

PHELISTER AMONDI AWUOR



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Creative grassroots organizer, climate advocate, and co-founder of Voice of Dagoretti CBO. I use art, dialogue, and storytelling to disrupt systemic injustice, amplify youth voices, and build community resilience. Recognized by UNAOC/IOM, NCTC, and COP28 for grassroots leadership and poetic advocacy on human trafficking, GBV, and climate displacement.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

KEY SKILLS

- Community Engagement & Facilitation
- Program Design & Coordination
- Climate & Mental Health Advocacy
- Artistic Activism (Theatre, Poetry, Murals)
- Strategic Communication & Storytelling
- Workshop Leadership (Trauma, GBV, Human Trafficking)
- Content Writing and SEO Optimization

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Presented to the King of the Netherlands (March 2025) on grassroots strategies for countering violent extremism, representing YADEN East Africa.
- Performed “The Terrorist” — a spoken word piece confronting radicalization — now adopted by the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) for education and advocacy use.
- Recognized by PLURAL+ UNAOC/IOM Film Festival for the poem “Include Me,” addressing migration, inclusion, and identity.
- Featured poet on Royal Media TV (Kenya, 2023), performing climate-themed poetry during Africa Climate Summit Week.
- Attended COP28 in Dubai (2023) as a youth delegate advocating for grassroots women in climate action.
- Represented grassroots women and girls at Africa Climate Week and LCOY 2024, leading forums on climate resilience and mental health.
- Co-founder of Voice of Dagoretti CBO, delivering over 20 community projects focused on GBV, climate justice, and youth empowerment through art.
- Published works in Qwani Magazine and Zine Magazine (UNTOC, Gender & Human Rights edition).
- Empowered 400+ women and youth through creative mental health forums and economic resilience programs in marginalized communities.



EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE OF

SECONDARY EDUCATION | 2017

Riruta Central Secondary School

ICDL CERTIFICATE | 2021

ICDL Africa

CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS AND DIPLOACY CERTIFICATE | 2024

The African Group of Climate
Negotiations

BARCHELOR'S DATA SCIENCE | 2025 - PRESENT

THE Open University of Kenya

ONLINE COURSES

Social Media Marketing

Copywriting and Article writing

Photography, Editing and

Videography

Leadership course

Child Psychology

REFEREES

Name: John Mwangi

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CBO

Name: Benjamin Wakilo

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Role: Project Officer peace brigades
international

WORKING EXPERIENCE

CO-FOUNDER & PROGRAM LEAD —

Voice of Dagoretti CBO | 2022–Present

- Designed and led over 20 community-driven projects addressing GBV, mental health, and climate trauma.
- Trained 500+ youth and women in emotional resilience, creative enterprise, and advocacy skills.
- Spearheaded storytelling and mural campaigns in Kibera on climate displacement and mental health.
- Co-authored “The Terrorist” poem adopted by NCTC for national anti-extremism education.

TOOLKIT ORGANIZER —

PBI Kenya | 2024–Present

- Coordinate advocacy toolkits and mural forums amplifying grassroots women’s voices.
- Manage town hall forums on justice, safety, and survivor-led movement building.

YOUTH GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT

COORDINATOR —

YADEN East Africa | 2024–Present

- Spearheaded community-based interventions addressing violent extremism among at-risk youth.
- Recorded and performed “The Terrorist” — a spoken word piece confronting radicalization — used in grassroots education and advocacy campaigns.
- Represented YADN East Africa in a high-level engagement with the King of the Netherlands in March 2025, presenting artistic counter-extremism strategies to strengthen international partnerships.
- Coordinated youth forums and storytelling initiatives amplifying survivor narratives and building community resilience.

VOLUNTEER YOUTH DELEGATE —

YWCA Kenya | 2021–Present

- Represented grassroots women at Africa Climate Week, COP28, and LCOY forums.
- Facilitated climate resilience conversations with youth leaders from marginalized communities.