

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Shaping Pathways for Young People to Lead Change



YOUTH HUB AFRICA

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14+

Years of Impact

5.3M

Social Impressions

3,000+

Engaged in 2025

4

Thematic Areas

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WHO WE ARE

ABOUT YOUTHHUBAFRICA

YEAR FOUNDED

2011

YouthHubAfrica has evolved from a youth opportunity platform into a leading policy advocacy organisation advancing youth participation in governance, education, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and youth entrepreneurship and empowerment.

Vision

Young people as catalysts of Africa's Sustainable Development.

Mission

To equip young people with skills and enabling environments to take the centre stage for Africa's development.



Core Values - FIPPERT

F

Fairness

We accommodate diversity and treat every individual equitably across our programmes and operations.

I

Innovative

We think outside the box, embracing creative and data-driven approaches to youth development.

P

Partnership

We don't work alone. Collaboration with governments, civil society, and youth networks is central to our impact.

P

Professionalism

We strive for excellence in everything we do, maintaining high standards of delivery and accountability.

E

Ethical

We think outside the box, embracing creative and data-driven approaches to youth development.

R

Reliable

We can be depended on to deliver.

T

Teamwork

Our team spirit ensures we bring the best out of each other collectively.

THEORY OF CHANGE

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Talent is universal, but opportunity is not. When young people have equitable access to resources, future-ready skills, and opportunities, they gain the agency to transform their lives — creating a ripple effect that improves livelihoods, strengthens communities, and ultimately advances society as a whole.

Strategic Pathway





2025

AT A GLANCE

YouthHubAfrica strengthened its position as a leading youth-driven organisation advancing youth leadership in gender justice, governance, education reform, entrepreneurship, and job creation across Africa.

In 2025, our programmes directly engaged over 3,000 young people, stakeholders, and decision-makers across webinars, summits, training programmes, and policy dialogues, advancing youth leadership, gender equality, and education advocacy.

The following convenings and campaigns brought together young people, community members, and sector stakeholders to advance our programmatic priorities.

Participation & Community Engagement

**DARE
CONFERENCE
2025**

350

participants convened to advance disability rights and inclusion.

**EDUCATION
CHAMPIONS
NETWORK**

334

stakeholders engaged through network activities and exchanges.

**MEN'S
SUMMIT ON
GENDER
EQUALITY &
ENDING GBV**

200

young men mobilised around gender justice.

**INTERNATION-
AL YOUTH DAY**

181

young people reached through targeted engagements and campaigns.

**FATHER'S DAY
WEBINAR**

492

young people engaged in conversations on fatherhood, masculinity, and family.

**MULTILAT-
ERAL 101
LEADERSHIP
COURSE**

100

participants trained in multilateral systems and advocacy.

**COMMUNITY
TRAINING OF
TRAINERS**

90

youth leaders equipped to cascade learning in their communities.

**YOUTH SHAD-
OW REPORT
VALIDATION**

51

young people convened to validate the shadow report findings.

Y-HEALTH
LEADERSHIP
INITIATIVE

50

young Africans supported in health leadership and advocacy.

MOVE AFRICA
DOCUMENTA-
RY SCREENING

30

participants convened for the screening and discussion

LOCAL
CONFERENCE
OF YOUTH

200

young people convened in partnership with ActionAid Nigeria for the Local Conference of Youths in Nigeria

Youth Learning & Capacity Building

SOCIAL
IMPACT
ACADEMY

20

young people trained in social impact skills

MEDIA
INTERNSHIP
PROGRAMME

13

young creatives equipped with skills for media in development

EDUCATION
ADVOCACY
TRAINING

58

young girls trained on Education Advocacy

TECHNICAL
EDUCATION
WORKSHOP

74

stakeholders engaged on education governance

ORGANIZING
FOR
DEMOCRACY

30

young people were engaged on digital organizing for democratic process in partnership with DEAN Initiative.

Advocacy & Policy Engagement

EDUCATION
POLICY
DIALOGUE

45

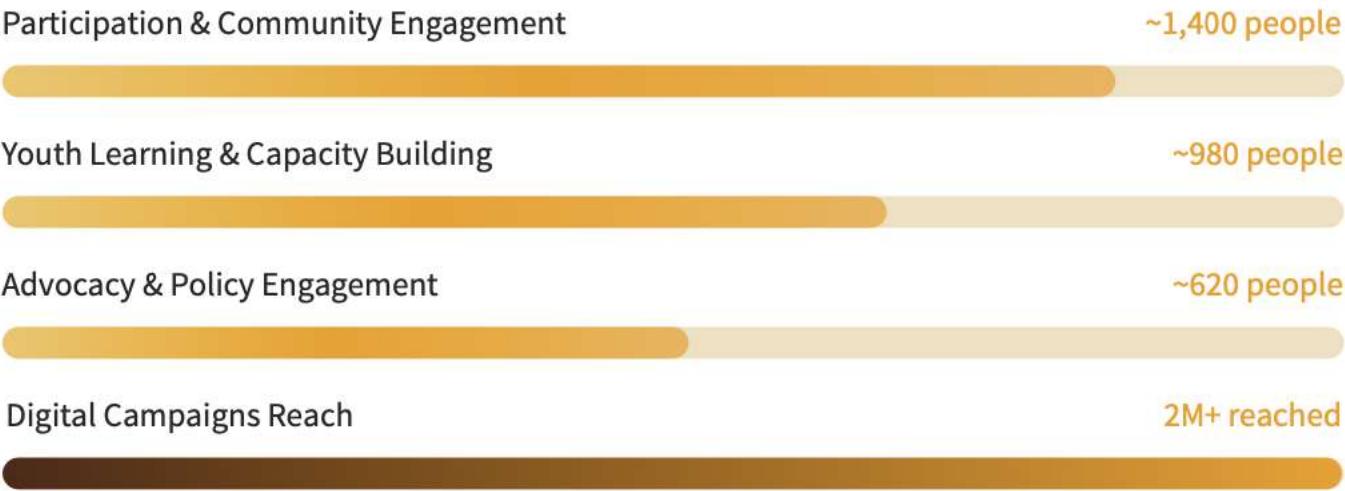
key actors engaged in a policy dialogue

PEER-TO-PEER
ENGAGEMENT

29

high-level education actors from Kaduna, Lagos and Oyo State engaged in a learning exchange.

PROGRAMME ENGAGEMENT CATEGORIES





MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year 2025 was a defining period in YouthHubAfrica's journey of advancing youth leadership and inclusive development in Nigeria and across Africa. At a time when young people continue to navigate complex socio-economic realities, shifting civic spaces, and evolving global changes, our commitment remains steadfast to equip them with the skills, opportunities, and platforms to shape the future they desire.

Throughout the year, YouthHubAfrica expanded its programming across its core thematic areas of education, governance and accountability, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and youth empowerment and entrepreneurship. These interventions were guided by a clear understanding that meaningful development must be youth-centred, evidence-driven, and rooted in collaboration.

One of the most significant highlights of 2025 was the growing recognition of young people as credible partners in decision-making spaces. Through targeted leadership development initiatives and strategic advocacy engagements, youth supported by YouthHubAfrica participated in national, regional, and global policy platforms, influencing conversations on gender equality, education reform, public health governance, and sustainable development.

Our work also continued to demonstrate the power of partnerships. Collaboration with governments, international foundations, multilateral institutions, and civil society organisations enabled us to deepen programme impact, strengthen accountability mechanisms, and expand opportunities for youth engagement. At the same time, we invested in strengthening our internal systems, enhancing programme monitoring, and leveraging digital innovation to improve reach and effectiveness.

While the year presented its share of challenges — including funding constraints, evolving policy environments, and the need to adapt to emerging development priorities continuously — these realities strengthened our resolve to innovate and remain responsive. The resilience, creativity, and determination demonstrated by the young people we work with continue to inspire our efforts and reaffirm the urgency of our mission. As we look ahead, YouthHubAfrica remains com-

mitted to scaling youth leadership programmes, expanding research and policy engagement, and strengthening locally driven solutions that respond to the aspirations of Africa's young population. Through sustained collaboration and strategic investment in youth potential, we can contribute meaningfully to building societies that are equitable, inclusive, and prosperous.

On behalf of the management and staff of YouthHubAfrica, I extend sincere appreciation to our partners, donors, volunteers, and the thousands of young leaders whose dedication and passion continue to drive our work. Together, we are shaping pathways for young people to lead change and advance Africa's sustainable development.



Rotimi Olawale
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2025 CONTEXT

OPERATING CONTEXT

60%

OF AFRICA'S POPULATION IS UNDER 25 YEARS OLD

14+

YEARS OF ADVANCING YOUTH-LED CHANGE IN AFRICA

In 2025, Africa's youthful population — with nearly 60% under 25 — continued to face interconnected structural challenges that shaped their development prospects and civic participation. High unemployment, limited access to quality education and future-ready skills, gender inequality, shrinking civic space, and constrained development financing remained persistent barriers.

The accelerating impacts of climate change and the ongoing global energy transition further widened these gaps, exposing young people to increased livelihood insecurity, environmental risks, and unequal access to emerging green economy opportunities. These dynamics underscored the need for more responsive governance systems, inclusive development policies, and sustained investment in youth leadership and participation.

At the same time, these challenges created important opportunities for youth-centred action and innovation. The growing urgency around climate change and sustainable energy pathways highlighted the potential for young people to contribute meaningfully to climate advocacy, green entrepreneurship, and community resilience initiatives.

Responding to this evolving context requires a deliberate ecosystem and systems-strengthening approach that connects youth leadership development with policy influence, institutional collaboration, and inclusive platforms for participation.

In 2025, YouthHubAfrica positioned its programming to leverage these opportunities by equipping young people with the skills, networks, and spaces needed to shape sustainable development solutions and advance inclusive, climate-responsive growth.

Strategic Priorities for 2025

In 2025, YouthHubAfrica intensified its efforts to equip young people and position them as active drivers of sustainable development within their communities and beyond. Our strategic priorities focused on:



Strengthening youth leadership and meaningful participation in governance and accountability processes.



Advancing gender justice by strengthening male allyship and positive masculinity towards ending GBV.



Expanding access to accurate Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) information.



Promoting inclusive access to quality education and supporting youth-led education advocacy.



Enhancing youth employability, entrepreneurship skills, and pathways to sustainable livelihoods.



Deepening partnership and collaboration; strategic engagement; and ecosystem and system strengthening in the field of Youth development.

Through these interventions, YouthHubAfrica strengthened youth leadership pipelines and created inclusive spaces for participation in governance, education reform, and social development.



PROGRAMME IMPACT

BY THEMATIC AREA

Access to Basic Education

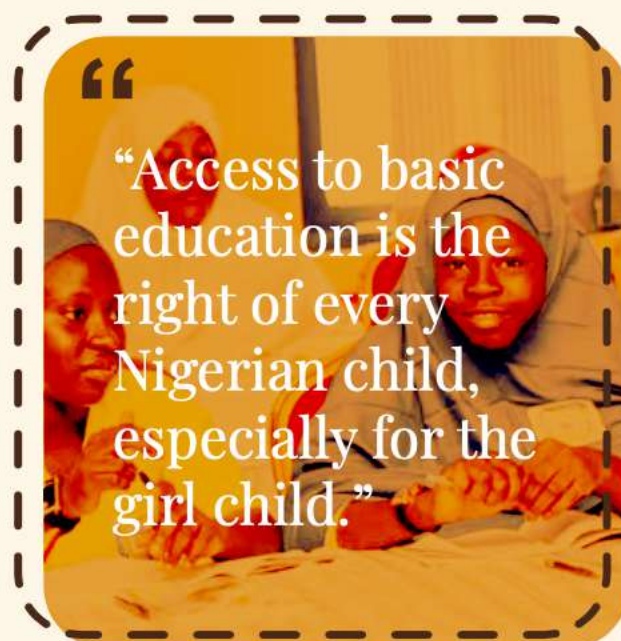
In 2025, YouthHubAfrica continued its work in ensuring that every child enjoys this right. This we did by strengthening youth and community participation in education governance across multiple states, thereby increasing public interest and engagement in education policies, especially those related to inclusive and gender-responsive education budgeting.

At the national level, we advocated for improved education financing and greater gender responsiveness in education budgeting processes.

As part of our education advocacy work, we held advocacy engagements, strategic learning initiatives, and policy dialogue platforms in Oyo, Kaduna, and Lagos States, alongside inter-state peer learning exchanges, and supported the emergence of youth leaders, educators, and civil society actors as credible stakeholders influencing education reform discussions.

In Oyo State, YouthHubAfrica played a catalytic role in strengthening collaboration among civil society coalitions, educators, and government actors, contributing to greater transparency, accountability, and sustained focus on reducing the number of out-of-school children.

Through the expansion of DORA Clubs across 10 secondary schools, the organisation also strengthened school-level civic leadership and girls' education advocacy. Complementary initiatives such as a national girls' education essay competition and summit, as well as targeted capacity-building support for 50 school girls in Kaduna and the Federal Capital Territory, enhanced youth agency in demanding inclusive education and strengthened grassroots accountability for improved service delivery.



Key Activities

- **DORA Club Expansion**
Expanded to 10 secondary schools, strengthening civic leadership and girls' education advocacy
- **National Girls' Essay Competition**
296 entries received from secondary school students across Nigeria
- **Annual Girls Summit**
Amplified adolescent girls' voices on education access and leadership rights
- **Capacity Building — Kaduna & FCT**
50 school girls supported with targeted capacity building to enhance agency in demanding inclusive education

Governance and Accountability

Young people's role in governance and the democratic process cannot be overemphasized.

As an organization, we deepened our contribution to an inclusive democratic governance by expanding structured platforms for youth participation in public decision-making and policy accountability processes.

We ensured young people's engagement at national and continental levels — including participation in global policy spaces such as the High-Level Political Forum, the Commission on the Status of Women, and the Second World Summit for Social Development (Doha) — thereby strengthening the visibility and legitimacy of young leaders as actors shaping development discourse.

Our flagship initiatives, such as the DARE Conference and strategic policy dialogues, fostered intergenerational dialogue, deepened engagement among youths, the government, the private sector, and Development partners, and increased civic awareness among young citizens. Advocacy efforts also supported youth engagement in emerging governance priorities, including climate action and dis-

cussions on sustainable development policy, reinforcing YouthHubAfrica's role in positioning young people as contributors to accountability and reform processes.

Through the Y-Health Initiative, YouthHubAfrica strengthened youth leadership in public health governance by building the capacity of young public health practitioners across Africa, including providing mini-grants to innovators to scale community-driven solutions addressing disease prevention, epidemic response, and health communication challenges.

Also, we contributed to shaping regional policy advocacy and communication through the #MoveAfrica campaign, implemented in collaboration with partners across the continent. The campaign amplified youth perspectives on intra-African migration and the Free Movement of Persons Protocol, generating widespread engagement and strengthening youth voice in conversations that push for regional integration and have a lasting impact on such regional policies as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).





Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

Our SRHR programming contributed to progressive shifts in community dialogue on gender equality, positive masculinity, and youth wellbeing.

400+

young male advocates actively challenging harmful gender norms and promoting safer, more inclusive social environments across communities in Nigeria.

MEN'S SUMMIT — 4TH EDITION

Running since 2020, the Men's Summit expanded as a national mobilisation platform promoting positive masculinity and prevention of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.

YOUNG MEN NETWORK AGAINST SGBV

Through platforms such as the Men Summit, targeted training programmes, and the Young Men Network Against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, YouthHubAfrica strengthened grassroots advocacy efforts to prevent Gender-Based Violence and promote rights-based approaches to youth health and wellbeing.

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Our engagement in national and global advocacy processes further enhanced the visibility of youth perspectives on reproductive rights and gender justice, thereby strengthening collaboration among youth networks, civil society organisations, and policy stakeholders.



Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship

YouthHubAfrica strengthened youth leadership pipelines and social innovation ecosystems by expanding access to skills development, mentorship, and collaborative platforms.

Building on our commitment, our programmes such as the Social Impact Academy, Media Internship Programme, and capacity-building initiatives in agroecology and multilateral governance supported emerging changemakers in designing community-based solutions, utilising digital storytelling for advocacy, and engaging more confidently in development discourse.

Through mentorship sessions, regional youth convenings, and participation in flagship platforms such as International Youth Day activities and ecosystem briefings, young people expanded professional networks. They enhanced their ability to contribute to social and economic transformation.

These efforts helped nurture a more resilient generation of youth leaders capable of advancing locally driven initiatives while influencing broader policy and development conversations.





IMPACT DASHBOARD

YouthHubAfrica significantly strengthened youth leadership pipelines and institutional capacity across thematic areas in 2025.

- **STRENGTHENED YOUTH LEADERSHIP PIPELINE**

Over 500 young people, including 50 health innovators, 20 social changemakers, and 170 governance trainees, gained practical skills to design and lead community development initiatives through structured leadership and skills programmes. In addition, 15 young health leaders across Africa received €3,000 each, and they implemented health technology projects in their respective countries.

- **EXPANDED MOVEMENT OF MALE ADVOCATES FOR GENDER EQUALITY**

Training, mentorship, and advocacy engagements supported the development of a network of over 400 young men equipped to champion positive masculinity and lead community sensitisation efforts to prevent Gender-Based Violence.

- **INCREASED YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNANCE AND POLICY PROCESSES**

26 Youth leaders strengthened their capacity to engage in policy advocacy and Thiglobal platforms, expanding youth influence in national and international development decision-making.

- **STRENGTHENED YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN CLIMATE-SMART LIVELIHOODS**

Agroecology training equipped 250 young farmers with sustainable agricultural practices, thereby improving livelihood opportunities and increasing youth participation in climate action initiatives.

- **IMPROVED EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN SCHOOLS**

Education advocacy interventions and DORA Club platforms strengthened youth civic participation across 10 secondary schools, enhancing awareness of inclusive education and environmental responsibility in the minds of over 1,000 students.

- **ENHANCED YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY AND CREATIVE INDUSTRY SKILLS**

Professional development initiatives, including the Media Internship Programme and the Social Impact Academy, supported 30 young creatives and social innovators in gaining industry-relevant skills and accessing job opportunities.

- **INFLUENCER ENGAGEMENT**

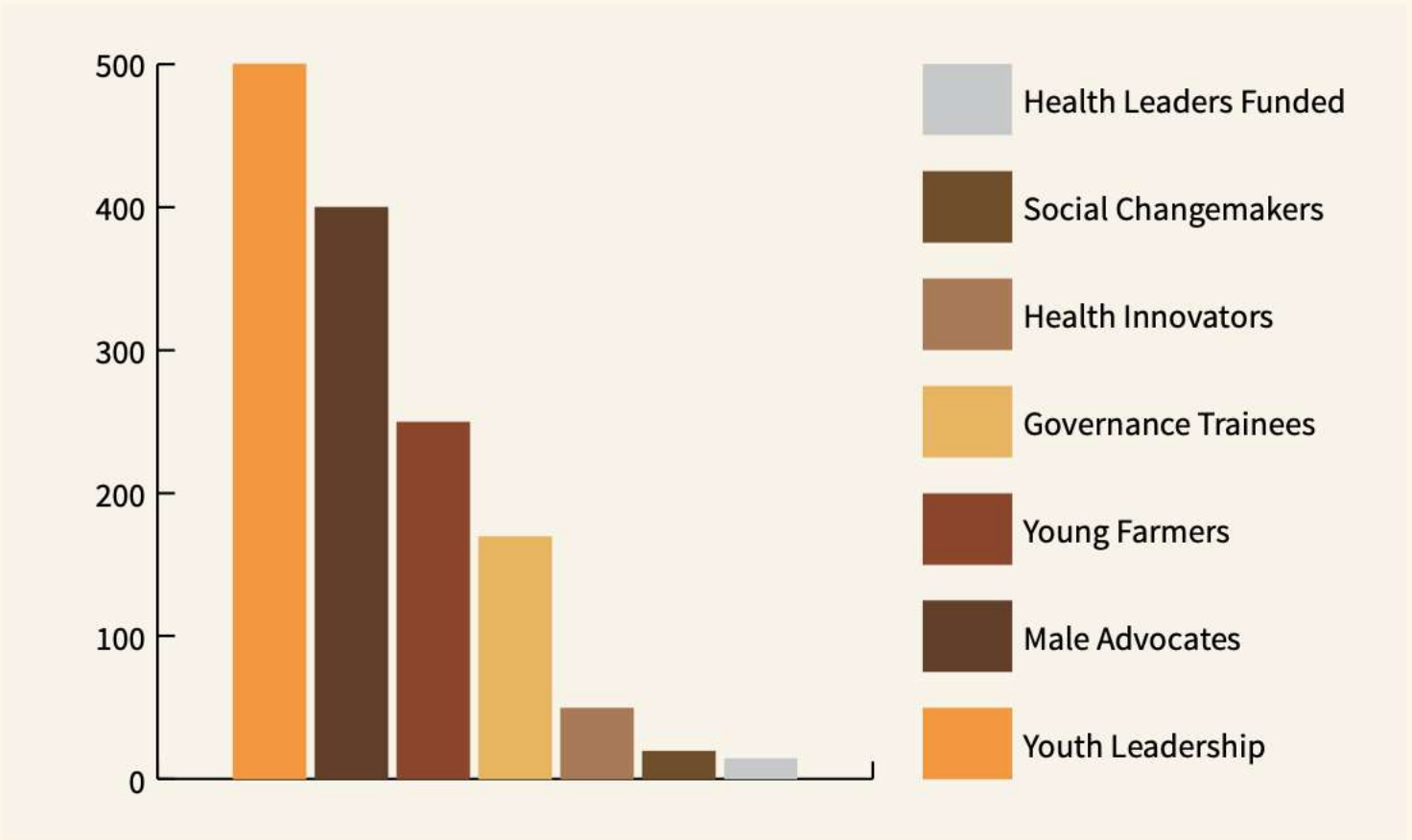
In 2025, we engaged 2 influencers to drive the conversation on the movement across Africa. This engagement drove over 1.5 million impressions across social media platforms.

- **EXPANDED DIGITAL ADVOCACY REACH AND YOUTH MOBILISATION**

8 strategic digital campaigns carried out in the year, reaching over 2,000,000 young people and stakeholders, generating over 5.3 million social media impressions and more than 1.29 million website engagements, significantly increasing youth access to information and participation in advocacy conversations.

• **STRENGTHENED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ECOSYSTEM AND PARTNERSHIPS**

Capacity-building support to **86 youth organisations**, coalitions, groups, and networks, and expanded collaboration with international partners contributed to greater coordination, visibility, and sustainability of youth-led development initiatives.





HIGHLIGHTS

FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES & MOVEMENT MOMENTS

DARE Conference

The DARE Conference continued to serve as a strategic platform for strengthening youth influence in governance, regional cooperation, and the global development discourse.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT:

Over 350 young leaders and stakeholders convened, strengthening cross-sector collaboration and youth visibility in policy conversations on Africa's development priorities.



Social Impact Academy

The Social Impact Academy strengthened pathways for youth-led innovation by equipping emerging changemakers with practical advocacy and social entrepreneurship skills.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT:

20 youth innovators developed community solutions and strengthened their capacity to design and implement social impact initiatives.

Y-Health Bingwa Initiative

The Y-Health Bingwa Initiative supported a new generation of public health leaders across Africa in designing and scaling locally driven health innovations.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT:

50 young public health practitioners were trained, with **15 innovators** receiving mini-grants of up to €3,000 to implement solutions addressing disease prevention and epidemic response challenges.

Men's Summit

Running for the 4th time since 2020, the Men's Summit expanded as a national mobilisation platform promoting positive masculinity and the prevention of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT:

The summit engaged **over 200 participants**, contributing to the growth of a network of **more than 400 male advocates** leading community sensitisation efforts.



MOVE Africa Campaign

Implemented with continental partners, the MOVE Africa Campaign amplified youth perspectives on intra-African migration and regional integration. This included a campaign featuring **2 influencers**: Wode Maya and Joy Ebaide.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT:

The campaign generated over **1,178,145 digital engagements**, strengthening youth awareness and participation in policy conversations linked to the Free Movement of Persons Protocol and AfCFTA.

Media Internship Programme

The Media Internship Programme strengthened youth capacity in storytelling and strategic communication for development advocacy.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT:

13 young creatives enhanced their multimedia communication skills, contributing to improved youth-led advocacy narratives across digital platforms.

DORA Clubs

Our DORA Clubs strengthened students’ school-based civic leadership and environmental advocacy.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT:

The initiative reached **10 secondary schools**, supporting the emergence of student leaders promoting girls’ education and sustainability awareness.

Annual Girls Essay Competition

The competition encouraged student participation in national conversations on girls’ education and empowerment.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT:

296 entries were received from secondary school students, promoting youth engagement in policy dialogue and critical thinking on inclusive education.



Annual Girls Summit

The Annual Girls Summit amplified adolescent girls’ voices on education access, leadership, and rights awareness.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT:

The platform convened young female leaders and education stakeholders nationwide, strengthening advocacy momentum for gender-responsive education reforms.

YouthHubAfrica Academy

The YHA Academy continued to expand structured learning opportunities for youth leadership and civic engagement.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT:

The platform supported **150 young people** in accessing skills development, mentorship, and peer-learning networks.

YouthHubAfrica Opportunity Page

Our Opportunities website remained a key digital resource connecting young people to development opportunities.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHT:

The platform recorded **over 1.27 million website impressions**, expanding youth access to scholarships, fellowships, and global engagement platforms.

These initiatives created spaces for dialogue, learning, and policy engagement while advancing the organisation's 4 thematic focuses.





KNOWLEDGE & EVIDENCE

RESEARCH & THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

YouthHubAfrica contributed to global policy discussions and produced advocacy content. YouthHubAfrica partnered with other ecosystem partners and conducted youth consultations and research to capture youth voices as a shadow report to the Nigeria national voluntary national report on the SDGs.

5 STUDIES CONDUCTED IN 2025

- 1 Citizen Participation and Perception Survey;
- 2 Desk Review of the Gender-responsiveness of the Kaduna State Education Budget;
- 3 Desk Review of the Gender-responsiveness of the FCT Education Budget;
- 4 Review of the Oyo State Sector Plan;
- 5 Reimagining Local Giving as a Driver of Community-Led Development: Lessons from YouthHubAfrica.

We produced one documentary on Local Giving in Nigeria, highlighting the stories of 2 social innovators that have championed their work from local philanthropy.

INTERNATIONAL FORUMS & EVENTS PARTICIPATION

- 1 Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
- 2 Second World Social Summit — Doha
- 3 Regional Convening towards Women Deliver
- 4 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENTS

Oyo State Kaduna State Lagos State

Engaged with officials across three states on education governance reform and gender-responsive budgeting.





COLLABORATION

PARTNERSHIPS & NETWORKS

Our partners include:





REFLECTION

CHALLENGES & ADAPTIVE LEARNING

Funding Uncertainty and Resource Constraints



KEY CHALLENGES

Shifts in donor priorities and reduced availability of flexible development funding created limitations for scaling youth-led initiatives and sustaining long-term programme investments.



HOW WE ADAPTED

These constraints required YouthHubAfrica to adopt more strategic approaches to resource allocation and to strengthen efforts toward diversified funding partnerships and innovative programme delivery models.

Rising Operational Costs and Economic Pressures



KEY CHALLENGES

Broader economic pressures significantly increased the cost of organisational operations, including staff welfare and programme implementation expenses. Inflationary trends and rising living costs contributed to growing expectations for competitive staff remuneration, while the affordability of essential benefits declined.

At the same time, reduced availability and unpredictability of donor funding created additional strain on organisational sustainability.



HOW WE ADAPTED

These dynamics required YouthHubAfrica to strengthen internal efficiency measures, prioritise staff wellbeing within available resources, and intensify efforts to diversify funding and build long-term financial resilience.

Institutional Learning and Adaptation

In response to these challenges, YouthHubAfrica strengthened its focus on ecosystem approaches, strategic partnerships, and adaptive programming. The organisation expanded digital engagement models, enhanced evidence-informed advocacy, and prioritised collaboration with youth networks, civil society actors, and public institutions.

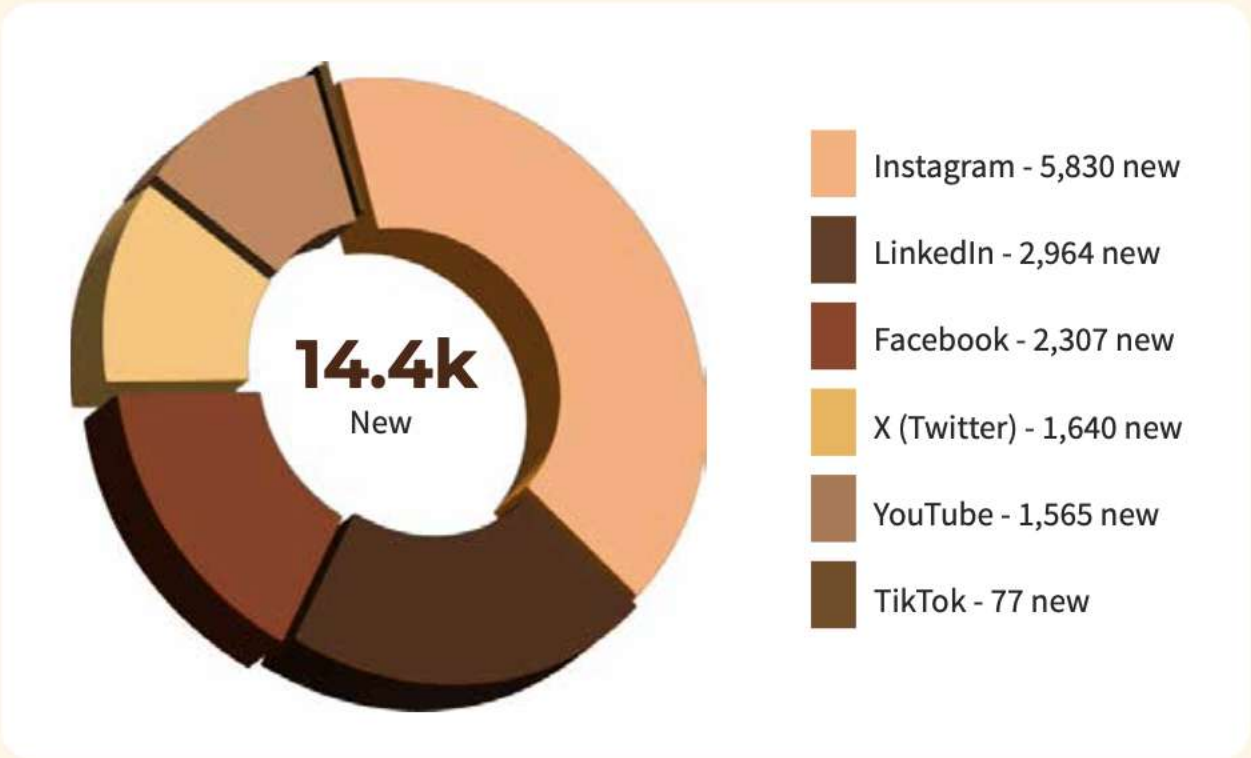
These lessons will continue to inform programme design and organisational resilience as YouthHubAfrica works to sustain impact within an evolving development landscape.



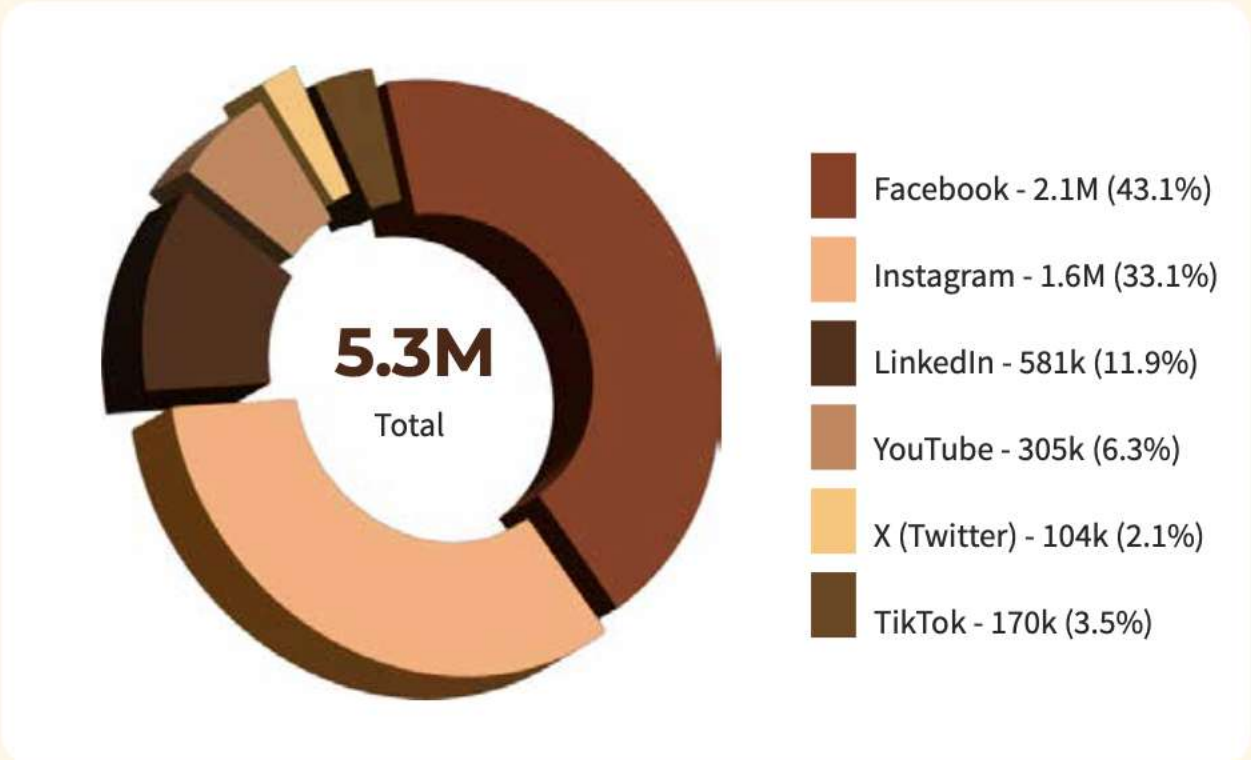
ONLINE PRESENCE

DIGITAL PERFORMANCE

New Followers 2025 - By Platform



Impressions By Platform





IN THEIR WORDS

STORIES OF IMPACT

A. DARE Conference

“The DARE Conference was an incredibly insightful and well-organized experience. It provided a meaningful platform for learning, knowledge exchange, networking, and sharing innovative ideas among young people and development practitioners.”

- DANBURAM, ABUJA

“The conference was exceptionally well-organized, highly engaging, and deeply impactful. Every session felt relevant, practical, and inspiring, with discussions that connected directly to real-world challenges and opportunities. It was one of the few conferences where young people were not just talked to, but truly listened to.”

— FAITH S, ABUJA

B. End Single-use Plastics Campaign

“Before this programme, I did not realize plastics could be repurposed into something valuable. Beyond awareness, I gained practical knowledge that has now been translated into action within my school. The single-use plastics policy developed during the programme has since been fully implemented in GSS Karu. In addition, waste bins were also provided and placed in the school, which has greatly reduced improper waste disposal and improved cleanliness. Students are now more aware and careful about how they handle waste, and the school environment has become visibly cleaner and more organized.”

- MERKUK GOLDAP, A TEACHER FROM GSS, KARU.

“I used to believe that people who engaged in plastic cleanup activities were simply seeking attention on social media. However, this campaign transformed my understanding of the environmental crisis caused by single-use plastics and the urgent need for collective action. As a result, I now teach my students about the importance of proper waste management, and many of them are also taking part in cleanup activities. It has helped them become more responsible about their environment.”

- CYNTHIA OSIA, FREEDOM CITY INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

C. Media Internship Program

“I would like to sincerely appreciate YouthHubAfrica for this life-changing opportunity. The Media Internship Programme provided hands-on learning, professional exposure, and meaningful mentorship that contributed significantly to my growth. Following the training, I was placed as an intern at Brooyante Media, where I continued to build on the skills and experience gained during the programme. Today, I am a full-time staff member at Brooyante Media, a direct outcome of the training, exposure, and support received through the internship programme. This opportunity has not only shaped my career path but also strengthened my confidence and professional direction. “

- SAMUEL O.



2025 PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS





LOOKING AHEAD

STRATEGIC OUTLOOK & PRIORITIES FOR 2026

Building on the progress achieved in 2025, YouthHubAfrica will deepen its role as a continental advocacy organisation, youth leadership incubator, policy influencer, and movement builder. In 2026, the organisation will prioritise strategic investments that strengthen youth participation in governance processes, expand access to leadership and learning opportunities, and enhance institutional sustainability within an evolving development landscape.



**STRENGTHENING YOUTH ECOSYSTEMS AND
MOVEMENT BUILDING**

YouthHubAfrica will advance a deliberate ecosystem-strengthening approach by first expanding the Youth Organisations Data Base (YODA), offering support and capacity building to Youth organisations and supporting collaborative platforms that enhance coordination among youth networks, civil society actors, and development partners to build stronger youth movements capable of influencing policy processes and advancing inclusive development outcomes for young Africans.



**EXPANDING LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND
MOBILITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

YouthHubAfrica will scale the travel grant program for youth leaders, enabling greater participation in national, regional, and global policy platforms. YouthHubAfrica will also continue to promote continental dialogue through engagement with initiatives such as the Africa Youth Chatter and sustained advocacy engagement around the review and implementation of the Nigeria National Youth Policy.



**SCALING REGIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP
PROGRAMMES**

In response to increasing demand for structured leadership development pathways, YouthHubAfrica will scale regional leadership programmes and expand mentorship networks that support young changemakers across thematic areas, including governance, gender equality, climate action, and social innovation.



**EXPANDING DIGITAL LEARNING AND INNOVATION
PLATFORMS**

Recognising the importance of inclusive access to opportunities, the organisation will strengthen its investment in digital learning initiatives, including expanding the YouthHubAfrica Academy and other online engagement platforms. These efforts will enhance youth access to skills development, policy learning resources and global collaboration spaces.



SCALING PROGRAMME REACH FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

In 2026, YouthHubAfrica aims to scale its flagship programmes and expand its geographic footprint across additional states and across the region.

This expansion will prioritise partnerships with build strategic alliances with regional networks, global development institutions, research organisations, and grassroots youth movements. These partnerships will support collective action toward strengthening youth leadership, expanding civic participation, and advancing inclusive development across Africa.



ADVANCING INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

The organisation will strengthen its innovation agenda by supporting youth-led solutions addressing climate resilience, digital inclusion, health governance and economic empowerment. These initiatives will contribute to positioning young people as drivers of sustainable and locally grounded development pathways.



SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAMMING

In 2026, YouthHubAfrica will deepen SRHR Programming, expand male allyship networks, SRHR advocacy campaigns, and partnerships to strengthen youth wellbeing and gender justice across Africa.



APPRECIATION

YouthHubAfrica appreciates the young people and community members we serve across Africa whose trust, participation, and leadership continue to drive the relevance and impact of our work. Their resilience, voices, and commitment to shaping better futures remain at the heart of our programmes and advocacy efforts.

We are deeply grateful to our donors for their continued confidence and investment in youth-led development initiatives, and to our partners whose collaboration strengthened programme reach and policy influence.

We also acknowledge the dedication of our volunteers and staff, whose passion and professionalism enabled effective programme delivery across diverse contexts. Together with the youth leaders and changemakers within our networks, these collective efforts continue to inspire progress toward inclusive and sustainable development.



OUR PEOPLE

BOARD, MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Board Members



**PROFESSOR CRISTINA
D’ALESSANDRO**
BOARD MEMBER

Professor Cristina D’Alessandro, PhD, is responsible for statistical cooperation with Sub-Saharan Africa at the French national statistical institute (Insee)



ANGE UMUTONI
BOARD MEMBER

Ange UMUTONI is a pharmacist who graduated from a leading pharmacy school with honors at the University of Rwanda. She has a deep passion for improving healthcare outcomes in her community.



OLA OMOSEBI
BOARD MEMBER

Ola Omozebi is a management and development consultant, and a multivalent self-motivated, passionate, innovative, foremost influential public speaker, and professional with versatile expertise cutting across capacity building, business development, report development, strategic planning, project management, communication strategy, public-private dialogue, and research.



SOLA FAGORUSI
BOARD MEMBER

Sola Fagorusi is a development sector professional currently leading the operations of Onelife Initiative — a youth-serving organization in Nigeria. He is versed in the thematic nuances of governance and policies, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and enterprise development, with a fold of employability — thematic areas that Onelife Initiative programmes around.



DANIELLE SOBA
BOARD MEMBER

Danielle Soba is a project management professional who is passionate about equitable, community-centered development on a local, regional, and global level. Her work aims to reduce systemic barriers that prevent the most vulnerable from having a seat at the decision-making table.



DEBRA ANDITI AJWANG
BOARD MEMBER

Debara Anditi Ajwang is the Company Secretary and Head of Legal Development Bank of Kenya. Debra holds a Bachelor of Laws from Moi University and is a Certified Public Secretary (C.P.S (K) and an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration (ACI Arb).

Management Team



ROTIMI OLAWALE
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/
CO-FOUNDER**

Rotimi Olawale is a public policy expert focusing on Youth Development. For more than 20 years, he has led youth advocacy efforts, mainly around Sustainable development in Africa.



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MEDUPIN OLUSEGUN PAUL
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Medupin Olusegun Paul works with youth-focused groups and organisations to ensure quality service delivery to young people. He is a girl education advocate who is passionate about ensuring the rights of women and girls. Olusegun thinks Skills development and job creation should be the next main discussion in sustainable development.



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He has worked in the development sector for over 4 years, largely in youth development and ending violence against women. He oversees the day-to-day smooth running of the organization, doubling as HR, handling general logistics.



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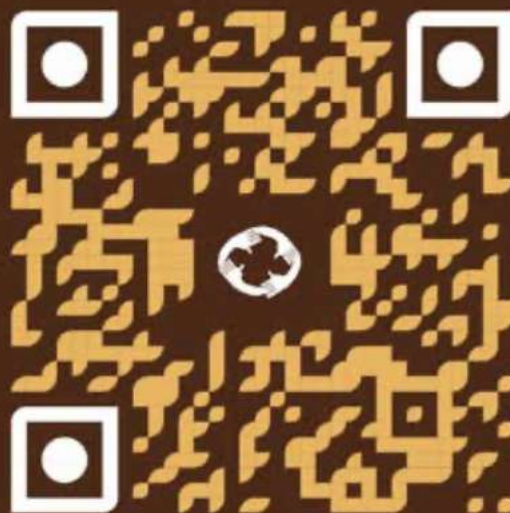
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