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A Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Friends, Partners, and Champions of Youth Development,

It brings me great pride and gratitude to share highlights from what has been an outstanding season for The President's Award – Kenya. As I think about the progress we have made together, I am reminded that transforming young lives cannot happen in isolation. It relies on partnership, purpose, and a strong belief in the potential of every young Kenyan.

This season has been marked by meaningful partnerships that expand our reach and strengthen the impact of the Award Programme. We established an important collaboration with Spread Truth Africa, a faith-based group that shares our values of mentorship, community service, and character development.

Through this partnership, the Spread Truth Tigers and Tigresses basketball teams are starting their Award journeys. This shows how the discipline and values learned on the court complement those we nurture through the Award.

We have also worked strategically with the Nation Media Group, the Nairobi Diocese Youth Ministry (ACK), the State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Development, and the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Each of these connections has opened new opportunities for increasing access to the Award, boosting our visibility, and integrating our efforts into the broader agenda for youth empowerment. The shared understanding that structured youth development is a priority both nationally and globally continues to drive our momentum. Our dedication to broadening access has led to meaningful actions across the country. The Bronze First Strategy is gaining strong support in the Coastal Region, with over 800 new participants enrolling from St. Thomas Girls' School, Malindi High School, and Mama Ngina Girls' High School.

This investment in human resources is the foundation for lasting impact. The most powerful affirmation of our work is found not in numbers but in stories. At Greenland Girls School, teenage mothers are rebuilding their confidence and finding their purpose through the Award Programme.

Internally, our Board of Trustees and management held a strategic retreat to review and refine our Strategic Plan 2023–2027. As Board Chairman Mr. Paul Mbatha pointed out, true strategy is both purposeful and deliberate. We are committed to making sure that every initiative PA-K undertakes is rooted in our mission: empowering young Kenyans to discover their full potential.

To our partners, Award Leaders, volunteers, and all who support young people on this journey, thank you. And to every young person currently pursuing their Bronze, Silver, or Gold award: keep going. The values you cultivate today will shape the leaders Kenya needs tomorrow.

Together, let us continue to reach higher.



Margaret Kiogora-CHRP-K

Chief Executive Officer

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Community & Impact Stories

Empowering Teenage Mothers at Greenland Girls School.



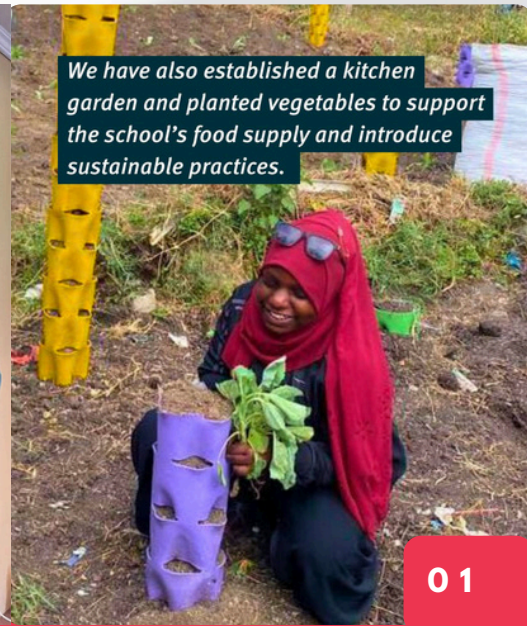
One of the most impactful parts of the week was the mentorship sessions we held with the girls.

We talked about

- Personal development & self-awareness
- Mental health & emotional well-being
- Healthy friendships & relationships
- Menstrual health & hygiene
- Reproductive health & awareness of substance use risks



We began by constructing a nursing bay, a small but significant step to ensure that young mothers had a safe, private space to care for their babies. We also painted the children's rooms. That's when I discovered that I could draw and paint!



We have also established a kitchen garden and planted vegetables to support the school's food supply and introduce sustainable practices.

At Greenland Girls School, one of PA-K's established Award Centres, a remarkable story of resilience and personal transformation is unfolding. Teenage mothers, often among the most vulnerable and underserved members of society, are rebuilding their confidence and nurturing a renewed sense of hope through their participation in the Award Programme.

Through structured engagement across the programme's core components, the participants have embarked on a journey of self-discovery, finding their passion, clarifying their purpose, and carving out a meaningful place for themselves within their communities. The Award Programme has provided them with not only a framework for personal development but also a supportive environment in which to grow, heal, and aspire.

Having progressed through their Award journey, the participants have advanced to the Gold Residential Project, the highest level of community engagement within the programme, through which they are now extending their impact beyond themselves and into the wider community. Through meaningful leadership and dedicated service, they are demonstrating that adversity need not define one's trajectory, and that with the right support and opportunity, young people can rise to become agents of positive change.

Their journey at Greenland Girls School stands as a powerful testament to the transformative potential of the Award Programme and its capacity to reach young people in the most challenging of circumstances, restoring dignity, building resilience, and unlocking leadership in those who need it most.



A Courtesy Visit to Hon. Wilberforce Oundo Mudenyo MP, Funyula Constituency

Led by CEO Ms. Margaret Kiogora, a delegation from PA-K paid a courtesy visit to Hon. Wilberforce Ojiambo Oundo, PhD, Member of Parliament for Funyula Constituency, for a strategic engagement aimed at deliberating on the reach and impact of the Award Programme within the constituency and exploring avenues for broader expansion.

The visit carried particular significance given Hon. Oundo's personal connection to the programme. A Gold Award holder from Starehe Boys' Centre, the legislator spoke with conviction about the transformative influence the programme had on his own development, citing its role in shaping discipline, resilience, service, and leadership among young people. Drawing from his own Award journey, he affirmed the programme's long-term value and expressed his readiness to support initiatives aimed at expanding its footprint across his constituency and beyond.

Discussions at the meeting focused on practical areas of collaboration, including the strengthening of existing partnerships, the onboarding of more institutions as Award Centres, and the creation of greater access for young people to participate in and benefit from the programme.



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Hon. Oundo, while receiving the delegation at his Bunge Tower office, noted that the Award Programme is established under the President's Award Act Cap 216C, to recognise and reward young people for exemplary performance across various fields through an incremental journey culminating in Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. Both parties agreed on an outreach programme that would work towards rolling out the Award to all constituencies across the country.

Ms. Kiogora reinforced PA-K's mission with a clear articulation of the organization's ambition to ensure that all young people across Kenya can access the programme and discover the full extent of what they are truly capable of achieving.

The engagement with Hon. Oundo exemplified the ripple effect of the Award Programme's impact: that when young people are equipped with the values and skills the Award instils, the doors they open in their own futures can, in turn, create new pathways for the generations that follow.



Education Day at Mang'u High School and Tree Planting of 6,000 Seedlings

The President's Award Education Day was held at Mang'u High School in the Central Region, bringing together over 30 institutions and nearly 2,000 young participants in a vibrant celebration of youth development, achievement, and service.



The event also served as a platform to recognize Bronze and Silver Awardees, young people who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to personal growth, discipline, and community impact through their participation in the Award Programme. The occasion reaffirmed the programme's enduring role in nurturing responsible, confident, and purpose-driven youth across the region.

A highlight of the day was a tree planting exercise led by PA-K Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Margaret Kiogora, during which 6,000 tree seedlings, donated by the Tana and Athi Rivers Development Authority (TARDA), were planted, underscoring the event's commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability alongside youth development.

The occasion was graced by Mr. Joses Mugambi, Tana River Coordinator representing TARDA, and Mr. James, Central Region Education Representative from the Ministry of Education, whose presence lent institutional weight to the engagement and reflected the breadth of support behind the Award Programme's mission.



Special recognition was extended to the Mang'u High School administration for the warm hospitality and seamless hosting of the event. Deputy Principal Academics, Mr. Peter N. Muna, and Deputy Principal Administration, Mr. Philip Kamau, were singled out for their contribution to the successful organization of the day.

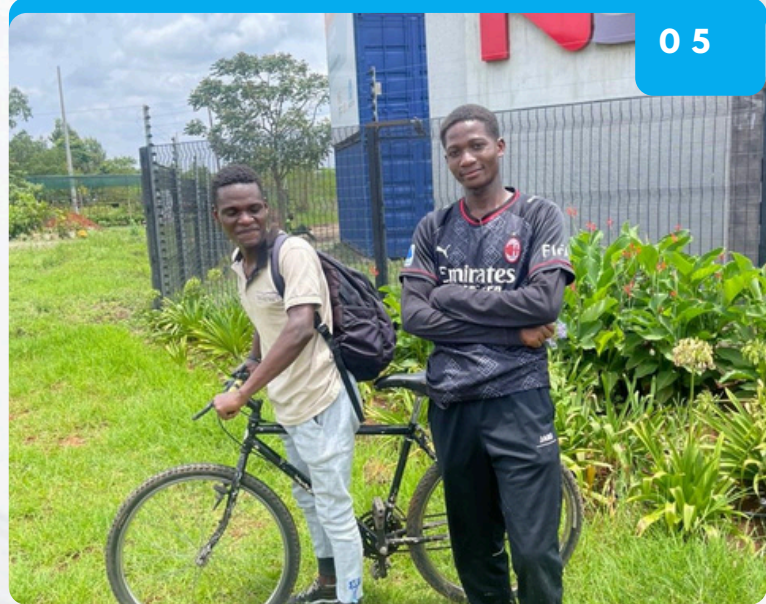
In her remarks, Ms. Kiogora expressed gratitude to the Mang'u High School administration for hosting the Education Day and acknowledged TARDA's generous contribution to the tree planting initiative. She encouraged young people to embrace the Award Programme, describing it as a transformative journey that builds character, nurtures leadership, and opens pathways to meaningful opportunities, equipping young people to thrive and contribute positively to society.



Ride with Purpose, Ride for Gold Residential Project

The President's Award Kenya University, in collaboration with Panthera Scouts Crew KU and the @krccs_kuchapter, on Saturday, 14th, March, held a meaningful cycling bringing together 33 riders in a spirited demonstration of teamwork and community commitment.

Dubbed the Ride with Purpose, Ride for Gold Residential Project, the event saw participants cover 28.5 kilometres along a route that began at Kenyatta Market, passed through Kenyatta University Main Campus, Kahawa Sukari, and Mwhiko Stage, extended to Nairobi Gate Industrial Park, and returned via Kiriri Women's University of Science and Technology before concluding at KU Main Campus.



Beyond the physical feat, the ride carried a deeper mission, raising funds and awareness for the upcoming Kenyatta University President's Award Residential Project, scheduled to take place at Port Victoria Primary School. The project is set to focus on improving the school's learning environment through classroom painting, furniture repair, mentorship sessions, and support for lesson delivery, including Physical Education.

The activity drew its strength from the collective determination of its participants, embodying the spirit of service that lies at the heart of the Award Programme. The collaboration between the Award chapter, the Scouts Crew, and the Red Cross further demonstrated the power of inter-organizational partnerships in driving community-centred initiatives.

The cycling fundraiser stood as a compelling reminder that purposeful action, however modest in form, can generate meaningful impact when driven by a shared commitment to service.



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Strategic Partnerships



The President's Award-Kenya Formalizes a Partnership with Spread Truth Africa



The President's Award – Kenya (PA-K) formalized a significant partnership with Spread Truth Africa, signing a license agreement that officially recognized the organization as an Award Centre – a milestone that marked the beginning of a meaningful collaboration rooted in shared values of youth development, character formation, and community service.

The signing ceremony was conducted under the stewardship of PA-K Chief Executive Officer Ms. Margaret Kiogora and was warmly received by Rev. Hamisi Kirenga HSC, Director of Spread Truth Africa, who hosted the PA-K leadership at the organization's offices. The occasion brought together two institutions united by a common commitment to nurturing purposeful, service-minded young people.

Spread Truth Africa is a Christian organization that empowers youth through moral values, mentorship, community service, and sports. Its alignment with the Award Programme's mission of developing life skills, character, and leadership made the partnership a natural and fitting one.

With the signing of the licence agreement, the organization joins a growing network of Award Centres across Kenya dedicated to providing young people with a structured and transformative personal development journey.

Among the most anticipated outcomes of the partnership is the onboarding of the Spread Truth Tigers and Tigresses basketball teams as new Award participants. The young athletes are set to embark on their Award experience, growing in discipline, leadership, and service both on and off the court, demonstrating that the values cultivated through sport and those instilled by the Award Programme are deeply complementary.

For Spread Truth Africa, the partnership represented a deepening of its existing commitment to youth empowerment, adding a structured, internationally recognised framework to its mentorship and values-based formation work. For The President's Award – Kenya, the new Award Centre expanded the programme's reach into faith-based and sports communities, broadening the diversity of young people who can access and benefit from the Award journey.



Strategic Meeting with the Principal Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya

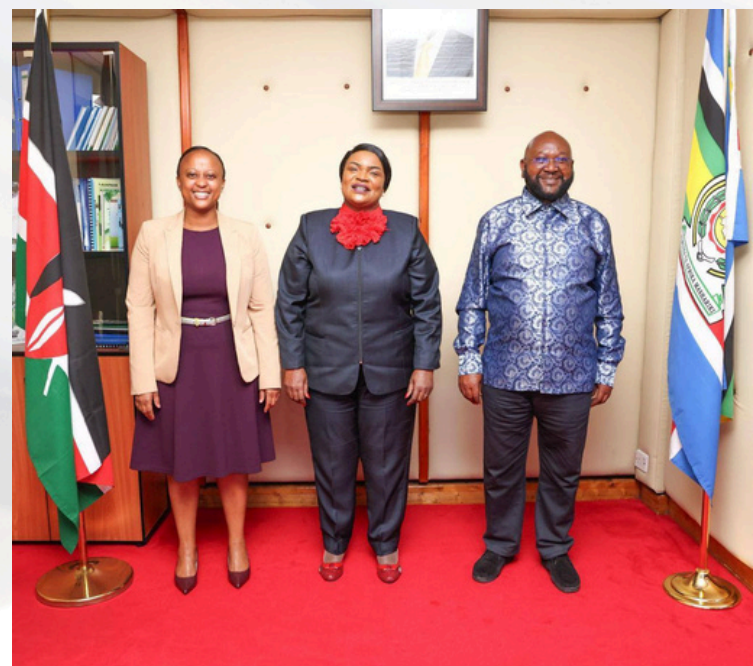
A delegation from the Board of Trustees, led by Chairman of the Board of Trustees Mr. Paul Mbatha and Chief Executive Officer Ms. Margaret Kiogora, paid a courtesy call to the Principal Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya, at her office for a high-level engagement focused on strategic collaboration and institutional alignment.

The meeting brought together senior representatives from both sides for constructive dialogue on areas of mutual interest. Also present were Ms. Rachel Njenga, Ms. Emma Maumo, Ms. Dorris Orure, Mr. Eugene Wandera, and Mr. Aaron Lesiantam. At the centre of the discussions was the alignment of the Award Programme with the Government's broader human capital development agenda — ensuring that the programme's work in empowering young people and nurturing leadership contributes meaningfully to national priorities. The engagement explored practical avenues through which the State Department for Public Service and the Award Programme could work in concert to advance shared objectives around youth development and leadership capacity building.



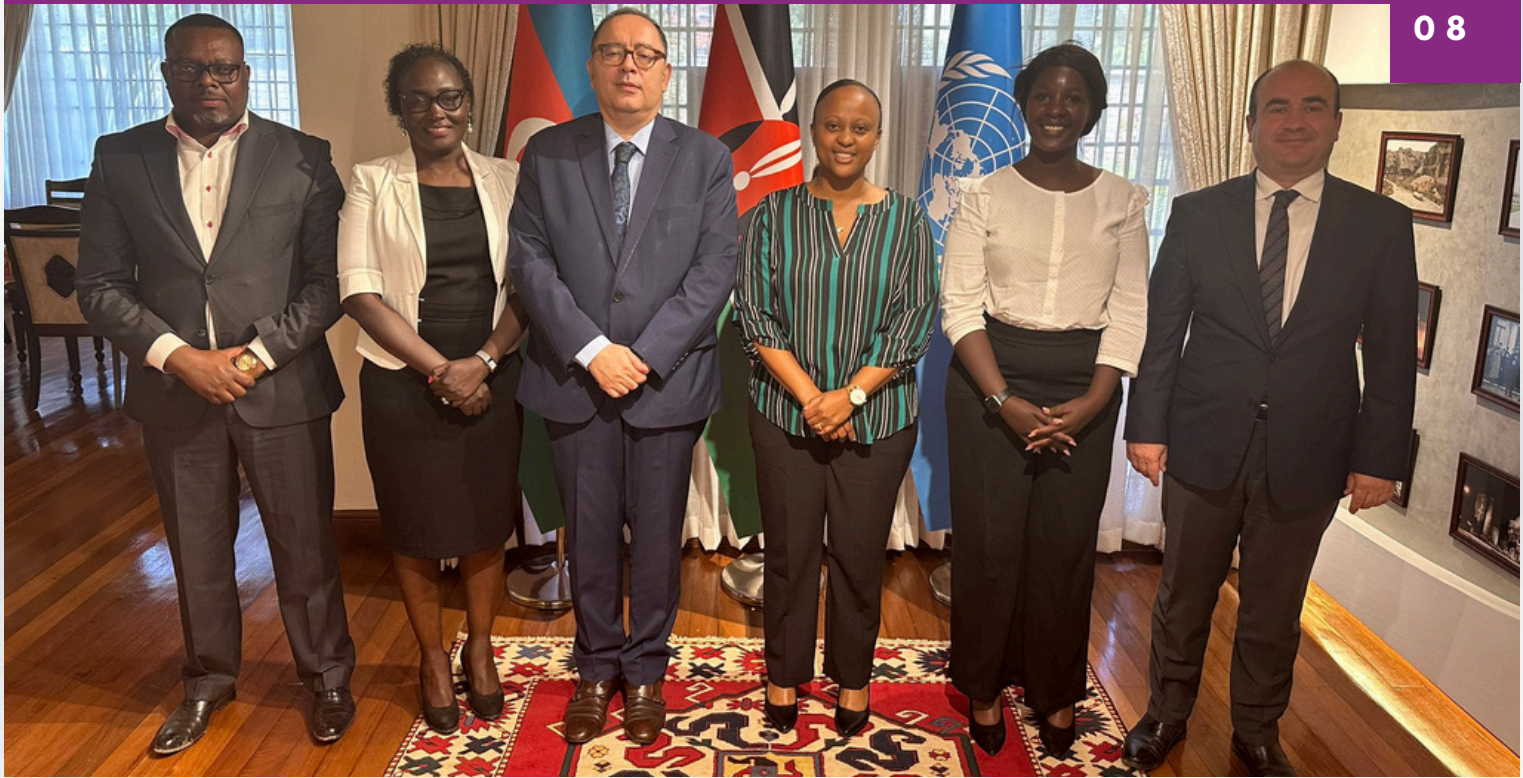
The meeting also addressed matters of institutional strengthening, including staff promotions and the need for additional staffing to enhance the Commission's effectiveness and overall service delivery, reflecting a shared recognition that a well-resourced institution is better placed to deliver lasting impact.

The courtesy call underscored the Government's commitment to supporting institutions that play a vital role in youth development and national growth, and reinforced the importance of sustained and structured engagement between The President's Award – Kenya and relevant government departments in advancing the programme's mission across the country.



Azerbaijan Courtesy Visit and Partnership Discussion

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The Azerbaijan Embassy played host to a team from PA-K led by the CEO, Ms. Margaret Kiogora, who paid a courtesy visit to the Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Kenya, H.E. Sultan Hajiyeu, to explore potential collaboration in youth empowerment, people-to-people diplomacy, and international youth development initiatives.

During the engagement, Ambassador Hajiyeu underscored the long-standing cordial relations between Kenya and Azerbaijan, noting that youth-focused partnerships and bilateral exchanges have historically formed a strong foundation of cooperation between the two countries. He recalled previous successful exchanges where Kenyan and Azerbaijani youth participated in fully hosted study tours, cultural engagements, and ministry-led exchange programmes, emphasizing their lasting impact on mutual understanding and leadership development.

The Ambassador highlighted Azerbaijan's approach to international cooperation, stressing that Kenya is viewed not as a recipient of aid, but as a strategic partner with strong institutions, a rich cultural heritage, and immense youth potential.

He emphasized the importance of partnerships that are practical, sustainable, and people-centred, particularly in areas such as youth leadership, innovation, inclusive education, creative economy, and skills development.

Ambassador Hajiyeu also shared ongoing and past initiatives supported by Azerbaijan in Kenya through the Azerbaijan International Development Agency (AIDA), including the establishment of youth innovation hubs, support for inclusive education for learners with disabilities, donation of medical and ICT equipment, and scholarship opportunities for Kenyan students in Azerbaijani institutions. He noted that while several scholarship opportunities remain available annually, there is a need to increase awareness and uptake among eligible Kenyan youth.

Discussions further explored possible collaboration with The President's Award–Kenya as a platform for advancing youth empowerment through structured programmes affiliated with the Head of State.

The Ambassador expressed interest in supporting pilot initiatives that could open the door to deeper collaboration, while underscoring the importance of visibility, accountability, and impact in any partnership. He noted that even modest initial investments could serve as a foundation for long-term cooperation if well implemented.

On their part, CEO Margaret Kiogora highlighted the Award Programme's national reach across all 47 counties, its emphasis on leadership, service, skills development, and adventure, and its alignment with national youth priorities. They outlined how partners are acknowledged through national ceremonies presided over by H.E. the President, regional activities, joint media engagements, and programme-level visibility.

The meeting concluded with a mutual commitment to continue engagements, including the development of a formal proposal outlining areas of collaboration such as youth exchanges, innovation and creative economy initiatives, inclusive education, and leadership development.

Both parties expressed optimism that strengthened cooperation between The President's Award–Kenya and Azerbaijan would contribute meaningfully to empowering young people and deepening bilateral relations.



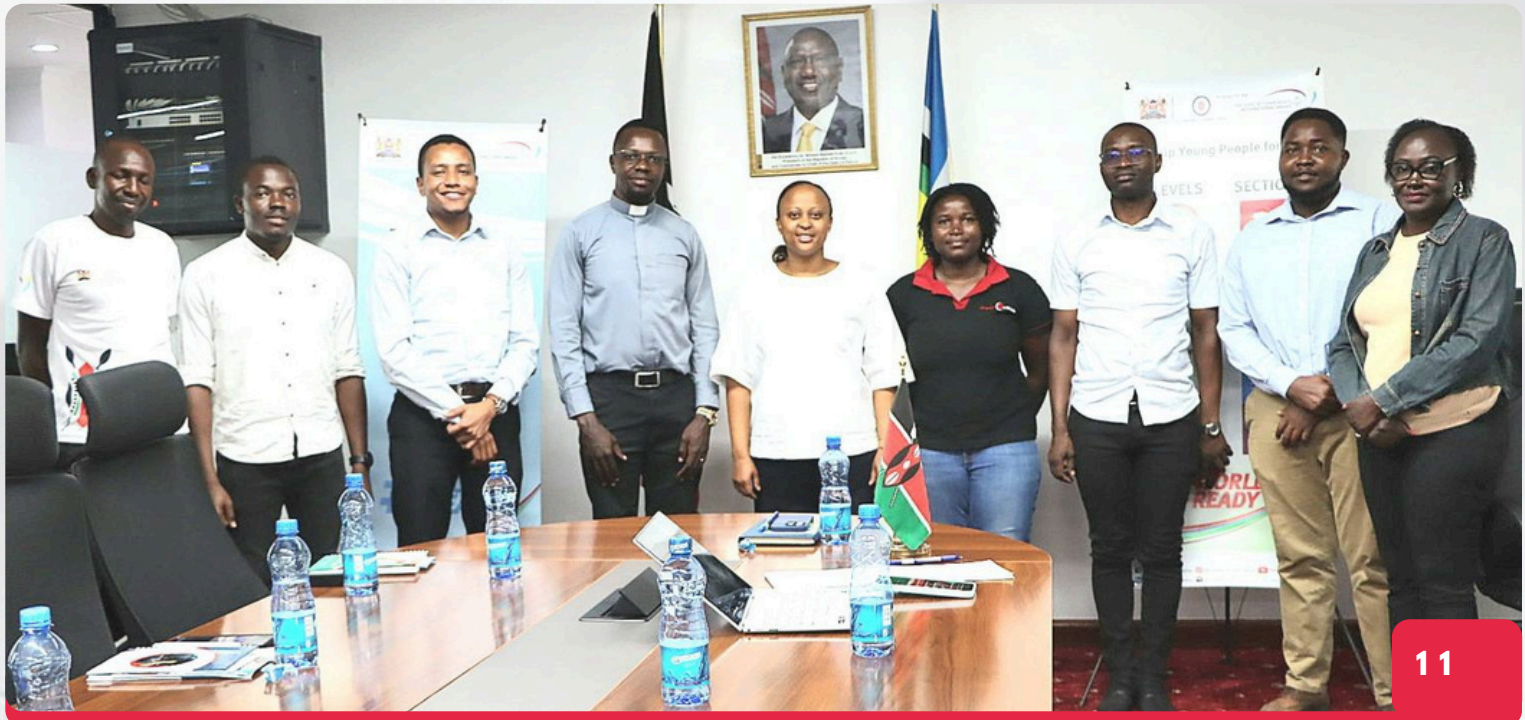
Strategic Partnership with Nation Media Group

A strategic engagement meeting was held with representatives from Nation Media Group to explore collaborative opportunities aimed at strengthening visibility and expanding public awareness of ongoing youth development work across the country. Hosted by Chief Executive Officer Ms. Margaret Kiogora, the meeting was attended by Neddy Mbori, Senior Corporate Communications Officer, and John Oballa Programmes & Projects Coordination Officer, alongside Nation Media Group's Carl Okello, Senior Business Manager, and Catherine Sereti, Digital Advertising Strategist. The discussions focused on practical partnership areas that could amplify the shared goal of shaping confident, resilient, and purpose-driven young people across Kenya.

In a further step to deepen engagement with Nation Media Group, the organisation joined the Mimi Mkenya initiative, a nationwide civic conversation platform designed to encourage Kenyans, including young people, to participate in meaningful, issue-driven dialogue as the country prepares for the 2027 general elections. The platform provides a timely avenue to reinforce civic awareness among youth and complements ongoing efforts to nurture young people who are not only personally developed, but also informed and actively engaged in the democratic processes that shape their nation.



Strengthening Youth Engagement with Nairobi Diocese Youth Ministry (NDYM).



PA-K held a consultative meeting with the Nairobi Diocese Youth Ministry (NDYM) of the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK), in an engagement aimed at exploring avenues for strategic collaboration in the area of youth development.

The meeting was led by PA-K Chief Executive Officer Ms. Margaret Kiogora, who was accompanied by a team from the organisation, and was received by the NDYM ACK team led by Rev. John Victor. The two sides engaged in dialogue centred on identifying practical areas of partnership that would leverage the strengths of both organisations in service of young people.

The alignment between the two institutions provided a strong foundation for the discussions. The Nairobi Diocese Youth Ministry's established commitment to youth formation, leadership development, and community engagement resonates closely with the Award Programme's mission to nurture life skills, a spirit of service, and leadership among young people. The consultative meeting opened the door to a collaboration that holds the potential to significantly broaden the reach and deepen the impact of youth development efforts across the communities served by both organisations.



Partnering with the Centre for Multi-party democracy during the People's Dialogue



PA-K was among the voices shaping meaningful conversations at the People Dialogue Festival 2026 (PDF2026), held at Uhuru Park, where youth, leaders, and civil society organisations convened over four days to engage on issues of governance, leadership, and youth development.

Programmes and Projects Coordination Officer Kipyego Serem led an engaging session with young people during the festival, facilitating dialogue on governance, leadership, and the importance of active youth participation in shaping the society around them. The sessions also provided a platform to share insights about the Award Programme, sparking interest among attendees and reinforcing the organisation's presence within national youth development conversations.

The four-day festival drew to a close on its final day with an opportunity for participants to reflect on the discussions and lessons that had unfolded throughout the event. The closing sessions centred on women's leadership and gender equality, themes that carried particular resonance with International Women's Day approaching. Guided by the theme "Give to Gain," participants were called upon to actively mentor and empower women, and to boldly challenge gender injustice and harassment in their communities and institutions.

PA-K's participation in PDF2026 underscored the organization's commitment to engaging young people beyond the structured Award journey, contributing to broader national conversations on inclusive leadership, civic responsibility, and the role of youth in driving sustainable development.



Marking World Water Day 2026 in Meru County

The national commemoration of World Water Day 2026 was held in Meru County, where Board of Trustee Racheal Njenga joined high-level national leaders in amplifying this year's theme: "Water and Gender: Where water flows, equality grows."

The event, hosted by the Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation, Eng. Eric Muriithi Mugaa was also graced by the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes, Hon. Geoffrey Kiringa Ruku. The high-level engagement brought together leaders from across sectors to underscore the critical role of gender-responsive water management in driving inclusive and sustainable development across Kenya.

Racheal Njenga, who also serves as a member of the Mount Kenya Caucus, was among the voices at the forum advocating for the integration of gender equality into water governance, a cause that resonates closely with the values and mission of the Award Programme.

For PA-K, participation in such national dialogues reflects its steadfast commitment to the empowerment of women and girls as a cornerstone of its service, leadership, and community transformation agenda. The organization continues to align its programme delivery with broader national and global development priorities, ensuring that the Award journey contributes meaningfully to a more equitable society.

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Leadership & Governance



Board of Trustees and Management retreat to review and validate the strategic plan 2023-2027



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The PA-K Board of Trustees and management convened an intensive strategic retreat bringing together the organization's senior leadership for a focused week of reflection, review, and refinement of the Strategic Plan 2023–2027.

Board Chairman Mr. Paul Mbatha set a purposeful tone at the opening of the retreat, emphasizing that the gathering was far more than a routine planning exercise. He framed it as a collective recommitment to organizational excellence and to the fulfilment of PA-K's core mission, empowering young people across Kenya. Drawing from the ancient Greek concept of *strategos*, the general's master plan for victory, Chairman Mbatha reminded participants that true strategy is purposeful and deliberate, designed to produce measurable impact rather than remain at the level of aspirational thinking.

"While our setting may be new, our focus remains unwavering: our core mandate," he remarked, calling on all participants to contribute bold ideas and innovative approaches that would sharpen the organization's strategic direction and accelerate progress towards tangible results.

CEO Ms. Margaret Kiogora welcomed the retreat's expert facilitators and energized the team as they embarked on the week's substantive work, aligning the organization's vision with actionable strategies that would define PA-K's institutional trajectory in the years ahead.

The retreat represented a significant moment of internal reflection for the organization, bringing its most senior leadership together in a dedicated space for critical thinking, open dialogue, and strategic alignment, all oriented towards ensuring that The President's Award – Kenya remains focused, effective, and impactful in its service to the youth of Kenya.

Award Ceremonies and Recognition of Participants

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Twenty-five (25) Gold Award recipients from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) were formally recognized in a prestigious ceremony that brought together senior government and institutional leaders to celebrate the highest achievement within the Award Programme.

The Principal Secretary, State Department for Higher Education and Research, Dr. Beatrice Inyangala, presided over the occasion, presenting medals and certificates to the Gold Awardees alongside Dr. Kennedy Olung'o, representing the MMUST Council, and Vice Chancellor Prof. Solomon Shibairo. The presence of such high-level representation lent significant weight to the occasion, affirming the esteem in which the Gold Award is held at both institutional and national levels.

The recognition of the MMUST Gold Awardees by the Principal Secretary underscored a compelling truth that continues to define the Award Programme's value, that education extends far beyond the lecture hall.

The twenty-five recipients had each completed a demanding journey of skills development, community service, physical recreation, and adventurous journeys, demonstrating hard work, resilience, and a steadfast commitment to service throughout.

The President's Award – Kenya commended the MMUST leadership for their unwavering support of the programme, recognizing that the university's institutional commitment has been integral to creating an environment in which young people can pursue and complete the Gold Award journey. The ceremony stood as a powerful affirmation of the programme's role in shaping courageous, community-minded, and purpose-driven young people across the country.



Mungatsi TVC Participants Receive their Gold Certificates

Twelve (12) exceptional young people from Mungatsi Technical and Vocational College marked a defining milestone in their personal development journeys as the institution convened a dignified ceremony to formally present them with their Gold Award Certificates, the highest standard of achievement within the Award Programme.

The presentation followed the Gold Award Presentation Ceremony 2026 (GAP2026), bringing to a close what had been a rigorous and transformative journey for each of the twelve recipients. Their achievement represented far more than the conferment of a certificate. It stood as the culmination of sustained engagement across all dimensions of the Award Programme – skills development, meaningful community service, challenging adventurous journeys, and deliberate personal development – pursued with courage, consistency, and an uncompromising commitment to growth.

Through the process, the awardees demonstrated a clarity of purpose and a strength of character that set them apart as young leaders of distinction. Each component of the Gold Award journey demanded not only effort but resolve – a willingness to persist through challenge and emerge better for it.



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The achievement was made possible in no small part through the disciplined mentorship and strategic guidance of Award Leader Madam Mercy Khasungu, whose steadfast stewardship ensured that the twelve participants maintained the standards of excellence required at every stage of the journey. In recognizing these twelve trailblazers, Mungatsi TVC affirmed that the Gold Award is not merely attained – it is earned through resilience, service, and a clear and deliberate resolve to grow into purpose-driven leaders ready to make a meaningful contribution to society.



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Training & Capacity Building Sessions



Equipping Leaders, Institutions, and Participants with Skills.

The President's Award – Kenya undertook an extensive capacity-building drive across the Coast, Central, Nyanza, and Western regions, conducting a series of New Award Leaders training sessions aimed at equipping institutional mentors with the knowledge and practical tools needed to effectively deliver the Award Programme.

Coast Region – KMTC Mombasa Campus



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From February 26th to 28th, The President's Award – Kenya hosted a New Award Leaders training session at KMTC Mombasa Campus, bringing together 21 leaders drawn from various institutions across the Coast Region. Over the three days, participants were equipped with essential knowledge and practical skills to guide young people through the Award's four core components: community service, skills development, physical recreation, and adventurous journeys. The trained leaders are now positioned as key mentors within their respective institutions, playing a pivotal role in fostering responsible, resilient, and service-oriented youth throughout the region.

Central Region – Murang'a University of Technology

Between February 25th and 27th, a New Award Leaders Training Workshop was held at Murang'a University of Technology, convening 12 Award Leaders from 12 institutions across the Central Region. Over the three days, participants engaged in structured learning sessions, group discussions, and experience-sharing aimed at deepening their understanding of Award principles and enhancing their capacity for effective youth mentorship. Award Leaders play a critical role in guiding participants through the programme's four pillars while upholding the standards that define quality implementation at Award Centres. The successful conclusion of the workshop reinforced the collective commitment to nurturing confident, disciplined, and purpose-driven young leaders across the region.



Nyanza and Western Regions – Kakamega Golf Hotel

In the Nyanza and Western regions, The President's Award – Kenya took a two-pronged approach to expanding and strengthening programme delivery. On February 10th, 38 Heads of Institutions from the two regions were convened for a two-day sensitisation forum at Kakamega Golf Hotel – 15 from Nyanza and 23 from Western. The forum sought to onboard their institutions as Award Centres and deepen leadership commitment to effective programme delivery. Discussions centred on institutional roles, compliance standards, and practical approaches to supporting Award Leaders and participants. The session also benefited from the presence of Regional Directors from the Teachers Service Commission and the Ministry of Education, as well as Regional Quality and Standards Officers, whose guidance contributed to a structured and credible expansion of the Award in the two regions.



Following the forum, PA-K conducted a three-day training for 23 new Award Leaders drawn from the same regions: 15 teachers from Western and 4 from Nyanza, with a significant proportion representing KMTCC campuses, colleges, and universities. While a number of the participants had already been implementing elements of the Award within their institutions, the training provided official grounding and practical tools to ensure consistent and impactful programme delivery going forward.

Across all four regions, the training initiatives reflect The President's Award – Kenya's sustained commitment to strengthening the human capacity that underpins the programme, recognizing that well-equipped Award Leaders are essential to expanding reach, upholding standards, and ensuring that every participant's Award journey is meaningful and transformative.

Tigresses Athletes Introduced to the Award Framework & Online Record Book.

The President's Award – Kenya extended its reach into the world of youth sports as it held a sensitization session for the Tigresses, a team of young athletes, at Spread Truth Africa, introducing them to the Award Programme and equipping them with the tools to begin their personal development journey.

The session provided participants with a comprehensive introduction to the Award framework, alongside practical guidance on navigating the Online Record Book (ORB) – the digital platform through which participants document and track their progress across the programme's components. Ensuring that the Tigresses were comfortable with the digital tools available to them was a key focus of the engagement, enabling a smooth and confident start to their Award journey.



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Facilitated by the Programmes and Projects Coordination Officer, John Oballa, the session reinforced the core principles that define the guiding principles of the Award, that it is individual, developmental, achievable, and above all, enjoyable. Participants were assured that their journey through the programme would be both meaningful and personally rewarding, tailored to their own pace and circumstances rather than measured against the achievements of others.

The sensitization of the Tigresses reflects the organization's continued efforts to broaden the programme's reach across diverse groups of young people, recognizing that the values of discipline, perseverance, and service cultivated through the Award are as relevant on the sports field as they are in any other sphere of youth development.



Bronze First Strategy Gains Momentum in the Coastal Region

The Coastal Region witnessed a significant surge in Award Programme participation following a series of orientation and recruitment drives held across several schools under the Bronze First Strategy, an initiative aimed at broadening participation in the Award Programme among young people in the region. At St. Thomas Girls' School in Kilifi, over 420 Grade 10 students signed up for the Award following an inspiring launch and orientation session. The turnout underscored the growing appetite for the programme among young people in the county.

At Malindi High School, also in Kilifi County, students were taken through an Award orientation alongside an Online Record Book induction session, with 233 boys enrolling in the programme. Meanwhile, at Mama Ngina Girls' High School in Mombasa, more than 154 students expressed interest and registered to begin their Award journey.

The strong response recorded across the three institutions reflects the growing resonance of the Bronze First Strategy among young people eager to develop leadership, resilience, and a spirit of service. With additional schools scheduled for orientation sessions, the recruitment drive was set to extend its reach further across the region.

In a parallel development, students from Aga Khan Academy Mombasa undertook their Bronze and Silver Qualifying Adventurous Journey in Watamu, Kilifi, putting into practice the spirit of challenge and personal growth that lies at the heart of the Award experience.



Visit to Aquinas and Highway school to introduce the Award programme

PA-K continued its institutional outreach drive with visits to two Nairobi schools, engaging administrations and students in a bid to introduce the Award Programme and deepen its presence within secondary school communities.

Led by Programmes and Projects Coordination Officer Kipyego Serem, a team from PA-K visited Aquinas High School to introduce the Award Programme and engage the school's administration on the process of onboarding the institution as an official Award Centre. The team was warmly received by Deputy Principal Mr. Wainaina and Madam Fidous, the teacher in charge of Clubs and Societies, both of whom expressed considerable enthusiasm about the prospect of establishing the Award at the school and providing learners with access to the transformative opportunities the programme offers. The engagement marked a promising first step towards what is anticipated to be a fruitful partnership, with the school's leadership demonstrating a clear appreciation of the programme's value in nurturing well-rounded, purposeful young people.



At Highway Senior School, Serem held a one-on-one session with students who had expressed an interest in joining the Award Programme. The session created an open and engaging environment in which students were encouraged to ask questions and deepen their understanding of what participation in the Award entails. Participants were guided through the different sections of the programme, the level of commitment required, and the personal growth and leadership skills they stood to gain through active engagement. The encouraging response from students reflected both a genuine curiosity about the programme and a readiness to take on the personal development journey it presents.



Together, the two visits underscored PA-K's commitment to broadening access to the programme at the grassroots level, meeting young people and institutions where they are, and laying the groundwork for a new generation of Award participants.

Induction of New Participants at Peter Kibukosya Secondary School, Umoja.

A vibrant session welcoming new participants and introducing them to the Award's life skills and service framework took place at Peter Kibukosya Secondary School in Umoja, aimed at equipping them with a solid foundation as they embarked on their Award journey.

The session, led by dedicated Award volunteers who have themselves completed the programme, provided participants with a clear and comprehensive introduction to the Award's structure, levels, and the wide-ranging benefits it offers in personal development, leadership, and community service. Drawing from their own experience within the programme, the volunteer facilitators brought both credibility and inspiration to the induction, offering participants a firsthand perspective on the transformative impact of the Award journey. Participants left the session enthusiastic and confident, well-prepared to take on the commitments and challenges that the programme presents.



Welcoming New Participants at Mama Ngina Girls High School.

Mama Ngina Girls High School in the Coastal Region welcomed a new cohort of young people into the Award Programme following a successful induction session that marked the beginning of their personal development journey.

The session introduced participants to the Award Programme. Participants were taken through the Award's framework and its various levels, with facilitators highlighting the programme's proven value in building confidence, resilience, leadership, and a strong sense of community service among young people.

The induction drew an enthusiastic response from participants, who expressed keen interest in the programme and a strong commitment to actively engage in the journey ahead.

Central to the session was a dedicated team of volunteers, who are giving back to the programme by mentoring the next generation of participants.

Their involvement not only enriches the induction experience but also reflects the enduring spirit of service that defines the Award community. Through their continued contribution, the Award's reach is steadily expanding, deepening its impact across institutions and communities in the region.



University of Embu Pre-Adventurous Journey Experience.

A milestone moment as participants complete their first outdoor preparation experience.

Award participants from the University of Embu took to the outdoors as they undertook their maiden Pre-Adventurous Journey at the iconic Karue Hill in Embu, a significant milestone in their progression through the Award Programme.

Set against one of Embu's most distinctive landscapes, the experience immersed participants in the core values that define the adventurous journey component of the Award: resilience, teamwork, and a spirit of adventure. Navigating the terrain of Karue Hill presented participants with both physical and mental challenges, pushing them to draw on their individual strengths while fostering a deeper sense of camaraderie among the group.



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The Pre-Adventurous Journey serves as a critical preparatory stage, equipping participants with the practical skills, confidence, and experience needed ahead of their full Adventurous Journey. For the University of Embu cohort, the successful completion of the Karue Hill expedition marked an important step forward in their Award journey, one that reflected their growing readiness to take on the challenges that lie ahead.



Americashare Induction and Online Record Book Orientation.

A successful induction and recruitment drive, coupled with a practical orientation of the Online Record Book, was held at Americashare, marking a significant step in strengthening programme delivery and accountability within the institution.

The session reflected the Award Programme's continued commitment to ensuring its impact and reach are meaningfully felt across communities. By equipping participants with both the foundational knowledge of the Award and the practical tools needed to document their progress, the activity reinforced the importance of structure and transparency in the delivery of the programme.

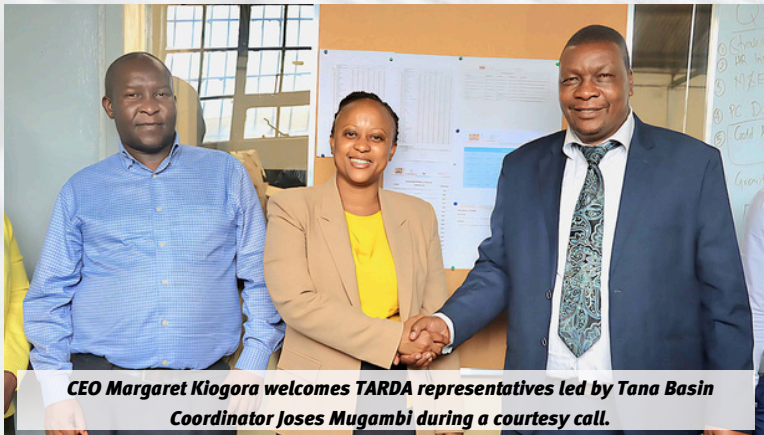
The session was led by our volunteers, who facilitated the induction and guided new participants with clarity, purpose, and inspiration. Their involvement continues to be instrumental in sustaining the quality and consistency of programme delivery at the grassroots level, ensuring that every participant begins their Award journey well-informed and motivated to see it through.

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Principal Secretary, State Department for Higher Education and Research, Dr. Beatrice Inyangala, Dr. Kennedy Olung'o (representing the MMUST Council), and Vice Chancellor, Prof. Solomon Shibairo present medals and certificates to 25 President's Award-Kenya gold winners.



CEO Margaret Kigora welcomes TARDA representatives led by Tana Basin Coordinator Joses Mugambi during a courtesy call.



Mr. Paul Mbatha, Chairman, Board of Trustees, and CEO Margaret Kigora in discussion with Principal Secretary for the State Department for Public Service and Human Capital Development, Dr. Jane Kere Imbunya (PhD) during a courtesy visit.



Students pose for a photo at St. Thomas Girls' School in Kilifi during a launch and orientation session held in the region.



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