



Yes Youth Can! / Western

USAID/Kenya - Joan Lewa



Members hold regular Bunges, keep minutes of all meetings.

Yes Youth Can! (YYC) Western is an empowerment program aimed at improving the social and economic status of youth in Western Kenya supported by an alliance of religious, public and private sectors. The vision of the program is an **empowered Kenyan youth exhibiting leadership in peace-building, social service and economic prosperity for holistic community development.**

Where we are

YYC - Western is mobilizing youth aged 18-35 at village levels to organize into Youth Bunges that would register into self-help groups. The Bunges will operate within agreed upon terms of reference as stipulated in their constitutions and/By laws. Bunges elect leaders that represent them at the county level and are responsible for developing action plans that will enable them explore and interact with available opportunities, deal with challenges, and forge ways forward in realizing their dreams.

Members have the responsibility to ensure that membership adhere to gender-equitable representation and reflects the ethnic diversity and minorities including disability in their villages. They organize themselves to identify their own assets and opportunities, and implement their own agenda. Members are encouraged to mentor youth below the targeted age brackets in their respective areas of expertise and coverage.

The County platforms will bring together elected leaders from all villages. YYC-Western will work with the youth within these structures to ensure that learning takes place, that they have youth friendly interactive channels, and that they are being empowered to meaningfully engage with the program and other community/local structures/resources

Key areas of YYC-Western intervention are

- Leadership development
- Capacity building,
- Linkages to youth services,
- Economic strengthening (workforce and enterprise development)
- Training in civic education,
- Brokering Public-Private partnership
- Digital communications and networking.

The **Yes, Youth Can! Western** is an opportunity to facilitate a youth-owned, youth-led and youth-managed program. We are excited about the endless possibilities!

Contact Information

Erna Kerst	Roger Steinkamp
Mission Director	Youth Education Advisor

USAID/Kenya
P.O. Box 629
00621, Nairobi
Kenya: Tel: 254-20-862-2000

For more information: contact rwanjala@usaid.gov or mmomanyi@field.winrock.org