

Vijana Twaweza!
Nothing For Us Without Us

National Youth Manifesto

Our 5E's Demands

EDUCATION



ENTREPRENEURSHIP



ENGAGEMENT



EMPLOYMENT



EMPOWERMENT



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THIS MANIFESTO

This Manifesto is the voice of the youth, and the basis of their engagement with political leaders before, during and after the 2022 General Elections.

This Manifesto was developed with input from 1,500 young people in and out of university with a goal empowering youth, who are 71% of the Kenyan population, to have wholesome lives and to effectively and peacefully engage in governance and decision-making processes.

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VISION

A united, peaceful, and secure country where we the youth have all the opportunities we need to lead empowered, dignified, happy, healthy, and sustainable lives.

OUR 5E's DEMANDS

1. EDUCATION



We demand truly free basic education, subsidized higher education, relevant and industry-informed training courses at university and technical colleges, and identification and promotion of non-academic talents and skills.

2. ENTREPRENEURSHIP

We demand for focused and practicable programmes to equip the youth with skills to innovate, start and manage businesses. We demand the creation of a supportive environment for these Cottage, Small and Medium Enterprises to flourish, including the provision of affordable financing as well as market opportunities for our goods and services.



3. ENGAGEMENT



We demand to be included in governance, leadership, agenda setting and decision making both at the national and county levels. We must be given opportunities to assume leadership positions at all levels, both elective and appointive to implement our agenda.

4. EMPLOYMENT

We demand for the creation of a friendly environment where businesses and industries prioritize the employment of young people in their companies and favourable labour laws are enforced.



5. EMPOWERMENT



We demand for an environment where we are enabled, at all levels of society, to effectively take charge of our wholistic well-being (physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually), in order to have a transformed consciousness (through our beliefs, values, and attitudes) to thrive in the 21st century and improve our access to opportunities around us.

THE YOUTH...

... are a resource – they can make this nation achieve its highest potential
... but if neglected – they have the potential to destroy it

A PROSPEROUS NATION

... Educates, Equips, Empowers, Elevates, and Engages its youth

The USAID Mulika Initiative is a faith-based/civil society-led cohesion and election oversight programme with a purpose of improving accountability and transparency in electoral and democratic processes; promoting peace and cohesion in the country; enhancing citizen structures to monitor deter and respond to human rights Violation and GBV; and enhancing citizen resilience against political manipulation.

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This National Youth Manifesto has been developed under Objective 4 of USAID Mulika Initiative: To build the capacity of Kenyan citizenry, particularly the youth, to set the agenda for issue-based campaigns, and to resist political incitement and elite manipulation.



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