We hope you had a fantastic February!

Here at Centre for the Study of Adolescence, a great one too.

RHRN II: Setting The Pace
The programme also held its 1st National Advisory Committee (NAC) meeting for 2023 with the Executive Directors and the YEB (Youth Executive Board) representatives to discuss the program direction, progress, and priorities.

It's a Safety for All Affair!

In partnership with other CSOs in Homabay County and Tom Mboya University, CSA commemorated International Condom Day by sensitizing Homa Bay residents on the importance of condoms to reduce the triple threat (Teenage pregnancy, New HIV infection, and SGBV). We provided condom distribution, HIV testing, and STI screening.

Setting up Robust Networks
CSA participated in the Health NGOs Network Meeting held on 16th February and was focused on reviewing the draft Strategic Plan for the Health NGOs Network. The meeting had several objectives, including aligning the draft Strategic Plan to current national, regional, and global healthcare realities, reflecting critical events between 2021 and 2022, and ensuring the plan is consistent with new national and international health sector policy frameworks and priority initiatives.

The meeting emphasized the need for alignment and consensus among stakeholders to promote the development of a relevant and up-to-date strategic plan that addresses the most critical healthcare challenges in the country. Overall, the meeting was a success, and the Health NGOs Network looks forward to implementing the new strategic plan in the coming months.

** OV C Project Trains Child Protection Volunteers**

Orphan and Vulnerable Children Welfare Promotion and Protection project (OVC) trained Child Protection Volunteers (CPVs) on crucial concepts and guiding principles on child care protection. The training also enhanced the understanding of the CPVs of the legal framework of children and care; to prevent and support child abuse cases, neglect, and exploitation. Child Protection Volunteers (CPV) are critical players in child welfare and protection at the grassroots/community level and exist under the National Council of Children Services (NCCS) structure.

**Enhancing SRHR Service Access and Information**
In collaboration with the public health facilities in Kilifi North sub-county, the SRHR & Climate Change project supported the provision of cervical cancer screening and awareness creation alongside other SRH services through community outreaches. The project is keen on creating awareness of SRHR and providing services, especially to vulnerable communities. SRHR is a key adaptation strategy to the effects of Climate Change (CC) through access to information and services which help increase the resilience level of vulnerable communities.

**Water, Food, and Sanitation in the Lens of Climate Change in Kilifi.**
In the 2nd and 3rd weeks of January, CSA, together with our partners University of Toronto and Elim, conducted boys' and girls' participatory mapping workshops (PMW) in Kilifi in the ongoing KAPH study being implemented in Kalobeyei, Kisumu, Mandera, Nairobi, Naivasha, and Kilifi). KAPH study is an international research partnership that explores the linkages between social, health, and environmental wellbeing among adolescents in Kenya. In the PMW workshop in Kilifi, young boys and girls between 10 and 14 years came together (boys and girls separately) to review some of the maps, videos, and photos that had been taken earlier in 2022 during the walk-along interviews as well as visited the community to map the food, water, and sanitation situation in the community using the lens of the participants.

The session used the audio visual instruments and the maps developed to generate conversations about the food, water, and sanitation situation in the communities they came from, assess the possible reasons for the problem, and provide recommendations on how this can be improved. The workshop culminated in the young people making songs to express their feelings about their communities' food, water, and sanitation.
Join us in celebrating women driving digital innovation & technological advancement this International Women's Day on 8th March. We will be sharing messages on our digital platforms and much more @CSA_Kenya. See you then! #CSAEngage