



KONNECT
Youth Consortium
Empowered healthy young people



2024

IMPACT REPORT

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About US

We are Konnect Youth Consortium, an independent, impact-driven non governmental organization founded in 2005, dedicated to empowering young people and fostering sustainable development across communities in Kenya. With a passionate team of 23 professionals, 220 volunteers, and a network spanning Kenya, we work tirelessly to create opportunities and amplify the voices of young people.

From the very beginning, our purpose has been clear – to be a catalyst for change, not merely a participant, by developing programs and initiatives that put young people at the heart of every solution. Guided by our vision of empowered, healthy young people, we strive to ensure that every initiative we undertake contributes to their growth, well-being, and ability to drive meaningful change in their communities.

As we grow, we remain committed to promoting the health and well-being of young people, ensuring they have the knowledge, resources, and support needed to lead healthy lives. Simultaneously, we focus on providing economic opportunities that enable youth to build sustainable livelihoods, fostering entrepreneurship, skills development, and access to meaningful employment.

We also prioritize building leadership capacities among young people, equipping them with the tools, confidence, and skills needed to drive change in their communities and beyond. Additionally, we are dedicated to advancing a sustainable environment by advocating for eco-friendly practices and empowering youth to take an active role in preserving natural resources for future generations.

Through innovation, collaboration, and unwavering dedication, we aim to build a future where every young person can realize their potential, lead vibrant, healthy lives, and contribute to a more equitable, sustainable, and prosperous world.

Vision

Empowered Healthy, young people

Mission

TO PROMOTE YOUNG PEOPLE'S HEALTH THROUGH SERVICE DELIVERY, ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH FOR ENHANCED PRODUCTIVITY AND SELF-RELIANCE

OUR STORY SO FAR

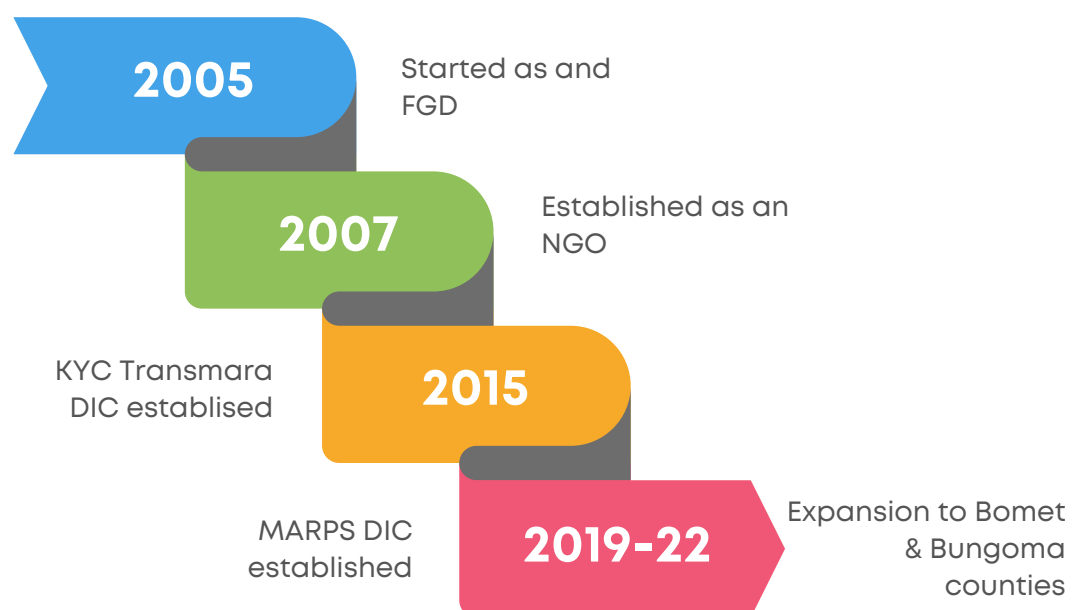
Konnect Youth Consortium (KYC) is an independent, non-profit organization with its central office in Kericho County, Kenya. The organization implements its activities in Kericho, Narok, Bomet, and Bungoma Counties and plans to expand to other counties.

The organization was registered with the Kenya NGO Coordination Bureau on June 21 2007. Since its inception, KYC has managed several grants, raising over 4 million USD from several partners. These partners include The Walter Reed Project-Henry Jackson Foundation Medical Research Institute (HJFMRI), The Global Fund, AMREF, United Nations Women-funded Gender Violence Recovery Centre (GVRC), USAID through MTRH, For A Better Tomorrow Konnect Youth Consortium.

In addition, KYC collaborates with various County Health Management Teams (CHMT) and other government agencies, as well as partners like The National Syndemic Diseases Control Council (NSDCC), the National AIDS & STI Control Programme (NASCO), and the Ajira Digital Program. KYC's initiatives align with Kenya's Vision 2030, and the organization aims to support Kenya's progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically:

- Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms
- Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Goal 8: Promote decent work and economic growth
- Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Through its efforts, KYC is committed to making a positive impact in the communities it serves.



Message From the CEO

Reflecting on the past year, I am grateful for our growth and milestones at Konnect Youth Consortium. We've broadened our reach and deepened our impact in the counties we serve. Our participation in key forums allowed us to embrace innovation, share best practices, and strengthen our HIV service delivery.

Our focus on capacity building has been central to this growth. Through targeted training and leadership development, our dedicated staff has become even more equipped to meet the evolving needs of our communities.

Governance has been another cornerstone of our success. I am deeply grateful to our Board of Directors for their leadership and our staff for their unwavering dedication. Your passion and hard work continue to shape KYC into a resilient and forward-thinking organization.

We are also fortunate to have the support of key partners like the Ministry of Health, The Walter Reed Project, USAID Dumisha Afya, and AMREF. Your partnership has been instrumental in our journey, and we have achieved incredible progress together.

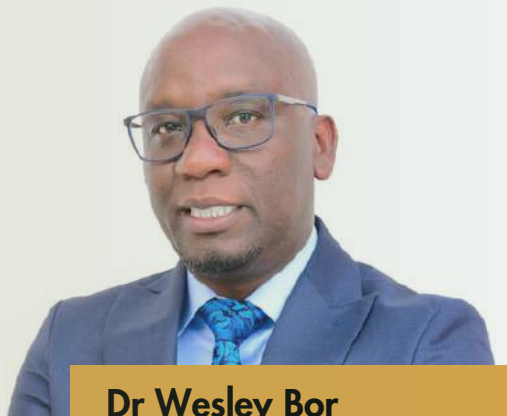
As we look ahead, I am excited about the future and confident that, with your continued support, we will have an even greater impact on the lives of young people and their communities.

Thank you for being part of this journey

Ronoh Daniel
C.E.O
Konnect Youth Consortium



MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Dr Wesley Bor

Board Chair



Dr. Wesley Bor brings over 14 years of experience in Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics, with senior roles in academia and healthcare across prominent African organizations. He previously led the Nutrition Program for PEPFAR under the Walter Reed DOD project in Kenya, engaging in policy dialogues with the Ministry of Health and ensuring compliance with DOD standards. As the founding Head of Human Nutrition and Public Health at Kabarak University, Dr. Bor drives public health education and policy development, supporting our mission to enhance community health and well-being



Daniel Ronoh

CEO & Secretary to the Board

Daniel is the CEO of Konnect Youth Consortium, leading innovative HIV prevention, reproductive health, and community TB initiatives for marginalized groups. He oversees KYC projects ensuring impactful implementation. With an MBA and advanced training from Harvard Kennedy School, Daniel specializes in project and grants management. A 2024 Gratitude Network Fellow, he advances social entrepreneurship to improve youth health, education, and rights. As an Emerging Leaders Foundation fellow and Arukah Network trustee, he coordinates grassroots leadership in Kericho County, fostering a cluster of over 10 local organizations to drive community advocacy and empowerment.



Rev. Pheanson Kirui is a dedicated pastor and community leader with over ten years' experience in youth mentorship and men's discipleship. Currently a chaplain at Tenwek Hospital's Cardiothoracic Center, he is recognized for his compassionate approach and commitment to spiritual and personal growth. With expertise in pastoral care, program development, and community engagement, he combines practical leadership with a strong foundation in biblical principles. Rev. Kirui holds a Bachelor of Theology from Kenya Highlands College and is pursuing a Master's in Christian Ministries at Bethel University



Rev. Pheanson Kirui

Board Treasurer



Obwiri Kenyatta

* Obwiri Kenyatta is a public health leader with over 18 years in managing health programs, policy, and research in Kenya and beyond. As a CDC Public Health Specialist, he chairs the PEPFAR Interagency Technical Team for Key Populations, guiding HIV prevention and treatment. His work focuses on expanding HIV services and harm reduction for people who inject drugs across sub-Saharan Africa. Previously, he led efforts at EGPAF, pioneering integrated service models and behavioral interventions for Key Populations. Obwiri holds a master's in Community Health and a first-class honors degree in Communication and Media Technology



Maryleen Cherotich

* an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. She hold a Bachelor of Laws Degree from Kabarak University and a Post- Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law. She is currently pursuing Certified Secretaries course. In addition to her legal background, she is an Accredited Mediator. She is currently working at the Law Society of Kenya as an Assistant Program Officer - Parliamentary Affairs and Legislation Directorate. Her passion to empower the young people is manifest through her work and volunteer efforts.



Nickson Chepkwony

* Nickson Chepkwony is the regional coordinator at the National syndemic Diseases Control Council where he oversees planning, finance, risk management and strategic investments on the implementation of prevention and Control of Syndemic diseases. He has over 30 years of experience in Public Health programmes. Nickson has been instrumental in policy development especially on HIV, Malaria and Tuberculosis related programmes. He is also an advisor on community engagement to the (ACTG) Advancing Clinical Trials Globally a network of clinical trials.



Simon Wahome



Simon is a dedicated professional with over 20 years of experience in program planning and management for community-led initiatives focused on education, Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), HIV prevention, and Gender-Based Violence (GBV). As a National Mentor and member of several National Technical Working Groups, he provides technical assistance on SRH and HIV policies and curriculum development. Simon holds a Master's degree in Development Studies (Community Development) and a Bachelor's degree in Education, making him a valuable asset in advancing health and education initiatives for young people.



Dr. Anne Makerer



Dr. Anne Makerer holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from Moi University, along with a Master's degree in Psychology and a Bachelor of Education (Arts) from Kenyatta University. With over 27 years of experience in teaching and educational management, Dr. Makerer has dedicated her career to fostering the growth and development of young people. Driven by her passion for education and personal growth.



Vivian Kibeu



Vivian Kibeu is a dedicated and versatile professional with expertise in program coordination, administration, and team collaboration. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Community Development and is advancing her knowledge through a Master's degree in Project Planning and Management. Her dedication to enhancing organizational effectiveness makes her a valuable asset, passionate about driving positive outcomes in every project she undertakes.

Highlights from the Management Team

This year, our programs achieved key milestones through effective planning and stakeholder engagement. Despite challenges, the team adapted to ensure successful implementation, delivering meaningful outcomes. These accomplishments set the stage for expanded impact in the future.

Elvis Embeheze

Programs Coordinator



This year, the Finance and Administration team ensured financial stability through effective budgeting and resource management. Internal controls were enhanced to uphold accountability, while administrative processes were streamlined to improve efficiency. These efforts have strengthened the organization's foundation for sustainable growth



Kelvin Kiplangat

Finance & Administration
Officer

The M&E unit prioritized data-driven approaches to track progress and assess impact. Improved tools and evaluations highlighted successes and areas for growth, fostering learning and accountability. These efforts have enhanced our capacity to measure and strengthen program outcomes.

Joyce Chao

Monitoring & Evaluation
Lead



Highlights From the site leads.



Anne Akida
Site lead

During the financial year 2023/24, our efforts have been instrumental in raising greater awareness about SGBV and sensitizing both police and community members against stigma. These initiatives have significantly contributed to building stronger relationships within the community, reinforcing our commitment to fostering understanding and collaboration



Evans Okoth
Site Lead

Throughout the financial year 2023/24, our work has continued to be recognized by the communities we serve, reinforcing our commitment to deliver our best in every initiative. Effective communication has been essential in creating a healthy, collaborative environment, while our success this year has been deeply rooted in strong teamwork and open channels of communication."



Brian Ogola
site lead

This year, we focused on ensuring the smooth execution of all site activities while maintaining a collaborative and results-driven environment. The team worked diligently to overcome challenges, align with organizational goals, and deliver on key objectives. Through consistent oversight and proactive engagement, we achieved notable progress, strengthening both operational efficiency and team cohesion.

Key Project Highlights

1. Cybersecurity Training

We successfully hosted a cybersecurity training aimed at increasing digital literacy and online safety. The training covered key aspects such as safeguarding personal data, recognizing online threats, and promoting safe internet practices. This initiative is part of our ongoing effort to enhance digital resilience among youth and community members.



2. Participation in USAID Dumisha Afya Quality Improvement Best Practices Sharing and Learning Forum

KYC actively participated in the USAID Dumisha Afya Quality Improvement Best Practices Sharing and Learning Forum, which brought together stakeholders from across multiple counties to foster collaboration and scale innovative solutions in HIV service delivery. The theme of the forum, “Leveraging Innovations and Best Practices for Collaborative Learning, Adaptation, and Scaling to Enhance Quality HIV Services, and Achieve HIV Epidemic Control,” aligned perfectly with our mission to improve healthcare access and outcomes in our communities

3. Global Fund Grant Award (GC7 Cycle)

This year, Konnect Youth Consortium received a Global Fund grant award under the GC7 cycle for our community TB program. This grant enables us to expand our efforts in TB prevention and treatment, supporting our goal of improving community health outcomes and reducing the incidence of TB in the regions we serve.



Program and Project Highlights

Konnect Youth Consortium (KYC) continues to lead health interventions aimed at reducing the spread of HIV and improving overall health outcomes. Our work in Narok, Bungoma, and Bomet counties demonstrates a strong commitment to tackling public health challenges.

In Narok, through HJFMRI, we focus on Key and Vulnerable Populations (KVPs) by providing HIV prevention services. Similarly, Konnect Youth Consortium (KYC) has collaborated with the USAID Dumisha Afya Project, a 5-year USAID-funded service delivery initiative under the auspices of Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH), to strengthen health systems in Bungoma County. Together, we aim to address the needs of KVPs by integrating HIV prevention, care, and treatment services into broader health systems. This collaboration leverages KYC's community engagement expertise to enhance sustainable access to healthcare for KVPs, ensuring they receive tailored support through County-led health and social services.

KYC-Amref partnership involves collaborative efforts to implement and scale up TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care programs. Amref has supported KYC to strengthen its policies and systems, enhance community engagement, and contribute to the global fight against tuberculosis.



Through these programs, KYC continues to positively impact the health and well-being of thousands of individuals across Kenya. Our work has not only strengthened health systems but also enhanced the capacity of communities to lead healthier, more resilient lives.

Since its launch in early 2018, our Skill Infusion Program has made remarkable progress in empowering over 170 youth with valuable skills in music, photography, videography, web design, and life skills. This initiative is focused on enhancing employability and fostering entrepreneurship, enabling young people to carve out career paths and launch successful business ventures.

Beyond technical training, we emphasize holistic development by conducting Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and career mentorship sessions. These forums allow young individuals to explore their career aspirations, set meaningful goals, and gain insights from seasoned mentors. Feedback from these discussions has been invaluable in refining our programs to address the ever-changing needs of the youth we serve.



To further enhance learning, we have integrated online courses into our curriculum, complementing our hands-on training. A recent milestone includes all our staff and volunteers completing the Be There Certificate, an online mental health training program by jack.org and the BTW Foundation. This program equips our team with practical tools to support individuals facing mental health challenges, ensuring our approach is both comprehensive and compassionate.

Through these combined efforts, our program not only equips youth with technical expertise but also fosters personal growth and resilience, preparing them for a brighter, more confident future.



Thanks to the Skill Infusion Program and KYC, I gained the knowledge and confidence to turn my passion for photography into a thriving startup. Today, I successfully run my own business, capturing moments and building my dream career Hez

"Through the 'Learning How to Learn' online course introduced at KYC, I transformed my approach to studying. I've developed effective habits that have significantly improved my learning experience and personal growth

Cheru

Impact Metrics



2000+

Youth Empowered in the last 5 years



168

Youth Trained under the skills infusion program in the previous 2 years



1869

Contacts traced through community TB program 2021-2024



89

Enrolled under care and treatments in the past year



15,007

Individuals reached through HIV prevention Services in the year 23/24



15,370

Chest xray Supported



6

SGBV cases identified in the past year

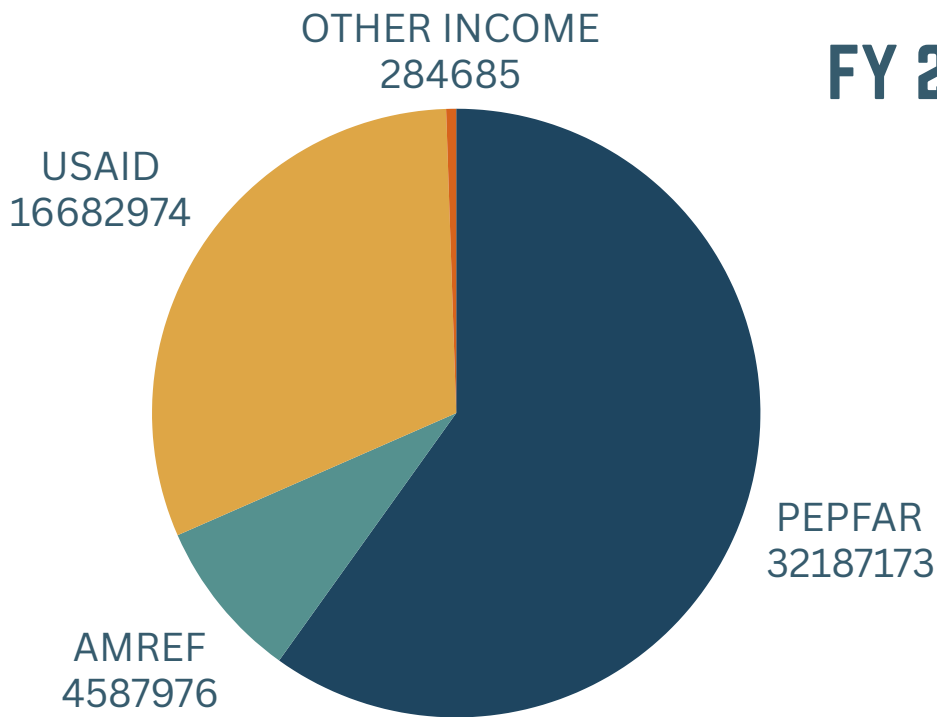


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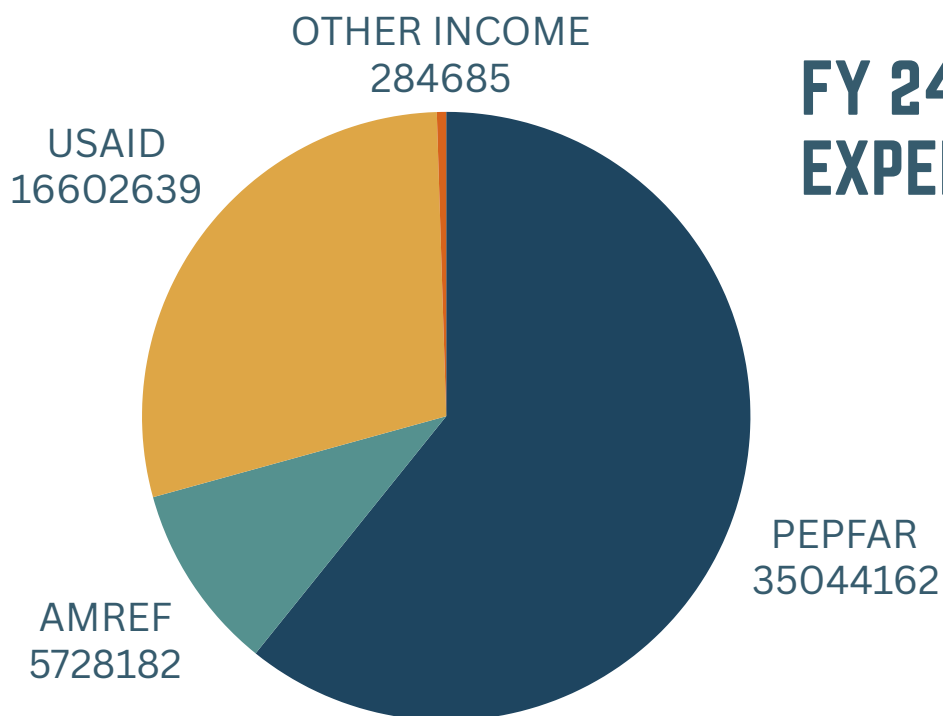
funding since Inception

Financial Report

FY 24 INCOME



FY 24 EXPENDITURES



2025-2029 Strategic Plan

This December, Konnect Youth Consortium proudly unveiled its renewed strategic plan—a comprehensive vision reaffirming our commitment to advancing the health, empowerment, and resilience of young people and their communities. This plan is the culmination of months of collaboration with partners, stakeholders, and the communities we serve, carefully aligning our priorities with their needs and aspirations.

The launch marked a significant milestone, charting a clear path for our initiatives and shaping the next phase of our impact. We warmly invite partners, supporters, and community members to join us in celebrating this achievement as we embark on a shared journey toward meaningful, sustainable change.

This strategic plan will drive efforts across critical focus areas, including health, climate action, youth empowerment, leadership development, and collaborative partnerships. It is more than just a roadmap; it is a call to action—a bold promise to foster a future where young people thrive, communities are resilient, and progress is equitable and enduring.

Our strategic plan continues to guide Konnect Youth Consortium in its mission to enhance the well-being of young people and build resilient communities. Our work is rooted in key pillars that drive our commitment to addressing pressing challenges, leveraging opportunities for growth, and responding to evolving community needs

Our Development Plan

STRATEGIC GOALS



Impact Stories

Case Studies or Success Stories



Leonard Kipkoech

* Through my experience with the Konnect Youth Consortium, an organization with the vision to empower a healthy young generation and the mission to enhance youth productivity and self-reliance through service delivery, advocacy, and research, I had the opportunity engage young people with essential skills. through life skills like computer literacy, web design, goal setting, and effective problem-solving, aiming to prepare them for the responsibilities and challenges of adulthood.

This experience has not only allowed me to make a positive impact on the lives of these youths but has also helped me grow personally and professionally, deepening my understanding of life and the ever-evolving world of technology. I am grateful to Konnect Youth Consortium for providing such a meaningful platform for both personal development and community service.



Sheila Sang

* At Konnect Youth Consortium, I had the privilege of coordinating the Global Fund-AMREF Community TB Program in Bomet County. Through this program, I had the opportunity to work closely with the CTLC, SCTL, CHPs, TB champions, and many other dedicated community actors committed to eradicating TB in their community. Their passion and expertise made this journey both fulfilling and impactful. At KYC, I had the privilege of working with a supportive and collaborative team, which enabled me to develop strong leadership skills. Through this experience.

I gained valuable skills in partnership-building, networking, collaboration, project coordination, and community mobilization. I also strengthened my skills in proposal writing, resource mobilization, and monitoring and evaluation. Additionally, working closely with the Ministry of Health in Bomet County through the CTLC, SCTL, and CHPs made the implementation process seamless, contributing to our success in positively impacting the community's health outcomes



Impact Stories

Through the support and resources provided, I've been able to turn my entrepreneurial ideas into a reality, I am currently starting a photography Business. The focus on entrepreneurship has given me the confidence and tools to build my own business, creating opportunities not just for myself, but also for others in my community. **Caleb**

The skills development programs have been a game-changer for me. By learning new skills, I've been able to access better job opportunities and increase my income. **Lizz**

Thanks to the emphasis on financial inclusion, I now have access to banking services and financial tools that I never had before. This has not only improved my ability to save but has also allowed me to invest in my future and achieve a level of financial stability I never thought possible. **Mercy**

The integration of online courses into our learning has been incredibly valuable. It has allowed me to deepen my knowledge and gain new insights at my own pace, while still benefiting from the hands-on training. This combination has made learning more flexible and effective. **Laban**

The commitment to mental health training for staff and volunteers ensures that everyone here is well-prepared to offer support. Knowing that our team is trained with the Be There Certificate gives me confidence that we approach mental health with the utmost care, understanding, and compassion. **Collo**



Community TB School outreach program at Koiwa Boys



Web Design Class - Skill Infusion



Class of 2024 Skill Infusion Graduation



World TB day March 2024



World AIDS day Commemoration 2024



Photography Class



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