In pursuit of my passion in community works and development, I have engaged numerously in community development activities. I always prefer undertaking challenging roles where I can impact people’s lives positively. Moreover, I also like empowering people in a bid to create a stronger, independent and more integrated community. In my humble opinion, engaging in community development is crucial in our day to day lives and so we must engage not only for economic stability but also for peace and harmony.

During my undergraduate studies, as a member of Geospatial Students Association (GESA), I undertook various activities such as planting of trees, visiting children homes, raising money to provide for the street children, helping the elderly in the villages, community come together tasks and projects such as market cleaning just to mention a few. All these were in a bid to make the world a better place not only for the current generation but also for posterity. I have also participated in various activities in my local village. A good example was creating awareness to the youth on the dangers of drug abuse and facilitating motivational talks to students in schools both at the junior and senior primary and the high school levels.

Data on OpenStreetMap is free to access, examine, interact with and also download. The data together with maps are useful as it helps communities and individuals to better plan for and respond to disasters by pinpointing their exact locations and nearby features real-time and also temporally if anyone so wishes. Anybody can generate ground truth data anywhere using OpenStreetMap.Captured in my undergraduate project titled “Identifying the suitable areas for avocado farming in Bomet County using GIS”, I was able to identify the places that avocado fruit is grown and confirm their conformity in real life on the OpenStreetMap.