

Who we are

Pathways Policy Institute (PPI) is a community-based policy and accountability think tank; Meaningfully Engaging Communities (MEC) on Population, Health, Environment (PHEs) and Climate Justice. Pathways aims to realise local solutions to Universal Health Coverage and the ongoing crisis of global climate change through a Primary Health Care (PHC) Lens.

PPI works to provide a safe space for advocates and communities to meaningfully influence Primary health, sexual reproductive health, and environmental policies through research, training, and capacity strengthening. PPI is an independent, non-partisan, and non-religious entity.

Vision

Meaningfully engaged communities that are actively involved in policy development and implementation in Kenya.

Mission

To create and set up a safe space for communities to engage public policies at the Sub/county level.

Pathways Objectives

1. Undertake policy and budget review, research, and analysis to inform public policy in Kenya and to utilise the results for community-led policy dialogue, advocacy and accountability.
2. Capacity strengthening of Youth-serving and Community Based civil society organisations and County Government departments on Public policy development and tracking through Social Accountability.
3. Promote participatory democracy and public engagement in county policy development and implementation.

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Focus Areas

Smart Advocacy for Universal Health Coverage and PHC.

The Smart Advocacy for UHC focus aims at building the capacity of advocates in and out of government on the inclusion of Family Planning Services in the UHC Benefits Package through the strengthening of an inclusive Health Benefits Package (HBP) in Counties.

Out of pocket expenditure Tracking and Advocacy for Evidence-based decision-making.

PPI conducts an annual Out of Pocket Expenditure Study intending to analyse the Out of Pocket Costs that Women of Reproductive Age (WRA) incur while accessing FP services. PPI utilizes the findings to advocate for the development of Primary Health Care (PHC) Investment cases and ensure the inclusion of FP in benefits packages of social insurance.



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MEANINGFULLY ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

Our Mantra: We live and thus walk with communities and support their capacity-strengthening needs to ensure they realise the change they want to see in the world.



#JASIRI YouthChangeMakers

Pathways Policy Institute (PPI) is at the forefront of creating the next generation of Youth champions for Reproductive Health and Climate Justice in Kenya. After training, the annual cohort of champions is engaged in Advocacy for Reproductive Health and Budgets in their respective counties. The Youth Change Makers; are engaged in #MHM Clubs as PPI offers awareness of menstrual hygiene, SRHR, and Advocacy for MHM to be funded by county governments AND distributes sanitary towels as its CSR. The JASIRI youth champions are in 8 counties in Kenya, namely; Laikipia, Nyeri, Nakuru, Marsabit, Isiolo, Narok, Samburu, and Machakos.

Youth champions on Climate Justice.

SRHRJ as a Building Block for Climate Justice. PPI aim to provide a space for youth advocates to lead and meaningfully engage, share, and learn to build skills aimed at supporting their work to advance the sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice (SRHRJ) agenda by linking it to the ongoing crisis of global climate change.

Adolescents Schools Program;
#BetterBoyz and #Tupepee2highschool.

Pathways Policy Institute has successfully launched two MHM programs:

#BetterBoyz, a program in 5 schools that educates young men and ensures a balanced approach to menstruation, menstrual hygiene, and SRH.

#Tupepee2highschool, a school transition program teaching life skills as well as how to navigate puberty, adolescence, sexuality, peer pressure, and set clearer goals for their high school years. This would provide a safe environment for teenagers to discuss their high school expectations, sexuality and changes while also receiving assistance with their concerns and upcoming changes.

Timiza Ujasiri

PPI is working on interventions around AYSRHR in Nairobi, Baringo, Kwale and Bungoma and also around EndFGM in Narok, Samburu, Elgeyo Marakwet and Isiolo through capacity building and strengthening of advocates to hold their county governments accountable and ensure that the counties create budgets for ENDFGM within their fiscal plans.

Strengthening Accountability for Covid 19 Finances, and vaccines equitable access in Africa

Pathways working with Africa Health Budget Network (AHBN) is strengthening CSOs and Media on Social Accountability Capacity. This is in a bid to promote advocacy and improved visibility of covid19 finances, promote access and sharing of Covid 19 information between the County government, CSOs and citizens and enhance partnership and collaboration between CSOs working on accountability and transparency of Covid19 finances in Laikipia, Nyeri and Isiolo Counties.

Participatory Arts-Camp Graphic Novel

Using a participatory approach, PPI engages youth to develop comic novels for information sharing and advocacy. The graphic novels are used to build youth capacity for accountability and to score leaders on common good issues to ensure the continued improvement of the well-being of people in society.

The Advocacy and Accountability Collaborative (TAAC)

Launched in 2017, The Advocacy Collaborative (TAAC) is intended to facilitate the FP2020 (Now FP2030) goals. The theory of change behind TAAC formation is rooted in the importance/role that advocacy has proven to play in the past 10 years and aims to help organizations and individuals at the global, national, and local levels achieve critical Family Planning goals and milestones aligned under three strategic aims:

- Expanding the network of effective FP advocates through the diffusion of SMART Advocacy capacity.
- Provide strategic and technical input to strengthen advocacy efforts and prioritize opportunities with the greatest potential for impact.
- Strengthen platforms at regional and country levels for advocacy strategy development.



Social accountability and Community Scorecards

PPI is part of the Laikipia County Civil Society Organization Forum (LACCOSOF), a network of 12 CSOs working in Laikipia County under the devolution accountability programme #TimizaUgatuze. The programme addresses community challenges, i.e. the inadequate engagement between county governments and citizens in service delivery and limited integration of evidence, digital technology and learning as enablers of public service delivery. PPI is also leading the Kenya Coalition of the Participatory Budgeting #peoplepowered team of 5 CSOs in the fiscal space for accountability and open budget governance at the county and national Levels in a project-budded Building Inclusive Democracy.

I KNOW ONE – (IKO)

IKO; a Kiswahili Word meaning I KNOW ONE (IKO) is a project that envisions a provider-bias-free society, aimed at recognizing and awarding Healthcare Providers who are BOLD enough to offer Family Planning Services to adolescents and youth out of the conventional settings.

Partner with us in our Upcoming areas of collaboration:

1 Budget Analysis and Out-of-pocket expenditure Tracking and Advocacy for Evidence-based decision-making

·Annual Budget analysis and Expenditure tracking of Out of pocket expenditures by women and use of SMART advocacy to push for budget allocation and disbursement to departments of health to cover WRA.

2 Social accountability and Community Scorecards for:

·Family Planning Investments cases development and advocacy in the counties
 ·Use of Community Scorecards, Motion Tracker and Common Frameworks in tracking FP/SRH investments in the counties

3 I Know One (IKO) Award for:

- BOLD Health Workers offering FP to youth
- BOLD Chiefs Fighting FGM
- BOLD Media Personnel Writing about SRH/FP/EndFGM

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#YouthChangeMakers

- Support the fourth cohort of the Youth Change Makers training and mentorship programme creating a new cohort of 15-24-year-old Advocates for SRH/FP.
- Support the 2nd Cohort of SRHRJ youth advocates who will lead and meaningfully engage, share, learn and build their skills in advancing the sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice (SRHRJ) agenda and linking it to the ongoing global crisis of climate change.

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Adolescents Schools Program; #BetterBoyz and #Tupepee2highschool.

- Our third cohort of #Betterboyz in ten schools teaching MHM, Positive masculinity and gender equality.
- Support #GirlBoss MHM advocacy for budget allocation and free distribution of Menstrual products at the county level