



ACTIVITIES REPORT 2025

YOUTH4PEACE AGENDA PROGRAM

Theme: **Youth4Peace; Act Now for a Peaceful World**

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ABOUT THE LEAD ORGANIZATION

The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact (ALII) is a youth-led, non-profit organization registered in Tanzania and dedicated to empowering young people as leaders, peacebuilders, and active citizens in democratic governance and sustainable development processes. ALII was established with the vision of building a generation of ethical, informed, and engaged African youth capable of shaping peaceful, inclusive, and resilient societies.

ALII works at the intersection of youth leadership, peace and security, civic engagement, and policy advocacy, with a strong focus on advancing the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) Agenda at local, national, and international levels. The organization designs and implements evidence-based programs that equip young people with knowledge, skills, and platforms to meaningfully participate in decision-making, conflict prevention, social cohesion, and peacebuilding processes.



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Since its establishment, ALII has implemented multi-stakeholder initiatives reaching over 50,000 young people across Tanzania through community dialogues, leadership fellowships, peace education, digital advocacy, and national policy engagement platforms. The organization has built strategic partnerships with government institutions, United Nations agencies, diplomatic missions, civil society organizations, faith-based institutions, academia, and the private sector, enabling youth-led solutions to be embedded within broader peace and development frameworks.

ALII serves as the lead convener and implementing partner of the Youth4Peace Agenda Program, a flagship initiative that localizes the YPS Agenda in Tanzania through education, advocacy, coalition-building, and youth leadership development. Through this program, ALII has supported structured youth participation in national peace and security

dialogues, contributed to policy processes, and strengthened youth networks working on peacebuilding and social cohesion at grassroots and national levels. The organization is led by a team of experienced youth development and peacebuilding practitioners, guided by a diverse Board with expertise in governance, education, peace, and international development.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF THE PROJECT

Young people constitute the largest proportion of Tanzania's population and represent a critical force for peace, social cohesion, and sustainable development. Across communities, youth are actively contributing as innovators, leaders, peacebuilders, and change agents. Yet, despite their demographic significance and potential, young people continue to face structural barriers to meaningful participation in peace and security processes, including limited access to decision-making spaces, high unemployment, misinformation, social exclusion, and weak institutional mechanisms for youth engagement.

Globally and nationally, the narrative around youth has often oscillated between viewing young people as a risk to peace or merely as victims of conflict, rather than as proactive partners in peacebuilding.

This gap was formally addressed through the adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2250 (2015) and subsequent resolutions, which recognize youth as indispensable actors in conflict prevention, peacebuilding, and sustaining peace. However, translating these global commitments into practical, localized, and sustainable action remains a challenge in many contexts, including Tanzania.



In Tanzania, growing concerns related to misinformation and hate speech in digital spaces, intergenerational disconnect, socio-economic pressures, and limited structured platforms for youth dialogue pose emerging risks to social cohesion and peaceful coexistence. At the same time, the country lacks a fully institutionalized and youth-driven framework that systematically integrates young people into peace and security policymaking and implementation. These gaps underscore the urgent need for innovative, youth-centered, and collaborative approaches that move beyond rhetoric and enable youth to actively shape peace outcomes at community, national, and digital levels.

It is within this context that The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact (ALII) conceptualized and implemented the Youth4Peace Agenda Program. The program is designed as a comprehensive and action-oriented response to strengthen youth participation in peace and security through peace education, intergenerational dialogue, cultural engagement, digital advocacy, leadership development, and policy influence. The initiative intentionally bridges grassroots action with national and international policy frameworks, ensuring that youth voices are not only heard but also integrated into formal peace processes.



Program Components:



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The Youth4Peace Agenda localizes the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) Agenda by providing young people with knowledge, platforms, networks, and legitimacy to act as peace-builders in offline & online spaces.

Through structured engagements such as educational outreaches, peace dialogues, festivals, digital campaigns, fellowships, national forums, and coalition-building, the program cultivates a culture of peace while strengthening collaboration among youth, government institutions, civil society, faith leaders, academia, media, and development partners. Ultimately, the Youth4Peace Agenda Program positions young people not as passive beneficiaries, but as strategic partners and co-creators of peace, contributing to inclusive governance, conflict prevention, and sustainable development in Tanzania and beyond.

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IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

Component 1: Youth4Peace Educational Outreaches

As a foundational pillar of the Youth4Peace Agenda Program, Youth4Peace Educational Outreaches were implemented to nurture a culture of peace, non-violence, and responsible citizenship among young people at the earliest and most influential stages of their lives.

Recognizing schools as critical spaces for shaping values, behaviors, and leadership mindsets, the outreaches focused on equipping students with practical peacebuilding knowledge and skills applicable at personal, school, and community levels.



Educational Outreaches in Kigoma Region



In August 2025, ALII, in collaboration with ActionAid Tanzania and Disability Relief Services Tanzania (DRST), conducted Youth4Peace educational outreaches in Bogwe Secondary School, Kimobwa Secondary School, and Kasulu Folk Development College (FDC) in Kigoma Region. The sessions reached over 2,000 students and youth, with facilitation support from trained peace champions and representatives of the Tanzania Police Force, reinforcing the link between youth, community safety, and peaceful coexistence.

The Kigoma outreaches focused on strengthening youth understanding of peace and security, particularly in the context of social cohesion, misinformation, hate speech, and peaceful civic participation. Students were guided to reflect on their roles in conflict prevention, ethical behavior, reporting crime, environmental responsibility, and resisting negative influences that may lead to violence. The sessions were highly interactive, featuring open discussions and question-and-answer engagements that allowed young people to openly share their concerns and aspirations for peaceful communities.

Educational Outreaches in Mtwara Region



In Mtwara Region, ALII in collaboration with CEFA Tanzania through Kujenga Amani Program Youth4Peace educational outreaches were conducted at Mahurunga Secondary School and Mikindani Secondary School, reaching a combined total of 1,000 students. The primary objective was to promote a culture of non-violence, dialogue, respect, and inclusion among youth, while strengthening their capacity to resolve conflicts peacefully within school and community environments.

Key thematic areas included understanding peace at personal, school, and community levels;

the importance of peace for development and unity; and identifying common causes of conflict among youth such as peer pressure, bullying, misunderstandings, and discrimination. Students were equipped with essential peacebuilding skills, including active listening, respectful communication, tolerance and empathy, and non-violent conflict resolution. Through group discussions, role-plays, and interactive exercises, students shared real-life challenges and collectively developed peaceful solutions, reinforcing peer-to-peer learning and ownership.

Outcomes and Contribution to the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda

Across Kigoma and Mtwara Regions, the Youth4Peace Educational Outreaches empowered young people to view themselves not as passive recipients of peace messages, but as active peace ambassadors within their schools, families, and communities. Participants demonstrated increased awareness of their roles in preventing conflict, countering misinformation, and promoting unity and social cohesion. These outreaches directly contributed to the operationalization of the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda by investing in early prevention, values-based education, and youth-led peacebuilding actions at the grassroots level.

The Youth4Peace Corner Dialogues are a flagship engagement platform under the Youth4Peace Agenda Program, designed to create safe, inclusive, and action-oriented spaces for youth-led and intergenerational dialogue on peace, security, and development issues. In 2025, ALII convened and facilitated five (5) Youth4Peace Corner Dialogues—three in Dar es Salaam, one in Mtwara Region, and one at the regional/continental level in Zanzibar—reaching over 350 youth and stakeholders. Each session brought together young people from diverse backgrounds alongside policymakers, practitioners, community leaders, and experts to foster knowledge exchange, critical reflection, and co-creation of solutions.





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Dialogue I: Harnessing Technology and Artificial Intelligence for Peace and Security



Held on 21 February 2025 at American Corner Dar es Salaam, the 1st Youth4Peace Corner Dialogue explored “Harnessing the Potential of Technology and Artificial Intelligence in Crime Reduction, Peacebuilding, and Conflict Prevention.” Over 50 Participants examined the use of AI-driven tools such as predictive policing, data analytics, early warning systems, and digital monitoring in enhancing safety and preventing conflict.

Ethical considerations—including privacy, bias, accountability, and transparency—were emphasized, with strong calls for responsible governance and regulatory frameworks to guide the use of emerging technologies in peace and security. This session was convened by ALII in partnership with Kilimanjaro Dialogue Institute - KDI.

Dialogue II: Youth Role in Promoting Economic Security

The 2nd session, convened by ALII in collaboration with ElimikaWikiend, on March 2025 at American Corner - Dar es Salaam, focused on the role of youth in building resilient economic security as a foundation for sustainable peace. Over 50 Young participants engaged with experienced speakers working in youth leadership, policy

advocacy, economic empowerment, and financial investment. Discussions highlighted the link between economic exclusion, vulnerability to conflict, and social instability, while showcasing youth-led entrepreneurship, innovation, and financial literacy as key pathways to peace and inclusive development.



Dialogue III: Youth Role in Conflict Resolution and Prevention

On 7 August 2025, the Youth4Peace Corner hosted its third session at the American Corner – Dar es Salaam, under the theme “Youth Role in Conflict Resolution and Prevention.” The roundtable enabled open dialogue on conflicts at organizational, community, and family

levels. Through shared experiences and reflection, participants emphasized mediation, dialogue, active listening, and collaboration as essential tools for preventing conflict escalation and fostering trust within communities.



Dialogue IV: Mtwara Intergenerational Community Dialogue

The fourth Youth4Peace Corner Dialogue was held in Mtwara Region, bringing together youth, elders, religious leaders, women, security actors, and local government representatives. The dialogue addressed community-level conflicts, particularly bodaboda–police relations and youth exclusion from land ownership and family

decision-making. Participants co-developed practical, locally driven solutions focused on trust-building, accountability, communication, and shared responsibility, strengthening social cohesion and conflict prevention mechanisms.



Dialogue V: Youth, Peace and Security through Sustainable Tourism (Zanzibar)

The fifth Youth4Peace Corner Dialogue was facilitated during the 3rd Zanzibar International Youth Tourism Summit (ZIYTS), held in Zanzibar, bringing together over 150 youth leaders from across Africa and beyond. Under the theme “Empowering Youth to Foster Peace and Security through Sustainable Tourism,” the session highlighted the intrinsic link between peace, security, and sustainable

tourism-led economic development. Participants reflected on how youth can safeguard peace as a national and community asset, promote respect for diversity and human rights, counter violence and misinformation, and use culture and tourism as vehicles for unity, resilience, and inclusive growth.





Outcomes and Contribution to the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda

Across all five dialogues, the Youth4Peace Corner strengthened youth capacity to engage meaningfully in peace and security discourse at community, national, and regional levels. The dialogues reinforced youth agency, intergenerational collaboration, and cross-sector partnerships while identifying and empowering Youth Peace Champions to sustain engagement beyond the sessions.

By institutionalizing regular, inclusive dialogue spaces, the initiative directly advanced the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda, positioning young people as proactive partners in conflict prevention, economic resilience, sustainable tourism, and social cohesion.



Component 3: Youth4Peace Festivals

The Youth4Peace Festivals are a flagship community mobilization component of the Youth4Peace Agenda Program, designed to harness culture, arts, sports, and civic engagement as tools for peacebuilding, social cohesion, and youth participation.

In 2025, ALII successfully convened two (2) Youth4Peace Festivals—in Tanga Region and Kigoma Region—reaching over 3,800 young people and community members. The festivals provided inclusive, non-confrontational spaces for young people to express peace narratives, engage with stakeholders, and commit to peaceful coexistence.



Youth4Peace Festival – Tanga Region

The Youth4Peace Festival in Tanga was held on 26 April 2025 at the Urithi Museum, coinciding with Union Day celebrations, commemorating the historic union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar. This strategic timing reinforced the festival's core message of unity, peace, and national cohesion. The festival was convened by ALII in collaboration with Kujenga Amani Program partners, including WeWorld, CEFA, Gift of Hope Foundation, with support from YUNA Tanzania and UTT AMIS, and was officiated by the Regional Sports Officer of Tanga Region.

The festival brought together over 300 youth from diverse backgrounds, organizations, and communities. Activities included an 8km Fun Run, cultural and traditional performances, youth-led art and photo exhibitions, peace pledges, financial literacy sessions, and media engagements. Through music, dance, poetry, drama, and visual arts, young people conveyed messages of peace, inclusion, tolerance, and social harmony, demonstrating the power of creative expression in conflict prevention and dialogue. Participants also received financial education aimed at strengthening economic resilience and reducing vulnerability to violence.



Youth4Peace Festival – Kigoma Region

The Youth4Peace Festival in Kigoma was held in Kasulu District in August 2025, jointly implemented by ALII, ActionAid Tanzania, and Disability Relief Services Tanzania (DRST). The festival engaged over 1,500 youth and community members and was conducted alongside educational outreaches in schools and colleges, ensuring strong linkage between awareness-raising and community action.

Key activities included a 5km Fun Run, intergenerational storytelling, cultural performances, sports, peace messaging, and civic education sessions. The festival emphasized peaceful coexistence, digital safety, avoidance of misinformation and hate speech, anti-corruption, and peaceful participation in democratic processes, particularly in the context of the 2025 elections. By integrating sports, culture, and dialogue, the festival provided an accessible and youth-friendly platform for mobilizing communities toward peace.



Outcomes and Contribution to the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda

Across both regions, the Youth4Peace Festivals successfully mobilized young people, civil society actors, government institutions, security agencies, and development partners around a shared vision of peace. The festivals amplified youth voices through creative and cultural approaches, strengthened intergenerational and cross-sector collaboration, and increased public awareness of the importance of youth participation in peace processes.

By positioning youth as cultural ambassadors and civic actors, the festivals directly contributed to the implementation of the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda, advancing prevention, participation, and social cohesion at the community level.



Component 4: Youth4Peace Digital Advocacy



The Youth4Peace Digital Advocacy Campaign is a central component of the Youth4Peace Agenda Program, leveraging digital technologies and social media platforms to promote peace, counter misinformation, and amplify youth voices in Tanzania. Between March and September 2025, ALII successfully recruited and trained 100 Digital Champions from diverse regions, equipping them with critical skills in digital advocacy, peacebuilding, and online safety. This cohort became the driving force behind a coordinated, six-month online campaign aimed at fostering a culture of non-violence, dialogue, and inclusion among youth audiences.

The campaign strategically utilized hashtags Youth4PeaceAgenda and MyPeacePledge to mobilize young people and community actors around actionable peace commitments. Champions conducted online storytelling, awareness posts, interactive polls,

infographics, and live discussions to address emerging threats such as hate speech, misinformation, cyberbullying, and narratives inciting violence. By creating accessible and engaging content, the campaign empowered youth to participate in digital spaces responsibly, transforming social media into a tool for education, dialogue, and advocacy rather than conflict.

The initiative was implemented in collaboration with strategic partners, including ElimikaWeekend and the Kilimanjaro Dialogue Institute, ensuring strong technical support, mentorship, and guidance on content creation, digital safety, and monitoring impact. The collaboration facilitated innovative approaches to digital engagement, combining peace education with interactive campaigns to reach a broad online audience, including vulnerable youth and those at risk of radicalization or social exclusion.

Key Achievements

- **Massive Reach and Engagement:** The campaign reached thousands of youth nationwide, generating widespread visibility for peacebuilding messages and creating safe digital spaces for dialogue.
- **Capacity Building:** The 100 Digital Champions enhanced their competencies in digital communication, online safety, conflict-sensitive messaging, and strategic advocacy.
- **Behavioral Influence:** The campaign successfully countered harmful narratives, promoted tolerance, and inspired online audiences to make personal peace pledges, contributing to a culture of non-violence and social cohesion.
- **Sustainability:** Through mentorship and structured engagement, the Digital Champions are now positioned to continue digital peace advocacy beyond the campaign period, fostering long-term youth-led initiatives online.

Contribution to the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda

By harnessing digital tools, the Youth4Peace Digital Advocacy Campaign operationalized the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda in Tanzania's virtual spaces, transforming online platforms into arenas for positive youth participation, civic engagement, and conflict

prevention. The campaign demonstrated that youth-led digital interventions can effectively counter divisive narratives, empower young leaders, and amplify voices for peace, complementing offline initiatives such as festivals, dialogues, and educational outreaches.



Component 5: Tanzania NextGen Leaders Fellowship



The Tanzania NextGen Leaders Fellowship (TNLF) is a flagship leadership development initiative under the Youth4Peace Agenda Program, designed to prepare a new generation of ethical, informed, and action-oriented young leaders capable of shaping Tanzania's peaceful, inclusive, and sustainable future. Implemented by the African Leadership Initiatives for Impact (ALII), the Fellowship responds to the growing need for structured, values-based youth leadership pipelines that align with national development priorities, the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) Agenda, and Tanzania's Vision 2050.

In 2025, ALII successfully convened the first cohort of the Tanzania Next-Gen Leaders Fellowship, bringing together a diverse group of outstanding young leaders from across the country. Fellows were selected from multiple sectors and leadership tracks, including governance and public administration, peace and security, education and innovation, climate and natural resources, health and social services, civil society, diplomacy, and business and economics. This intentional diversity ensured cross-sector learning, collaboration, and systems-level thinking among emerging leaders.



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The Fellowship was structured as a blended leadership journey combining thematic learning, mentorship, peer exchange, practical leadership exposure, and values-based reflection. Fellows participated in curated learning sessions focused on ethical leadership, peacebuilding, democratic governance, policy engagement, systems thinking, and civic responsibility. Strong emphasis was placed on the role of youth as proactive contributors to conflict prevention, social cohesion, accountable governance, and sustainable development, rather than passive beneficiaries of policy outcomes.

A defining feature of the Fellowship was its alignment with national priorities and long-term leadership needs, particularly in advancing peaceful governance, inclusive institutions, and youth participation in decision-making. Fellows engaged directly with experienced practitioners, policymakers, experts, and mentors, strengthening their leadership competencies while gaining real-world insights into Tanzania's development and peacebuilding landscape. The Fellowship also fostered intergenerational dialogue, reinforcing mutual trust and

collaboration between young leaders and established institutions.

Through group work, reflective sessions, and action-oriented discussions, Fellows developed a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness between peace, development, economic security, climate resilience, and social justice. The program nurtured a strong sense of civic duty, ethical responsibility, and collective leadership, encouraging Fellows to apply their learning within their communities, organizations, and professional spaces.

Overall, the Tanzania NextGen Leaders Fellowship (Cohort 1) significantly strengthened youth leadership capacity within the Youth4Peace Agenda framework. By investing in young leaders as peacebuilders, policy influencers, and development actors, the Fellowship directly contributed to the operationalization of the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda in Tanzania. It laid a strong foundation for a growing national network of NextGen Leaders committed to advancing peace, inclusive governance, and sustainable development, in line with Tanzania's Vision 2050.



Component 6: 2nd National Forum on Youth, Peace and Security (NFYPS 2025)



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Background and Purpose

The Second National Forum on Youth, Peace and Security Agenda in Tanzania was convened from 18th - 20th September 2025 at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC), Dar es Salaam, under the theme “Youth4Peace: Act Now for a Peaceful World.” The Forum was co-organized by The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact (ALII) and the Centre for Youth Dialogue (CYD) in collaboration with the Prime Minister’s Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities), the Ministry of Information, Youth, Culture and Sports – Zanzibar, and the Youth4Peace Agenda Coalition Members, with the generous financial support of development partners including the Tanzania Peacekeeping Training Centre - TPTC, Norwegian Church Aid, CEFA, WeWorld, Search for Common Ground, Restless Development, Save the Children, Ladies Joint Forum, MWF Reciprocal Exchange, Center for Global Learning and Innovation at Michigan State University (MSU) and others.

The Forum brought together over 500 youth representatives from across Tanzania, alongside government officials (from Prime Minister’s Office, Labor, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities; Ministry of Information, Youth, Culture and Sports - Zanzibar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of Defense), representatives from Diplomatic Corps in Tanzania (EU, Ireland, Finland, Japan, Netherlands and China), civil society organizations

and youth groups. It served as a national platform for reflection, dialogue, and action to strengthen youth engagement in peace and security process, in line with 10th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 (2015), and commemorating International Peace Day 2025.

Forum Objectives:

The Forum was convened to:

- Advance the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda through national dialogue and collective action;
- Strengthen multi-stakeholder coordination between youth, government, civil society, and development partners;
- Create avenues for youth-led solutions and policy recommendations addressing peace, security, governance, and development;
- Amplify youth voices in national peacebuilding and civic participation;
- Develop tangible action commitments and institutional linkages to sustain post-Forum implementation.



Day One: High-Level Launch and Strategic Dialogues

The opening day set a solid foundation for the Forum with high-level statements emphasizing the centrality of youth participation in peace and security. Leaders highlighted that sustainable peace must be inclusive and youth-centered, noting that youth should not only be future leaders but active partners today. Discussions underscored that peace cannot be achieved without addressing structural issues affecting youth, including unemployment, civic disenfranchisement, and digital safety. The Forum's launch resonated with national calls for increased youth involvement in peace and security matters as articulated in national media reporting on the event. Young people were encouraged to shape national narratives on peace and be part of policy decisions affecting their futures.

Panel 1: Towards National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security; lessons from WPS NAP and Other countries with YPS NAP.

Bringing together government representatives from Ministry of Youth in Tanzania Mainland and in Zanzibar, representative from Finland Embassy in Tanzania which is the first in the world to develop YPS NAP, Representative of Global Coalition on YPS as well as AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security, this hybrid panel discussion provided an intensive learning and information sharing on best practices and pathways to ensure Tanzania has a National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security Agenda. From the presentations and feedback, it was agreed that Tanzania needs to immediately act to prepare the YPS NAP to ensure effective and sustainable youth participation in peace processes.

Panel Discussion 2: Youth in Peace-building Actions; Voices from the Field

This panel discussion underscored how grassroots youth groups are at the forefront of peacebuilding conflict prevention. Participants from Kujenga Amani Program in Tanga and Mtwara, Participant from Norwegian Church Aid in Zanzibar and Representatives of youth peacebuilders shared successful peace initiatives—from mediation in local disputes to community dialogue platforms—and called for these models to be scaled with government support. The voices from the field is one of key important sessions that inspires young people by sharing best practices which are already convened in the grassroots promoting peace.



Day Two: Thematic Caucus Sessions — Youth-Led Dialogue and Solutions

The second day of the Forum focused on thematic caucus sessions—interactive peer-led debates where youth participants engaged deeply with key peace and security issues. These caucuses were designed not only for discussion but for co-creating practical solutions to challenges identified by youth themselves.

Theme 1: Youth Participation in Governance and Decision-Making

Participants critically examined barriers to meaningful youth inclusion in governance, identifying gaps in consultative mechanisms and representation. Youth proposed the expansion of county-level youth councils, institutionalized stakeholder engagement units in ministries, and targeted civic education campaigns to enhance understanding of governance systems. These recommendations emphasized youth agency in influencing public policy and decision-making processes.

Theme 2: Digital Spaces, Misinformation, and Cyber Safety

In recognition of the growing impact of digital platforms on national cohesion, caucuses explored how youth can counter misinformation, promote digital literacy, and harness technology for positive peacebuilding. Young leaders drafted actionable strategies including establishing youth digital peace ambassador networks, and partnerships with tech firms and educational institutions to deliver media literacy training at the grassroots level.

Theme 3: Youth Economic Empowerment and Peace

Economic marginalization was identified as a key driver of instability. Youth participants developed a set of proposals to link entrepreneurship, sustainable livelihoods, and peace outcomes more strongly. These included calls for expanded access to micro-finance, youth entrepreneurship incubators focused on peace-promoting enterprises, and public-private partnerships bridging youth talents with market opportunities.

Climate Change, Natural Resources, and Conflict Prevention

Acknowledging the intersection between environmental change and social tension, youth discussed climate-related risks to peace and prioritized community-based approaches. Proposals included establishing youth-led environmental stewardship teams, localized climate adaptation action plans, and educational campaigns linking conservation to social harmony.

Across all caucus sessions, youth participation was robust and substantive, with participants actively shaping dialogues and delivering innovative, context-specific solutions to Tanzania's peace and security challenges. Many young delegates expressed that the space provided them with recognition, agency, and practical tools to return to their communities as peace advocates and implementers.

Day Three: Peace Action, Public Engagement, and Awards

The 3rd day blended public engagement, resolution setting and recognition events that celebrated peacebuilders and reinforced collective commitment to peace.

Peace Action and Community Engagement

Youth took part in a Youth4Peace Fun Run from Coco Plaza to JNICC, which was concluded by a joint warm down joint exercises, to promote awareness on non-violence, civic responsibility, and social cohesion. These activities served as visible demonstrations of unity and reinforced the message that peace is a living practice requiring everyday action and participation across society.

Setting Resolution and Commitments

A. Key Deliberations:

- The forum discussed the urgency of localizing the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda, as outlined under UNSCR 2250, Continental Framework on Youth, Peace and Security as well as ongoing efforts at EAC and SADC regional mechanisms on YPS, where Tanzania is a key player. The forum received lessons learned from countries such as Finland, which has YPS National Action Plans, and the recent launched National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security in Tanzania.
- The forum discussed about ongoing youth-led peacebuilding work in Tanzania, reflecting voices from the field, on success, challenges and the need to strengthen local youth actions for peace, as well as coordination mechanism.

- The forum commended the ongoing efforts, by institutions and individuals, in promoting peace and security of the country, and called for continued efforts to ensure sustainable peace.

B. Key recommendations

- To ensure sustainable youth engagement in peace processes, the forum called for Tanzania Government to Develop a National Action Plan on Youth, Peace, and Security in Tanzania through an inclusive and youth-centered consultative process. The forum also called for development partners in Tanzania, to provide support that can facilitate the process.
- In recognition to the importance of creating enabling environments for youth inclusion and participation in governance, leadership, and decision-making processes, the forum calls for operationalization of the National Youth Council in Tanzania (mainland), and establishment of a legal youth quota of 30% in all decision-making levels of the country.
- The Forum recognized the influence of digital spaces on peace, security and national stability, and it recommends responsible authorities (including Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, and TCRA) to strengthen digital literacy, cybersecurity education, and regulation of misinformation and technology-facilitated violence.

- The forum emphasized that economic marginalization is a driver of instability, and recommends development partners and the government to ensure entrepreneurship skills, financial literacy skills, and vocational skills are accessible to young people through formal education, as strategies for building economic resilience & peace.
- Participants acknowledged the intersection of climate change, resource scarcity and conflict, and called for increased youth involvement in climate action, renewable energy promotion, and environmental education.

C. Resolutions and Commitments

- Establish a National Coordination Mechanism to follow up on implementation of forum resolutions and recommendations.

- Promote peaceful youth participation in the 2025 General Elections through civic education, tolerance campaigns, and advocacy for non-violence.
- Enhance youth economic empowerment programs by expanding access to finance, entrepreneurship training, and employment opportunities.
- Strengthen digital security frameworks to protect youth from online abuse and promote responsible use of digital platforms for peace.
- Institutionalize the National Forum on Youth, Peace, and Security as an annual forum for collective reflection and action for sustainable peace in Tanzania.
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International Peace and Security Awards (IPSA) — First Edition

The Closing ceremony of National Forum on Youth, Peace and Security also featured the inaugural International Peace and Security Awards (IPSA) held in collaboration with the International Peace and Security Support Association (IPSSA). This award platform was established to recognize outstanding contributions to peace-building in Tanzania and to elevate role models whose work advances peaceful coexistence and national resilience.

In this first edition, the IPSA Awards honored 50 individuals, companies, and institutions for their work in promoting peace, social cohesion, community empowerment, and security. Awardees represented diverse sectors and regions,

including youth organizations advancing dialogue in rural communities, private sector partners funding peace education, faith-based institutions fostering interreligious harmony, and civic innovators leveraging technology for social cohesion. The recognition fostered national visibility for peace champions and reinforced the narrative that peace leadership transcends sectors and requires collaborative engagement.

By spotlighting these awardees, the Forum sent a vital signal that peace-building is both a collective aspiration and a measurable commitment grounded in concrete actions across society.



Contribution to the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda

The Second National Forum reaffirmed youth as central to peace-building, aligning national priorities with the global YPS Agenda. Through inclusive dialogue, solutions-focused caucuses, and public recognition of peace champions, the Forum reinforced youth agency and showcased pathways for sustained engagement

in national resilience and cohesion. As highlighted during the Forum, Tanzania's peace and security are deeply linked to youth participation, and empowering young people with knowledge, opportunity, and platforms for action will help safeguard the country's peaceful future.





Component 7: Youth4Peace Agenda coalition of Tanzania

On Sept. 18, 2025 The Youth4Peace Agenda Coalition (Y4PC) was officially launched, as a national multi-stakeholder platform bringing together youth-led organizations, civil society, academia, government bodies, and development partners committed to advancing the Youth, Peace & Security (YPS) Agenda in Tanzania. The Coalition aims to strengthen meaningful youth participation, inform policy, enhance collaboration, and champion peace-building and conflict prevention across the country.

The coalition vision is to see a peaceful, inclusive, and resilient Tanzania where young people are empowered as key actors in peace and security. The coalition will be working to coordinate, amplify, and sustain youth-led initiatives and partnerships that promote peace, prevent violence, and strengthen democratic governance in Tanzania.

Core Objectives of the Coalition:

1. Strengthen youth participation in national and community-level peace and security processes.
2. Promote research, knowledge sharing, and evidence-informed policy advocacy.
3. Build capacities of youth actors and institutions in peacebuilding and conflict prevention.
4. Foster multi-stakeholder collaboration and resource mobilization.
5. Promote peace education, community engagement, and outreach across regions.

The Coalition was launched with 20 member organizations, which are: The African Leadership Initiatives for Impact (ALII),

Centre for Youth Dialogue (CYD), JK Events Organizers, Jicho La Mtafiti Foundation, Be Humble Initiative. Agrimwendo Company Limited, Mtwara economic rights organization for disabled (MERODI), Integrating capacity and community advancement organization - ICCAO, Imara Leadership Initiative (ILI) Tanzania, Friends of Children And Youth Organization (FOCA-YO), Youth Peace and Security Coalition, Green Farm Youth Foundation, Kigoma Elimu Foundation {KIEF}, HOpe For Youth Development Organization (HYDO, Tanzania Inclusive Development and Research Foundation, Afrika Talii Organization (ATO), Ladies Joint Forum (LJF), United Planet Tanzania, ElimikaWikiendi and YUNA Tanzania.





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UNESCO GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION (GCED) PRIZE RECOGNITION

In 2025, the African Leadership Initiatives for Impact (ALII) achieved a major global milestone when its flagship Youth4Peace Agenda Program was recognized as one of the two global laureates of the UNESCO Prize for Global Citizenship Education (GCED). Selected from 150 submissions across 76 countries, this recognition positioned Youth4Peace Agenda as a globally validated model for advancing peace, civic responsibility, and inclusive youth leadership through education-driven action.

The UNESCO GCED Prize acknowledges initiatives that promote values of peace, human rights, social cohesion, and active citizenship. Youth4Peace Agenda was recognized for its integrated and action-oriented approach to Global Citizenship Education, which translates global values into practical, youth-led peacebuilding interventions. Through national forums, leadership fellowships, policy dialogues, community engagement, and coalition-based action, the program empowers young people not only with knowledge, but with the skills, platforms, and agency to actively contribute to peace and sustainable development.

This global recognition elevated Tanzania's youth leadership and peacebuilding efforts onto the international stage, reaffirming the role of youth-led organizations as credible actors in national and global development agendas. The award was embraced nationally as a collective achievement, reflecting the contributions of the Youth4Peace Agenda Coalition, grassroots youth groups, partners, and institutions working together to promote peace, social cohesion, and responsible citizenship across the country.

The UNESCO GCED Prize also reinforces the alignment of the Youth4Peace Agenda with Tanzania's Vision 2050 and the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) Agenda, demonstrating how education, leadership development, and civic engagement can serve as long-term investments in peace and stability. By nurturing informed, ethical, and engaged young citizens, the program contributes to building resilient institutions and inclusive governance systems.

Beyond recognition, the award has strengthened ALII's institutional credibility and opened new opportunities for international collaboration, knowledge exchange, and program scaling. It underscores the importance of locally rooted, youth-led solutions in addressing complex global challenges and provides renewed momentum to expand the impact of the Youth4Peace Agenda in Tanzania and beyond.

Overall, the UNESCO Global Citizenship Education Prize recognition stands as a defining milestone for the Youth4Peace Agenda Program, affirming that youth are not only beneficiaries of peace but leaders and architects of it, and reinforcing ALII's commitment to advancing peace, citizenship, and inclusive leadership for present and future generations.





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IMPACT AT A GLANCE – YOUTH4PEACE AGENDA PROGRAM (2025)

Empowering Youth as Leaders for Peace

- Strengthened leadership, peacebuilding, and civic competencies among young people across Tanzania through fellowships, forums, and structured dialogues.
- Supported the emergence of a new generation of ethical, informed, and action-oriented youth leaders actively contributing to peace, governance, and social cohesion.
- Fostered intergenerational dialogue between youth, policymakers, practitioners, and institutions.

Institutionalizing Youth Participation

- Successfully convened the Second National Forum on Youth, Peace and Security, establishing a credible national platform for youth engagement on peace and security.
- Elevated youth participation from consultation to co-creation of solutions, resolutions, and policy-relevant recommendations.
- Strengthened coordination between youth organizations, government institutions, civil society, and development partners.

Youth-Led Solutions and Policy Influence

- Enabled young people to actively shape national dialogue through thematic caucuses addressing governance, digital safety, economic empowerment, climate risks, and community peacebuilding.
- Generated practical, youth-driven recommendations contributing to national conversations on the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda.
- Reinforced youth confidence and legitimacy as contributors to policy and development processes.

National and Global Recognition

- Youth4Peace Agenda recognized as a Global Laureate of the UNESCO Global Citizenship Education (GCED) Prize, selected from 150 initiatives across 76 countries.
- Positioned Tanzania's youth-led peacebuilding efforts on the global stage as a model for education-driven peace and citizenship.
- Launched the inaugural International Peace and Security Awards (IPSA), recognizing 50 individuals, institutions, and companies advancing peace in Tanzania.

Strong Partnerships and Coalition Building

- Expanded the Youth4Peace Agenda Coalition, bringing together youth-led organizations, government actors, civil society, academia, faith-based institutions, and development partners.
- Strengthened collaboration, shared ownership, and collective accountability for peacebuilding outcomes.
- Enhanced sustainability and scalability of youth peace initiatives through coordinated action.

Promoting Peace, Unity, and Active Citizenship

- Reached communities nationwide with messages of non-violence, tolerance, inclusion, and civic responsibility.
- Increased public awareness of the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda through national dialogues, public engagement activities, and media visibility.
- Encouraged youth-led community actions that promote social cohesion and conflict prevention.

Contributing to Tanzania's Long-Term Vision

- Directly aligned program outcomes with Tanzania Vision 2050, emphasizing peace, unity, responsible citizenship, and inclusive development.
- Strengthened preventive approaches to conflict by addressing leadership, participation, economic resilience, and civic engagement.
- Reinforced youth as indispensable partners in sustaining Tanzania's peaceful and stable future.

Overall Impact Statement

In 2025, the Youth4Peace Agenda Program demonstrated that investing in youth leadership delivers tangible peace dividends. Through institutional engagement, global recognition, and youth-led action, the program strengthened national peace architecture and affirmed young people as leaders, innovators, and custodians of peace in Tanzania.



KEY CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

Key Challenges

Despite the significant achievements recorded under the Youth4Peace Agenda Program in 2025, the implementation process revealed a

number of structural, operational, and contextual challenges that require strategic attention to ensure sustainability, scale, and long-term impact.

1. Limited Institutionalization of the YPS Agenda

While awareness of the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) Agenda has grown, youth participation in peace and security processes in Tanzania remains largely project-based rather than fully institutionalized. The absence of a National Action Plan (NAP) on Youth, Peace and Security limits coordinated implementation, accountability, and sustained government ownership.

2. Resource Constraints and Sustainability Risks

High demand for Youth4Peace activities across regions exceeded available financial and technical resources. This constrained the ability to scale successful models such as educational outreaches, festivals, and digital advocacy to underserved and remote areas, and posed risks to long-term continuity beyond project cycles.

3. Uneven Youth Inclusion and Representation

Although the program reached diverse youth groups, structural barriers persist for rural youth, young women, youth with disabilities, and economically marginalized young people. Unequal access to information, platforms, and decision-making spaces continues to affect the depth and equity of youth participation.

4. Digital Risks and Misinformation

The rapid expansion of digital engagement created both opportunities and challenges. Persistent misinformation, hate speech, cyberbullying, and low digital literacy among segments of youth remain threats to social cohesion and peaceful civic participation, particularly during politically sensitive periods.

5. Coordination Gaps Among Stakeholders

While multi-stakeholder collaboration improved, coordination among youth actors, government institutions, civil society, and development partners remains fragmented in some areas. Limited data sharing, joint planning, and harmonized monitoring mechanisms reduced collective efficiency and learning.

Way Forward

Building on lessons learned and emerging opportunities, the following strategic priorities will guide the next phase of the Youth4Peace Agenda:

1. Advance a National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security

ALII and partners will continue to advocate for and technically support the development of a youth-centered, inclusive National Action Plan on YPS. This will provide an institutional framework to anchor youth participation in peace and security, align stakeholders, and ensure sustainable implementation.

2. Strengthen Institutional Partnerships and Policy Engagement

Future efforts will deepen collaboration with central and local government institutions, security actors, and regional bodies to embed youth-led peacebuilding initiatives within formal governance and security architectures.

3. Scale Youth-Led Models Through the Youth4Peace Agenda Coalition

The Youth4Peace Agenda Coalition will serve as a national coordination platform to scale proven approaches, mobilize resources, share knowledge, and strengthen collective accountability for peace outcomes across regions.

4. Invest in Inclusive and Targeted Youth Empowerment

Special focus will be placed on reaching marginalized youth through tailored approaches, including disability-inclusive programming, rural outreach, gender-responsive leadership development, and economic empowerment pathways linked to peacebuilding.

5. Expand Digital Peace Infrastructure

ALII will strengthen digital literacy, online safety, and youth-led counter-misinformation initiatives by expanding the Digital Champions network, fostering partnerships with technology actors, and promoting ethical and responsible digital engagement.

6. Enhance Monitoring, Learning, and Evidence Generation

The program will invest in stronger data systems, impact documentation, and learning platforms to inform policy advocacy, improve program quality, and position youth-led peacebuilding as an evidence-based contribution to national development.

Conclusion

Addressing these challenges and advancing the outlined priorities will ensure that the Youth4Peace Agenda evolves from a successful program into a sustainable national movement. By institutionalizing youth participation, strengthening partnerships, and investing in inclusive, youth-led solutions, Tanzania can further consolidate peace, social cohesion, and resilient governance anchored by young people as indispensable partners in shaping a peaceful future.





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