



YWCA Kenya

Empowering women and girls



**SAY NO TO
VIOLENT
EXTREMISM**

INTER-FAITH ACTION ON COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

YWCA KENYA PROFILE

Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Kenya is a women and youth membership based, non-governmental development organization founded in 1912. It is affiliated to the World YWCA and its main purpose is to develop the collective power of girls and women in Kenya to achieve social, economic, political and cultural "emancipation". YWCA is built on a strong Christian foundation, whose emphasis is integrated in all its programming.

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“Engage more actively with religious authorities in sustaining VE preventive actions by providing communities with alternative narratives”

**Rev. Fr. Joseph Mutie-Chairperson
Inter-Religious Council of Kenya**

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Strengthening Youth Resilience Against Violent Extremism: An Interfaith Approach to peace and justice in Mombasa, Nairobi and Kisumu.

The Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) Kenya, through its Norwegian partner KFUK-KFUM Global has acquired support from the Norwegian Agency for Development (NORAD) to implement a project on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) using an Inter-faith approach. The program is an opportunity to promote the culture of dialogue in the regions.

The overall objective of the project is to enhance the resilience of vulnerable local communities against radicalization and violent extremism, as well as to enhance the capacity of interfaith communities in countering terrorism and violent extremism.

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The specific objectives of the project are:

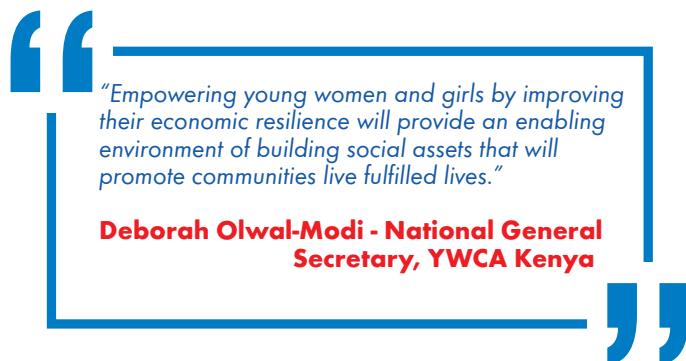
1. To enhance skills and build cohesion of youth and religious leaders to address violent extremism in Mombasa, Kisumu and Nairobi Counties.
2. Prevent violent extremism by increasing understanding and counter radicalization by raising voices within at risk populations.
3. To build socio-economic resilience for youth and women in countering Violent Extremism through entrepreneurship empowerment.

The project is implemented by a steering committee/ working group formed from a consortium of Interfaith organizations/actors brought together complimenting synergies that aim at empowering targeted communities in the urban slums to resist radical ideologies that promote use of extreme violence as a justifiable means of expression, and, continue to root institutional cooperation in tackling the complex and multifaceted issues.

Target group

- 1. Youth at risk of radicalization**- Youth in the urban slums sensitized and trained on CVE. The trained youth are organized as CVE peer educators/ catalysts and peace groups to engage in economic activities.
- 2. Religious leaders** - Religious leaders' interfaith knowledge and skills strengthened to address issues of radicalization and violent extremism in the communities while enhancing Community-level Dialogue

As we launch this project, 40 youth-oriented Peer Educators who are catalysts of change have been trained on Violent Extremism and are ready to deliver sensitization activities in the communities



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