

# JANUARY, 2024 BULLETIN

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## Activity Highlights



### Unveiling Power Dynamics and Championing Decision-Making

In Ugunja, Gem, and Alego Usonga sub-counties, power analysis sessions were conducted under the Piscca Decid'Her project. These sessions engaged 196 adolescent girls and young women from various communities. The aim was to enhance their decision-making skills, challenge patriarchal systems, and build confidence to resist gender-based violence. Through these efforts, we strive to empower young women to assert their voices and rights.

### Empowering Young Mothers: Stress Management and Community Safety

We held a rejuvenating session on January 13th, involving young mothers aged 18 and below. The session focused on stress management and identifying safe spaces within the community. Through interactive discussions, we aimed to offer support and guidance on coping mechanisms while nurturing a sense of security and belonging among participants.

### Setting the Foundation for Change and empowerment to young widows in Siaya

In January, as part of our project "Rebuilding Young Widows' Hope for Decent Employment in Siaya," supported by Voice, we engaged with stakeholders in three wards to establish structures for empowerment. During these sessions, young widows bravely shared their stories, inspiring their peers to stand tall in the face of adversity. This initiative marks the beginning of a transformative journey towards building a brighter future for widows in our community.

### Creating Safe Spaces for Dialogue and Mentorship

In January, our efforts to empower young mothers persisted as we established community safe spaces for them to convene, share experiences, and engage in mentorship sessions. These spaces provide a supportive environment for open discussions on decision-making and personal growth, fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment among young mothers in our community.

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## Support for Girlchild Education

In the spirit of supporting girl child education, Siaya Muungano Network has made significant strides in facilitating access to education for girls in Siaya County. Cathy Rahab Akinyi has been supported to join Form One at Siaya Township Secondary School, while Shirline secured admission to Lwak Girls High School after scoring an impressive 375 marks in her exams. Additionally, Doreen Awuor was aided in returning to school after overcoming teenage pregnancy, reenrolling at Holly Cross Secondary School. These efforts underscore the organization's commitment to empowering girls and nurturing educational opportunities for all



## Support for Young Widows and their Rights

Siaya Muungano Network, with support from Voice, remains committed to empowering young widows by providing civic training and vital information. Through our project, nine widows have been equipped to serve as community paralegals, advocating for their rights and combating gender-based violence within their communities. These efforts aim to amplify the voices of widows and ensure their rights are upheld in the community.

## Quantitative Insights within the period

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Adolescent Girls and Young Mothers supported to join and return to school

177

Adolescent Girls and Young Mothers reached through power analysis sessions

9

Widows trained on advocacy to become community paralegals

281

Dignity Kits issued to Adolescent girls and young mothers.