

KENYAN CHILDREN ASSEMBLY USES DIGITAL TOOLS TO WEIGH IN ON NATIONAL POLICIES

Children Innovating, Creating And Expressing

Sub-Saharan Africa: Kenya

In Kenya, through the 'Kenya Children Assembly', children utilize a digital platform to have their voices heard by the government on matters affecting them. The assembly is supported by local organizations, civil society organizations, and partners, and is based on a mode of governance for elected youth representatives. Civil society organizations, like Mtoto News, support the process by offering capacity-building sessions with these representatives to equip them with the skills and knowledge to succeed in having their voices heard. Children submit videos or articles that are published by the organization, reaching a wide audience of both children and adults. Children also participate in Mtoto News' training program, "Sauti Zetu" (Our Voices), which aids in their ability to engage directly with decision-makers, carry out child advocacy, hold decision-makers accountable, engage with media, and produce content on ending violence against children.

These initiatives and organizations aid in developing skills and supporting the work that children accomplish through the 'Kenya Children Assembly.' Boys and girls are trained on child-led advocacy, social accountability, child abuse (including digital violence), media advocacy, child safety (including online protection), child abuse reporting tools, victim support, and advocacy and influencing skills.

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