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Saoyo Tabitha Griffith, LLB (Moi University), Post Graduate Diploma (Kenya School of Law) LLM (University of Pretoria) PhD (Cardiff University, ongoing) Aspen New Voices Fellow 2019, Law Society of Kenya Pro-Bono Jurist 2019.

Ms. Saoyo is a lawyer with over nine years' experience navigating the policy, human rights, health and governance spaces in East Africa. Her special bias is in Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and has participated in programs addressing unsafe abortion, sexual violence, forced sterilization and teen pregnancies. She has served at the Federation of Women Lawyers-Kenya and was the Deputy Director and Head of Programs at KELIN, a Kenyan NGO addressing health related rights.

Tabitha will facilitate two modules: Understanding SRHR Advocacy and Stakeholder Mapping and Power Analysis.

Dr Mariam Kamunyu

Kenya



Dr Mariam Kamunyu is a feminist human rights lawyer and gender equality expert with a specialization in the African human rights system. She holds a Doctor of Laws from the University of Pretoria where her research focused on an inter sectional feminist analysis of the African human rights system. She also holds a Master of Laws in Human Rights and Democratization and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa. Mariam also teaches international human rights law at Catholic University of Eastern Africa and the gender responsiveness of the African human rights system at the University of Pretoria.

Dr. Mariam will facilitate the module: The status of SRHR in Africa.

Sofia Rajab-Leteipan

Kenya



Sofia Rajab-Leteipan is the Managing Partner of Leteipan & Associates Advocates, a bespoke law firm that focuses its practice on constitutional, public and international human rights law. She is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, a feminist human rights lawyer and a fierce champion for the protection, promotion, respect and fulfillment of the human rights of women and girls. She specializes in litigation, advocacy, research as well as legal and policy reform on sexual and reproductive health and rights sexual and gender-based violence and the rights of sexual minorities. She is passionate about addressing sexual harassment and dismantling the patriarchy that fuels it, and as the Creator and Host of the Dear Law podcast, has utilized storytelling, feminist and survivor-centered approaches to bring to the fore the sexual harassment experiences of women in the legal profession and the prevalence of sexual harassment in the workplace.

Sofia will facilitate the modules: SRHR Legal Frameworks and Policy Environment in Africa and Spaces at the regional and global levels for SRHR engagement



**Rachel
Kagoiya**

Kenya

Rachel Kagoiya is the Head of Communications at the African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET) in Nairobi-Kenya. She is a feminist and knowledge enthusiast with extensive experience contributing to the gender justice discourse in Africa as a creator and manager of diverse information products and communication platforms. Rachel is a holder of a Master's Degree in Library & Information Science.

Rachel will facilitate the module: Communications and Media Strategy Development.



**Leah
Eryenyu**

Uganda

Leah Eryenyu is the Head of Programmes at Akina Mama wa Afrika where she provides strategic leadership to the team across several African countries in the organization's thematic areas of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), Women's Economic Justice, and Women's Political Leadership. Her work looks at the intersection of economic exploitation and gender oppression and its implication for the achievement of broader women's rights. She was previously the Research Advocacy and Movement Building Manager, where she steered the organization's feminist research and knowledge building work, and its women's economic justice portfolio.

Leah will facilitate the module: SRHR and the economy

MEET THE PARTICIPANTS.

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Anne Rose
Osamba

Kenya

Ann is a human rights defender who uses her skills as a trained journalist and certified digital communication specialist to fight for the rights of all and tell stories of often uncelebrated and unrecognized young people changing their communities through her blog, mwananchi. Anne is the Executive Director of Uzalendo Afrika Initiative, a youth led Pan-African community organization based in Mombasa-Kenya, seeking to promote the inclusion and representation of youth in decision making spaces, as well as nurture them to become transformational Pan-African leaders.



Lucy
Kombe

Kenya

Lucy is a budding Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) advocate. She is the Program Assistant At Zamara Foundation, a feminist organization based in Kenya, working to strengthen the voices of women and girls in marginalised communities to challenge and transform status quo for the attainment of equal rights.



Luuba
Namusoke

Uganda

Luuba is an HIV/AIDS counselor, social and community development worker at the Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI). She is qualified in the field of counselling, SRHR and is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Social Sector Planning and Management at Makerere University. She hopes to work with refugees in any of the settlements in Uganda.



**Ntasuwizile M.
Nalungwe**

Zambia

Nalungwe is the Community Outreach Coordinator at Smile Zambia. She believes in adding value to the community and is passionate about educating, inspiring, encouraging and inspiring young people to seek to achieve greater purpose.



**Steasy
Atieno**

Kenya

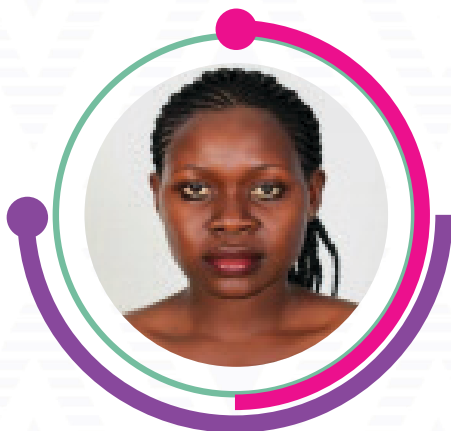
Steasy is an actress at Amazon Theatrix Ensemble, an organization using performing arts and media to sensitize communities in Kisumu about Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights for girls and young people. She uses art to amplify the voices of girls and their SRHR.



**Chanda
Nsofwa**

Zambia

Chanda is a youth activist, advocate, community health worker, feminist and a global Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights advocate. She has represented youths at both the local and international level at events such as the United Nations 49th session on Commission on Population and Development in New York, and 2016 European Week of Action for Girls at European Union, Brussels.



**Joanna
Atukunda**

Uganda

Joanna is a social worker passionate about Gender Equity, holistic quality education and women's Health. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Gender and Women Health with a specialty in Women Health Policy, Promotion and Education.



**Loretta
Owino Okeny**

Uganda

Loretta is a Gender equality and Human Rights activist with over 10 over years' experience in the NGO sector, implementing Human rights programs in SRHR, Gender Based Violence, Humanitarian Setting assignments and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E). She has a Master's degree in Human rights with a focus on reproductive health rights and a Bachelor of Arts degree in women and gender studies.



**Atieno
Dayo**

Kenya

Dayo is an LGBTI rights activist with a background in Community Development and Project Management. She is passionate about SRHR and believes that equality should all be inclusive of every gender and sexual identity. Atieno also believes that society has a critical role to play in ensuring that women, especially LGBTI women are empowered to live out their full potential by involving them in decision making processes, and being given a platform to speak out.



**Annet
Birungi**

Uganda

Annet is a feminist, SRHR, leadership and economic rights activist for women and girls in rural and peri-urban communities of Uganda. She is the team lead of Imarisha Dada (Transform a sister), a Uganda a Pan-African feminist organization supporting young women to act collectively to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. She is an alumna of the African Women Leadership Institute (AWLI), and alumna of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). She aspires to see a patriarchal free and non-sexist society where women and girls live meaningfully.



**Connie
Njuguna**

Kenya

Connie is a medical student in her penultimate year of study, with a special interest in global health, specifically SRHR and Community Health. She has been actively involved with youth-led organizations doing work in the areas of healthcare advocacy. Connie has previously worked with Project RESPEKT, as the Regional Coordinator for Nairobi. She is an alumni of the Crossroads Emerging Leaders Program by Harvard Business School Club of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).



**Cynthia
Muhonja**

Kenya

Cynthia Muhonja is a women rights and gender equality activist. She is the founder of Life Lifters Kenya, a women mentorship incubator that seeks to build the next generation of economically empowered women in Africa. Cynthia is a graduate of Ashesi University in Ghana with a bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems (MIS), a Melton Foundation fellow and She is the first community impact fellow for 2018. She works both in Ghana and Kenya exploring how to merge the two concepts to build a better world for women and girls.



Mutinta
Masowe

Zambia

Mutinta is the founder of The Mcover Zambia, a platform that amplifies issues affecting women and girls in Zambia. She is a graduate of Kwame Nkrumah University and is passionate about gender issues, social accountability, leadership, education and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.



Rebian Sharon
Atieno

Kenya

Rebian is an Artist; a performing artist, using spoken word poetry to advocate for Human rights, SRHR, and against Sexual and Gender Based Violence and social justice.



Seise
Bagbo (they/them/theirs)

Kenya

Seise is a performing artist, creative consultant and trainer using their skills to advocate for human rights and mental health.



**Teresa
Loch**

Kenya

Teresa is a young feminist thinker and activist. She works with the Social Justice Centers Working Group as a gender expert and community organizer. She is part of a group of young feminists called Awimo Girls Support Foundation, focusing on eradicating period poverty. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Gender and Development Studies and is a trained counselor's aid. She is also a storyteller. You can read some of her stories here>> <https://theloch.org/>



**Samantha
Shema**

Uganda

Samantha is a lawyer and currently works with Reach a Hand Uganda, a youth led non-profit organization focused on youth empowerment programs with an emphasis on SRHR. Samantha is also amongst the founding members of Rotary Club of Kampala Impala.



**Joyce
Njeri Muchoki**

Kenya

Muchoki is a staunch believer in Feminism. Her passion is to empower women and support them to live out their fullest potential. She hopes this training will help her stretch her influence beyond her current circle of friends and acquaintances. is a staunch believer in Feminism. Her passion is to empower women and support them to live out their fullest potential. She hopes this training will help her stretch her influence beyond her current circle of friends and acquaintances.



Hajjati
Abdul Jamal

Uganda

Hajjati is a young transgender woman with demonstrated experience in gender, HIV/AIDS and human rights advocacy. She is a vocal activist and has taken on leadership roles in promoting human rights for transgender women. Her lived experience in a country that discriminates against trans gender people has shaped her passion for issues that affect marginalized populations, especially those living with HIV, transgender women and transgender sex workers.



Grace
Kabayaga

Uganda

Grace is a proud female sex-worker and a sex-worker rights activist, founder and Executive Director of Empowered At Dusk Women's Association (EADWA), a community based organization supporting female sex workers.

She is a passionate advocate for HIV/AIDS and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights issues for adult sex-workers. She has over 13 years' experience working with sex-workers and key populations in Uganda.



Leah
Wanjiru

Kenya

Leah is an SRHR advocate and a member of the Comprehensive Sexuality Education youth taskforce (CSE) and an organizing secretary of the End of Violence on Campus (EVOC), Leah convenes meaningful youth engagements especially adolescent girls through media on SRHR issues.



Elizabeth
Atieno Onyango

Kenya

Elizabeth is a young queer sex worker and activist currently working as a community field officer at Coast Sex Workers Alliance from Mombasa. She is passionate about advocating for women and young girl's rights and is a firm believer of the saying that "women belong in all places where decisions are being made."



Grace R.
Babirye

Uganda

Ruth is a Medical Doctor and a passionate Sexual and Reproductive Health youth advocate. She currently serves as the President of the Association of Uganda Women Medical Doctors and most recently, a Zonal Doctor at a humanitarian setting.

She seeks to actively participate in the end of preventable maternal & newborn deaths in Uganda and hopes to bring her dream to realisation through her organisation, Bee-Mama.



Nancy
Houston (She/Her)

Kenya

Nancy is an intersectional feminist, passionate about deconstructing and transforming oppressive power systems. She is the co-founder of Feminists in Kenya, a vibrant space for joy, community and resistance. Nancy is also a Lawyer at Ouya and Ouya Advocates and an Advisor at FRIDA-The Young Feminist Fund. She enjoys reading and learning new languages and is currently learning Korean.



Phionah
Tumuhaise

Uganda

Phiona is a gender activist passionate about women issues. She is a peer trainer and works with KISH project (kicking sexual Harassment out of higher education institutions) at the school of women and gender studies at Makerere university.



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