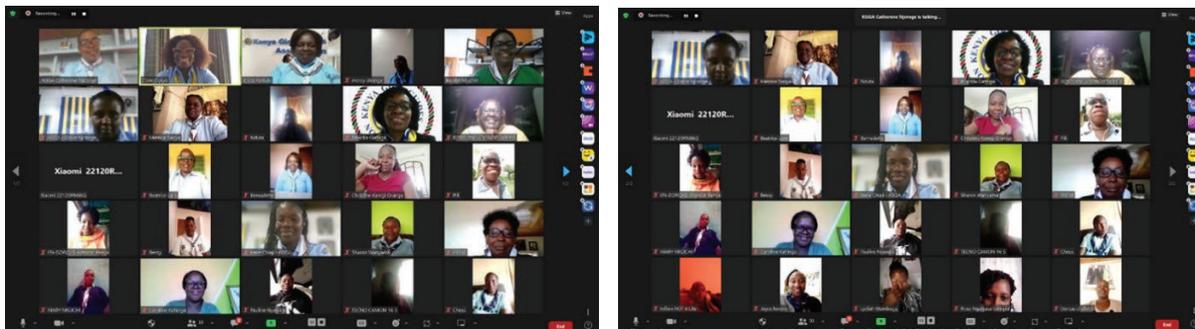
### NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS INDUCTION

The National Council Members induction session was held on Friday May 29th 2023 at the KGGA Headquarters. The newly appointed members of the Executive Committee and National Council were equipped with knowledge on the mandate, goals, values, programmes as well as the governance structure and policies. This is the on-boarding process of the new members intended to prepare and inspire them to contribute towards making a difference in the lives of girls and young women. The new members received their appointment letters and tools to guide them during their tenure at the Association.



### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE 2023

On 25th and 26th April 2023 KGGA held a virtual Girl Guide County Commissioners' Conference with representation from 30 Counties. The aim of the conference was to induct the Commissioners on the Associations Mandate, Strategic Goals, Projects, Fundamental Girl Guiding Principles, Projects and the Commissioner's Roles and Responsibilities. 9 new County Commissioners from Embu, Garissa, Homabay, Isiolo, Kitui, Muranga, Meru, Nyandarua and Vihiga Counties and 2 Regional Girl Guide Commissioners from Coast and Central Regions were appointed.



### WAGGGS 39TH CONFERENCE

The WAGGGS 29th World Conference will be held in Cyprus from 26th to 31st August 2023. KGGA has registered two members of the Executive Committee to attend the Conference. Ms. Josephine Mwangi (KGGA Assistant Chief Commissioner) will be vying to be elected to the WAGGGS World Board during the conference. KGGA has been running campaigns on social media and reaching out to other WAGGGS Members Organizations to vote for Josephine.



### AWARDS

June 23rd 2023 was a special day where Mrs Alice Waweru (WAGGGS Senior Member Organisation Partner) was presented with WAGGGS Medal of Service Award at the KGGA Headquarters. We celebrate her!

The WAGGGS Medal of Service is the highest form of recognition that WAGGGS can bestow. It is awarded to individuals whose service to Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting is considered to be exceptional, noteworthy and/or extraordinary in nature, and deemed to be over and above what could normally be expected of an individual fulfilling that particular job/role. The individual must be "in good standing" with WAGGGS and have made an exceptional contribution in terms of time, expertise, talents, resources and/or influence to enable WAGGGS to achieve its Mission and/or Objectives.



### MADARAKA DAY 2023

The 2023 Madaraka Day Celebrations were held at the Moi Stadium in Embu County and KGGA was represented by the Chief Commissioner Prof. Faith Nguru, the County Commissioners Representative Harriet Muchiri and the KGGA Embu County Commissioner, Pauline Kariuki. Rainbows, brownies, Girl Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders took part in the March Past Parade.



### PARTNERSHIPS

KGGA and Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) on 31st May 2023 signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop and reinforce mutual cooperation, collaboration, and implementation of various initiatives in favor of Young Girls and Women.

KGGA and PACJA agreed to utilize PACJA's evidence-informed advocacy work in Climate Change as an anchor in KGGA priority areas, and participation in Climate Change platforms particularly those that relate to Girls and Young Women among other understands. The KGGA management team led by the National Executive Officer visited the PACJA offices at Jamhuri Crescent off Kabarnet Road Nairobi for the signing of the MoU.



## KGGA HEADQUARTERS EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

Construction of phase one of the Empowerment Centre is almost complete. Officials from the State department of Youth visited the KGGA headquarters in May to inspect progress. The next phase will be furnishing and equipping the centre. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to be signed between KGGA and the Ministry of Youth, Sports and the Arts on the operations/management of the facility.



## PROGRAMMES AND TRAINING

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Membership recruitment has continued across the board with new schools being recruited through the Membership Growth Project. There is a significant increase in the number of new schools registering in counties that have been hard to reach such as Kajiado, Garissa, Bungoma, Kilifi among others. The Association has worked on a retention strategy and a value proposition where members feel motivated and are happy to participate in the activities provided. Currently, the Association enjoys a sizeable membership of 376,080 across the various branches.

CATEGORY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
UNIT	5	142	59	33	231	157	627
Girls (Public Schools)	0	1230	785	514	298	617	3464
Girls (Private Schools)	0	626	115	108	23	20	892
Guide Leaders	9	107	39	23	242	124	544
Young Leaders	46	18	13	44	14	6	141
Young Leaders Units	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Bravo	8	8	3	10	1	0	30
Trainers	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Commisioners	2	8	0	9	4	0	23
National Council	8	7	3	11	2	0	31

### MEMBERSHIP GROWTH PROJECT

In partnership with World Guide Foundation, the Association has embarked on a national roll out for membership recruitment in 8 more counties that include Kilifi, Kajiado, Bungoma, Kakamega, Kisumu, Laikipia, Meru and Garissa. The target is to recruit 239,496 new Girls and Young Women in schools, churches and communities. A total number of 748 schools were mapped out in the 8 counties for the phase 2 implementation. Virtual sensitization meetings for the head teachers in the mapped schools were conducted from 11th to 14th April 2023. The County Directors of Education, Teachers Service Commission Directors and KGGA Board members were present during the meetings.

The Association appointed 8 Field Officers to coordinate activities in the 8 counties. The Guide Leader trainings were conducted in May and early June in all the 8 implementing counties. The County Directors of Education and TSC County Directors supported the training by officially opening/closing the Guide Leader's trainings. The table below shows the number of Guide Leaders trained versus the targets per county.

	County	Date of Training	Target	Actual GL Trained
1.	Garissa	13th and 14th May 2023	30	39
2.	Kajiado	13th and 14th May 2023	20	22
3.	Kilifi	20th and 21st May 2023	100	117
4.	Laikipia	20th and 21st May 2023	50	60
5.	Kisumu	27th and 28th May 2023	150	117
6.	Meru	27th and 28th May 2023	134	96
7.	Kakamega	3rd and 4th June 2023	130	99
8.	Bungoma	10th and 11th June 2023	134	129
	<b>TOTAL</b>		748	679

The trained Guide Leaders will recruit 130 girls into the Guiding movement in different KGGG branches and also recruit another teacher to assist in managing the girls in the units. We had male teachers attending trainings especially from Garissa as some schools had no female teachers.

During the April school holidays, Field Officers recruited girls in 4 open units in Marsabit, Nairobi, Mombasa and Kiambu counties. These were;

1. Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) Kingeero Church – Kiambu County
2. Masjildul Ar- Rashad Madrassa – Marsabit County
3. Mnga'ro Mtaani – Nairobi County.
4. Minto Childrens' home – Mombasa County.

In this Quarter Guide Leaders have recruited girls in the Rainbow, Brownie, Girl Guide and Ranger Guide units and being assisted by the Field Officers to also recruit another teacher in the school. Recruitment of Girls in the 8 new counties started in June after the Guide Leaders were trained. Young Leaders have also been recruited by the Field officers as per the table:

<b>APRIL - JUNE 2023 RECRUITMENT- Membership Growth Project</b>																	
RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, GIRL GUIDES AND RANGERS	Machakos	Meru	Marsabit	Nyeri	Murang'a	Kiambu	Kilifi	Mombasa	Bungoma	Kakamega	Nyamira	Kisumu	Laikipia	Kajiado	Garissa	Nairobi	TOTAL
APRIL	2307	0	580	1877	1902	2371	0	1838	0	0	2877	0	0	0	0	2159	15911
MAY	1344	0	707	1716	1939	1700	0	1627	0	0	1979	0	0	0	0	1989	13001
JUNE	1821	1262	592	1135	1074	2019	1556	1067	806	549	1337	958	2170	1261	920	1312	19839
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5472</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>1879</b>	<b>4728</b>	<b>4915</b>	<b>6090</b>	<b>1556</b>	<b>4532</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>6193</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>2170</b>	<b>1261</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>5460</b>	<b>48751</b>
YOUNG LEADERS																	
APRIL	7	0	3	8	6	8	0	6	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	9	56
MAY	1	0	2	4	4	3	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	7	30
JUNE	3	4	4	5	3	4	5	8	1	3	2	4	4	3	4	13	70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>155</b>
GUIDE LEADERS																	
APRIL	23	0	2	11	20	16	0	19	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	12	113
MAY	8	92	2	8	3	4	117	8	0	0	7	122	60	23	30	7	491
JUNE	8	7	3	7	5	5	25	6	129	99	5	3	5	3	6	5	321
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>925</b>



Fig 1: Guide Leaders learn about knots during Guide Leaders training in Garissa County



Fig 2: Demonstration of Guide uniforms during Guide Leaders training in Kilifi County



Fig 3: During Introductory to Guiding session in Kakamega County during Guide Leaders training



Fig 4: Field Officer carrying out recruitment of Girls into Guiding in Olturoto Primary School in Kajiado County



Fig 5: Recruitment of girls in Gikumene Primary in Meru County



Fig 6: During creative mind set games in social entrepreneurship session in Kisumu County



Fig 7: Field Officer in Laikipia issuing Unit registration certificate to Laikipia Airbase Secondary School in Laikipia County.



Fig 8: During flag raising session with Guide Leaders in Bungoma County during Guide Leaders training.



Fig 9: Garissa Field Officer Issues Unit registration certificate to Bulla College Primary school in Garissa County.



Fig 10: Mombasa Field officer and the County Young Leader Leader issue a unit registration certificate to Minto Childrens Home in Mombasa County.



Fig 11: Field Officer carrying out a Guide session on Left Hand Shake and Guide Salute in Kerora Primary School in Nyamira County

The Association also targets to recruit 100 more schools in Kwale, Tharaka Nithi, Embu, Makueni and Nyandarua. Sensitization visits have been done to the Ministry of Education officials in the mentioned counties and mapping of 280 schools completed for recruitment.

A courtesy visit was also made to the Dean’s office in Nyandarua National Polytechnic. Mr. Mutura who promised to support the Young Leader’s unit at the college.



Fig 12: Membership officer addresses the Kenya Primary School Head Teachers Association (KEPSHA) sub county chairpersons during the meeting in Kitui county



Fig 13: KGGA membership officer, Mr. Thiringi, CDE Kitui County together with the quality assurance and standards officer Mr. Gathogo during the visit to his office.



Fig 14: The county commissioner and the field officer during their visit in Kwale education offices. With them is the Quality Assurance and Standards Officer, Madam Mwanasiti



Fig 15. KGGA Nyandarua County Commissioner with Madam Mary, Nyandarua deputy Teachers Service Commission (TSC) director during the courtesy visit



Fig 16. KGGA County Commissioner, membership officer and the dean of students at Nyandarua National Polytechnic

### ENROLLMENT/INVESTITURE CEREMONIES

The following schools conducted the enrollment and investiture ceremonies during the quarter

Name of School	County	Date of Ceremony	Branch	Number Enrolled
Langata West Primary	Nairobi	14th February 2023	Girl Guides	38
St. Scholastica Kimumu Primary	Uasin Gishu	22nd February 2023	Girl Guides	41
Jabali School	Nairobi	25th March 2023	Brownies	14
Bidii Primary School	Nairobi	25th March 2023	Brownies/Girl Guides	74
Hospital Hill Primary School	Nairobi	1st April 2023	Brownies/Girl Guides	49
Moi Primary School	Murang'a	5th April 2023	Brownies/Girl Guides	168
Loreto Girls Kiambu	Kiambu	18th April 2023	Rangers	130
Aga Khan Primary	Nairobi	15th April 2023	Brownies/Girl Guides	46
Kiota School	Nairobi	17th April 2023	Brownies/Girl Guides	32
Our Lady of Fatima Girls	Nairobi		Rangers	25
Moi Educational Centre	Nairobi	22nd April 2023	Brownies	48
Nyeri Learning Camp	Nyeri	22nd April 2023	Brownies/Girl Guides	238
Starehe Girls Centre	Kiambu	3rd June 2023	Rangers	50
Maryhill Girls High School	Kiambu	10th April 2023	Rangers	31
<b>TOTAL Number of Girls Enrolled</b>				<b>984</b>



Fig 17. Rangers from Starehe Girls Centre being invested on 3rd June 2023 by the Commissioner for training



Fig 18. National Trainer Lynette Ndonga investing Rangers at Maryhill Girls High School



### INTEREST BADGE ACTIVITIES

A total of 4,740 badges have been earned by the Brownies, Girl Guides and Rangers having completed activities under the supervision of the Guide Leader. Some of the badges earned include the Swimmers Badge, Environment Badge, First Aider badge, Cyclists badge, Music Badge among others.



Fig 20. Bidii Primary in Nairobi Guides hiking at Ngong forest



Fig 21. Guides from Kapsimotwa Preparatory in Nandi County training their ECD class on oral health

### LEARNING CAMPS

In the past quarter, Kenya Girl Guides Association (KGGA) organized and conducted highly successful learning camps in various counties across the country. These camps provided a unique opportunity for 664 Guides and Rangers to engage in enriching experiences and enhance their personal and leadership skills.

The learning camps took place in eight different counties, including Nyeri, Nairobi, Kiambu, Mombasa, Kwale, Bomet, Makueni, and Marsabit. Each camp was carefully designed to offer a diverse range of educational activities, outdoor adventures, team-building exercises, and opportunities for personal growth.

Participants had the chance to immerse themselves in interactive workshops, engage in meaningful discussions, and develop new skills. The camps fostered a supportive and inclusive environment where girls could explore their potential, build confidence, and form lasting friendships.

Through a combination of hands-on activities, engaging sessions, and expert guidance from trained facilitators, the learning camps empowered the Guides and Rangers to become proactive contributors to their communities. They gained valuable insights, leadership qualities, and a deepened understanding of important issues.

The success of these learning camps is a testament to KGGA's commitment to providing holistic development opportunities for young girls. By equipping them with essential life skills, knowledge, and experiences, KGGA is shaping the next generation of empowered and capable leaders.



## BRANCH ACTIVITIES

During this quarter the Rainbows, Brownies and Girl Guides have been engaged in the following branch activities that included; Rainbow Day out, Display and gallery walk of art, colour and drawing activities, Leadership Mindset Brownie Green Day (Tree Planting and Clean Up): Brownie Flock Picnics, Brownie Games, inter school poem competitions, Camping and hiking activities and Good Turn Activities.



Fig 22. Rainbows from Kericho primary in Kericho County carrying out a Branch activity on coloring and painting.



Fig 23. Brownies from Kericho Primary in Kericho county enjoy games in their sixes.



Fig 24. Day out for Rainbows, Brownies and Girl Guides from Kikuyu Township Primary school in Kiambu County at Baden Powell's Grave site in Nyeri

## MADARAKA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Kenya Girl Guides Association participated in the March Past Parade during the National Madaraka Day Celebrations held on 1st June 2023 at Moi Stadium in Embu County. A total number of 150 KGGGA registered Guides from 6 registered schools participated in the March past accompanied by Guide Leaders, KGGGA Chief Commissioner, National County Commissioner representative and the KGGGA Embu County Commissioner.



## YOUNG LEADERS REPORT

A total of 127 Young Leaders have been recruited and are fully paid-up members. Out of those who have paid up membership fee, 56 have been trained on Introduction to Girl Guiding. They have participated in several activities during the quarter including:

## BEACH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES

United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) in collaboration with the British High Commission organized a post-World Environment Day Beach clean-up at Early Bird Banda Nyali, Mombasa County. A team of KGGGA Young Leaders from the Coastal Region who are champions of the Tide Turners project took part in the event. In attendance were the British High Commissioner, Kenya Wildlife Service, Mombasa County Government, National Environment Management Authority of Kenya (NEMA), United Nations-HABITAT, Go Blue Initiative, and Baus Taka amongst other stakeholders.

The Plastic Tide Turners Advocacy Champion from Mombasa County also attended a community clean-up in the Brazil area of Likoni. The clean-up was organized by Phoenix Eco Plastic Systems (PEPS) and Go Green.

On World Turtle Day, the Young Leaders from Kilifi County in the Coastal Region attended an event at Turtle Bay Beach sponsored by A Rocha Kenya. They were joined by teams from Kenya Wildlife Services, Eco World Recycling, One Child Kenya, Medina Palms staff and Crab Shack Conservation. The team managed to collect plastics along the Indian Ocean.



5 KGGGA Plastic Tide Turners Advocacy Champions participated during a breakfast meeting organized by The British High Commission in Kenya, at the ongoing Africa Waste is Wealth Conference in Nairobi. The Advocacy Champions discussed the role of Kenyan Policy in the Engagement of Youth in Waste Management.

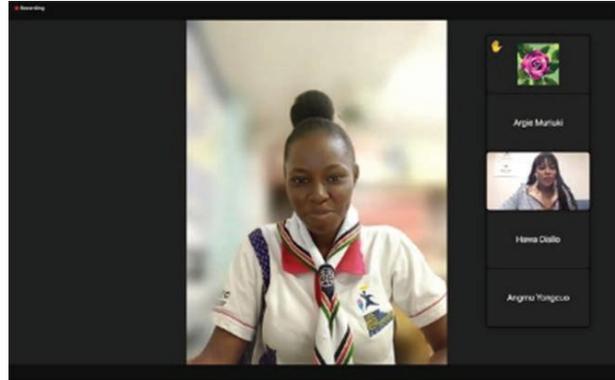


Vanessa Ngunjiri, a Young Leader based in Nairobi attended the United Nations Children's Fund, Children's Climate and Disaster Risk assessment model (UNICEF CCDRM) model development as a representative of KGGGA in Naivasha. Subsequently she was invited for the National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) workshop that took place in Nyeri for 3 days having taken part in the Development of the Climate Change Disaster Risk Model (CCDRM) organized by the Climate directorate with UNICEF and The German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ).



KGGA was represented by Violet Adhiambo, a Plastic Tide Turner Advocacy Champion at the UNEP side event at ECOSOC Youth Forum 2023 happening in New York.

The side event focused on “Choking in plastic: Addressing water pollution to ensure the right to a healthy environment and the achievement of SDG 6 for youth.” Violet spoke on the role of young people in influencing and changing their lifestyles which can lead to plastic pollution-free waterways and the achievement of SDG6.



**THE JULIETTE LOW SEMINAR**

The JLS 2022, started in October last year and the participants are in the last phase where they are delivering the 100 Girls Project.

- 17 participants have delivered their projects in different counties in Kenya, Ghana, and Rwanda (as two are YESS Participants).
- 4 participants have received 100 girls’ project grants from WAGGGS.
- 15 Participants and 2 volunteers will be traveling to the different world centres from August – December. (7 participants to Kusafiri (Ghana), 4 participants to Sangam and 2 participants to Pax Lodge).
- 2 JLS volunteers will be going to Ghana and Pax Lodge to help in the delivery of the Leadership Events.
- 1 JLS core team member is part of the Learning Design group that is the WAGGGS Leadership Events.



*Violet conducting her project about enabling young girls to be confident and see themselves as Leaders in Sports*



*Rachael Benta Okoya is delivering a project that focuses on enabling Teen Mothers from Gituamba Community to see themselves as Leaders.*

### **GOOD DEEDS DAY**

KGGG Young Leaders and the YESS team, along with other stakeholders, joined the world in celebrating Good Deeds Day at City Hall Way, Nairobi. The event was held courtesy of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Nairobi City County, Kenya Revenue Authority, and the Volunteers Involving Organizations Society. More than 40 organizations were present at the event, with each one showcasing the good deeds that they are doing through volunteerism in different communities around Kenya.



*Young Leaders during Good Deed Day celebration in Nairobi.*

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING (IDADA)**

A total of 27 Girl Guides, 1 Brownie and 15 Young Leaders attended the commemoration of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (IDADA) whose theme was People first: stop stigma and discrimination, strengthen prevention. Celebrated each year on June 26th, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime uses the commemorative day to highlight the dangers of drug use and their illegal trade and provides educational material to teachers and public officials all over the world. The event was graced by Dr. Raymond Omollo, the Ps. Ministry of Interior and National Administration who committed to partner with stakeholders and parties of interest to end the existential dread of production, distribution and consumption of illicit brews and hard drugs.

National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) launched 3 Kenya Policy documents:

- ~ National Guidelines for Aftercare and Re-Integration.
- ~ Code of Practice for Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention Practitioners in Kenya.
- ~ National Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention System.



## YOUTH EXCHANGE SOUTH TO SOUTH

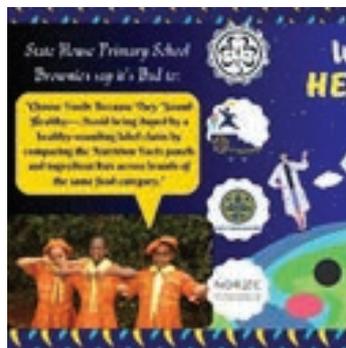
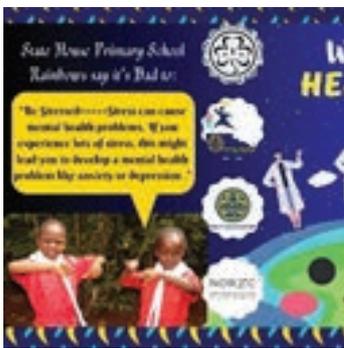
The Youth Exchange South to South (YESS) Girls Movement is an international exchange Programme for Young Women (Girl Guides) aged 18-25 years old and 25- 35 years for professionals.

This year, Kenya Girl Guides Association received 5 girls from Rwanda, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, Uganda, and Madagascar. KGGA also sent a team of 6 girls to Rwanda, Nepal, Madagascar (Fanilo), Madagascar (Mpanasava), Ghana and Uganda (WAGGGS).

## ACTIVITIES OF THE YESS PARTICIPANTS

### WORLD HEALTH WEEK

From 3rd to 7th April 2023, the YESS team participated in World Health Week with the theme 'Health for All'. This is the day where people more so health practitioners take a moment to raise awareness and understanding about health issues and mobilize support for action, from the local community to the international stage.



### HER SANCTUARY

Her Sanctuary is a safe space designed to support and empower Girls and Young Women to learn, connect and grow in a supportive and nurturing environment.



YESS participants attending her sanctuary training in Nyeri



Counselling at St. Angela Girls High School

### YES! GIRLS CAN BE ECONOMICALLY EMPOWERED CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

The YESS! Girls Can Be Economically Empowered Campaign has launched, bringing together 65 young leaders for training sessions on vital skills like makeup, content creation, baking, transcription, and UX/HCD design. The campaign emphasizes economic empowerment for girls, offering them valuable skills for personal and professional growth. The sessions also included a focus on enhancing individual beauty and self-confidence through makeup techniques. With this campaign, girls are being equipped to pursue economic opportunities and create a brighter future for themselves.



### **CELEBRATING MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT DAY**

The Menstrual Hygiene Management Day was celebrated by the Kenya Girl Guides Association with various activities and events. Activity packs were shared among Guiding groups, encouraging participation and support from teachers, field officers, and Young Leaders. In Taita Taveta, a significant celebration took place with the presence of Young Leaders, County Commissioner, Guide Leaders, and the YESS Team.

MHM training sessions were conducted in schools, where the Girl Guides family came together to share their experiences and knowledge about handling periods. A special celebration was held at Arboretum Nairobi, attended by Girl Guides and Brownies from State House and Bidii primary schools. The event was honored by the presence of Madam Elizabeth Okinda Tumm from the Nairobi Governor's office, who recognized the importance of teaching young girls about menstrual health and hygiene.

In Taita Taveta County, a collaborative effort took place at Mambura primary school, involving the Ministry of Health, Kenya Red Cross Society, Mgeno Ranch, Stawisha Pwani, Office of the DCC Mwatate, Gender office, and other partners. The Deputy Governor, H.E Christine Kilalo, emphasized the significance of adolescent education and the need to keep girls in school. The event also included the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations and the provision of dignity packs to learners.



### GREEN-TECH GENERATION

An activity pack was distributed to all KGGA groups, encouraging girls to take daily actions to combat plastic pollution. The focus was on raising awareness and finding sustainable solutions. Schools across the country actively participated in initiatives to celebrate World Environment Day.

Statehouse primary school collaborated with the YESS team for a cleanup activity along Statehouse arboretum road. Together, they worked to remove litter and create a cleaner environment. The girls showed great enthusiasm and dedication in their efforts.

In Muranga County, Githiri primary school took part in a tree planting activity using collected plastics. By repurposing the plastics and turning them into plant containers, they demonstrated the importance of recycling and nature conservation.

Miwongoni primary school in Machakos County organized a cleanup activity around Miwongoni market. The girls not only cleaned the area but also used the collected plastics to create practical items such as pen holders, flower vessels, toothbrush holders, ropes, and salt shakers. Their creativity and resourcefulness were truly inspiring.

Kiabonyoru secondary school in Nyamira County joined the global movement to beat plastic pollution on World Environment Day. They actively engaged in activities aimed at reducing plastic waste and shared their experiences through captivating pictures.

These remarkable efforts by Girl Guides across Kenya highlight their commitment to environmental conservation and their role in building a greener future. Together, we are nurturing a Green-Tech Generation dedicated to protecting our planet. Let's continue to take action and beat plastic pollution!



### HER THE GREEN AMBASSADOR

Check out the impressive efforts of schools across Kenya in contributing to a greener future! The table shows the number of trees planted by schools in various counties as part of the 'Her the Green Ambassador' initiative. These dedicated young environmentalists are making a positive impact on their communities and inspiring others to join the movement. Together, we can create a sustainable and thriving environment for generations to come.

	County	School	No of Trees Planted
1.	Nairobi	OLF Girls	50
2.	Migori	Anding'o Primary School	600
3.	Nyamira	Nyagachi Primary School	200
4.	Nyamira	Kiabonyoru Mixed High School	500
5.	Nairobi	John's Community Center	20
6.	Nairobi	Westlands Primary School	17
7.	Kisumu	Kasawo Primary School	700
8.	Kisumu	Lake Primary School	2,000
9.	Makueni	Kiongwani Girls High School	500
10.	Nandi	Kapsimotwa Preparatory School	650
11.	Turukana	Lokori Mixed Primary School	100
12.	Kwale	Shimoni Primary School	50
13.	Nandi	Nandi Primary School	500
14.	Baringo	Kaptimbor Primary School	150
15.	Tharaka Nithi		1,500
16.	Kajiado	Intilal Primary School	250
17.	Nairobi	Our Lady of Mercy South B Primary Sch	21
18.	Nakuru	Nakuru Moi Secondary School	1,500
19.	Nyeri	Mahiga Primary School	100
20.	Nakuru	Lanet Secondary School	400
21.	Nakuru	Moi Secondary Sch (at Show Ground)	1,500
22.	Nakuru	Kasambara Primary School	150
23.	Nakuru	Michinda Boys High School	450
24.	Nakuru	Naivasha DEB High School	1,500
25.	Nakuru	Naishi Secondary School	800
26.	Makueni	Mukaa Girls Secondary	1,800
27.	Machakos	Keaa Primary School	60
28.	Vihiga	Igunga Primary School	800
29.	Vihiga	Ivona Primary School	600
30.	Nairobi	Kabete Vet Lab Primary School	69
<b>Total Number of Trees Planted</b>			<b>17,537</b>

## COUNTY BRIEFS

### Murang'a

On May 26 2023, Guide Leaders from Muthiria Primary School engaged on a delightful picnic day. The event provided a refreshing break from routine activities and offered the girls an opportunity to bond, have fun, and create lasting memories.



### Baringo

Loiwa Primary School in Baringo County dedicated two days to Menstrual Hygiene Management awareness, while Girl Guides from Kaptimbor Primary School took action by planting 150 trees sourced from the Baringo County Forest Department. Together, they are promoting menstrual health and environmental conservation in their community.



### Kisumu

28 Guides from Kosawo primary school planted 700 trees since the beginning of March. Lake primary school Guides and Scouts participated in tree planting at Moi stadium in Kisumu County. The total number of trees planted were 2,000.



### Trans Nzoia

Marsabit County organized a camp at Marsabit Day Secondary School from 4th to 6th May 2023, where 60 girls participated in various activities including cooking and a campfire. In another initiative, Brownies from Goro Rukesa Primary School collected tree seedlings to establish a tree nursery on their school premises. These efforts showcase their commitment to environmental sustainability and experiential learning.



### Turukana

Lokori Mixed Primary School in Turkana County demonstrated their commitment to environmental conservation by planting 100 trees. Their efforts contribute to a greener and more sustainable future for their community.



**Garissa**

On May 26, 2023, the Guides from Korakara Primary School and JSS School participated in a training session focused on Menstrual Hygiene Management. This initiative aimed to equip the girls with important knowledge and skills to ensure proper menstrual hygiene practices. Empowering girls with this essential information contributes to their overall health, well-being, and confidence.



**Kiambu**

Rangers from Muguga wa Gatonye Secondary School showed their community spirit by visiting their local police station and participating in a good turn by cleaning the premises.



**Nandi**

Nandi Primary School planted over 500 trees on the shores of Chebarbar river on 17th April 2023. They did this together with the scouts and Jiamini group [Kalenjin artists and comedians]. Nandi County Commissioner was part of the activity.



**Nyeri**

On April 15th, 2023, Nyeri County Commissioner Irene Mwangi spent a day with Guide Leaders from Staffordshire, visiting Baden Powell and receiving goodies for upcoming campers in Nyeri County.

On June 1st, 2023, Guides from Gakuyu Mahiga Secondary School, Mahiga Primary School, and Gitugi Primary School proudly marched at Mahiga Community Hall during the 60th Madaraka Day Celebrations.

**Kilifi**

On May 2023, Kilifi county celebrated the World Turtle Day at the Turtle Bay Beach. The event was sponsored by A Rocha Kenya, KWS, Eco World Recycling, One Child Kenya Medina Palms staff and Crab Shack Conservation.

**Makueni**

Around Kiongwani Girls School, a total of 500 trees were planted, contributing to environmental conservation and creating a greener future.

In Makueni County, on 9th April 2023, a camp was organized at Katoloni campsite under the guidance of the Makueni County Commissioner. The camp brought together 100 campers, 3 Guide Leaders, and 1 Young Leader, fostering leadership development and engaging in exciting activities.



**Nyamira**

On June 8th, 2023, the Girl Guides from Kiabunyoru Secondary School showcased their creativity and environmental commitment by creating KGGA logos from recycled plastic collected around their school. Their innovative approach promotes sustainable practices and highlights the importance of recycling in protecting our environment.



**Nairobi**

On May 28, 2023, Bidii Primary School hosted a remarkable event to mark Menstrual Hygiene Management Day. The occasion was graced by special guests from the Rotary Club of Kenya, who demonstrated their support for menstrual hygiene and donated sanitary towels.

**Mombasa**

On April 11, 2023, Mombasa County Commissioner organized an exciting day camp during the Easter break. A total of 8 schools from the county had the opportunity to participate and enjoy the camp activities. This engaging event provided a platform for learning, fun, and camaraderie among the attending schools, fostering a sense of unity and adventure.



**Nakuru**

Nakuru County is leading the way in environmental conservation! Through various activities like tree planting and clean-ups, they have made a significant impact. Together, they have planted an impressive 1500 trees, contributing to a greener and healthier environment. Kudos to Nakuru County for their dedication to preserving nature and creating a sustainable future.



### Bomet

Bomet County held MHM day activities at Kipngosos Secondary School. Girls from 10 schools were present. The schools were Kipngosos Primary, Lorna Laboso Girls, Tembwo Girls, Burgei Primary, Burgei Sec, Kisabei Primary, Ngariet Primary, Queen of Angels and the Host School Kipngosos Secondary. Kipngosos Special School was also represented. The event was graced by guests from the County and National Government.

### Bungoma

Bungoma County celebrates MHM Day with the leadership of the County Commissioner.



### Siaya

Siaya County Commissioner takes the lead in Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) celebrations! With the support of the spouse of the area's Member of Parliament, they organized a successful event in Rarieda sub-county.



## ADOPT A UNIT

Mrs. Sheesham Sethi, a former Kenyan Guide who relocated to New Zealand paid a visit to KGGA office earlier this year. Upon assessment, 5 rangers from Our Lady of Fatima secondary school were identified as needy girls who could not raise money to buy their uniforms and also pay their membership. KGGA received a donation of Ksh. 41,000 from the New Zealand Girl Guides through Mrs. Sheesham Sethi who initiated the fundraising. The grants were used to support guides from Mama Fatuma Secondary School as follows:

- i. Membership fees (25 Ranger Guides)
- ii. Ranger Guide Leaders book
- iii. Ranger Guide Programme Book
- iv. Uniforms
- v. Scarfs
- vi. Investiture cards
- vii. Investiture badges



five rangers who received the 5 sets of full uniform



Rangers unit with their guide leader.



Ms Sheesham and her daughter interacting with girls from State house primary on 27th January 2023



Ms Sheesham and her daughter with members of staff and YESS participants.