

# STEPHEN NJIRU KINYUA

## *Social Worker*

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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A dedicated social work professional with 4 years of experience, committed to addressing the diverse needs of marginalized populations particularly street children with compassion and effectiveness. Leveraging evidence-based practices I employ a range of treatment modalities to tackle issues such as mental illness and substance abuse, ensuring the holistic well-being of those under my care. With a diligent approach and exceptional problem-solving skills, I actively listen to client's concerns, identifying their unique needs and providing tailored support. As a collaborative communicator, I work closely with fellow social workers and healthcare professionals to implement innovative solutions and deliver comprehensive care to street children.

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### CORE SKILLS

- Basic First Aid and CPR certified
- Empathetic
- Child welfare specialist
- Multidisciplinary Team Player
- Structural family therapist
- Child counseling
- Innovative diagnostic
- Cognitive behavioral therapy
- Crisis consultation
- Rehabilitation plan development
- Time management
- Adaptability

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### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Managed to reintegrate over 50 street children back into their families and communities
- Facilitated full education scholarships for more than 10 boys
- I have successfully worked with various governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to address community needs
- Planned and coordinated successful home tracing and visits programs resulting in the increased success rate of cases

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### EXPERIENCE

#### **Embrace A Street Child**

#### *Social Worker*

**Nairobi, Kenya**

***January 2021 – Present***

- Conducting street work by visiting locations with a heavy presence of street children and building initial rapport.
- Family tracing by gathering all necessary information
- Reuniting a child with family by ensuring that the child is well equipped physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally for successful long-term success.
- Reintegration of the child back into his family and community.
- Conducting follow-up on the child's progress through home visits or phone calls.
- Evaluating the child's progress using the Child Status Index (CSI) tool.
- Offering counseling to children and families during home visits and follow-ups.
- Evaluating a child and family that require empowerment using the baseline tools

**Huru International**  
*Program facilitator*

**Nairobi, Kenya**  
*May 2019 - March 2020*

- Collected data from primary, secondary, and vocational training institutes located in Mukuru Kwa Njenga.
- Counselling girls and boys on matters of drug abuse, sex education, menstrual health, teenage pregnancy, and contraception.
- Demonstrated and distributed Huru reusable sanitary towels to girls
- Wrote reports of the gathered primary data which was to be used for developing a mobile application.
- Distributed baseline questionnaires in schools that were within Nairobi
- To deliver on my role, the organization offered training that improved my knowledge and experiences in menstrual health and youth-related matters.

**Children Services Department**  
*Children Officer Intern*

**Kiambu, Kenya**  
*May 2018 - August 2018*

- Listened to children-related cases and ensured their voices were heard and their needs understood
- Wrote summoning letters, formally notifying individuals involved in cases of their attendance at specific meetings
- Conducted arbitration sessions, serving as a neutral third party to facilitate discussion and negotiations between involved parties
- Assisted in drawing up parental responsibility agreements ensuring fairness and legality while promoting the best interest of the children
- Handled referred cases, assessing situations, providing intervention, and working towards resolving issues promptly

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## EDUCATION

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Rongo University

Migori County, Kenya

*BA Sociology, Criminology, and Community Development*

*September 2014 - December 2018*

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## REFEREES

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