

Ms. Diana Amondi Pasha, 24, Kenya



Diana Pasha, from Nairobi, Kenya, is a graduate of Egerton University where she pursued a bachelor's degree in Economics and Sociology. She is an enthusiastic individual, highly motivated to solve social problems in society. Her hobbies are reading, writing, traveling, and networking.

Diana is passionate and self-motivated to solve societal issues such as corruption, youth empowerment, and inequality. In her words: "Inequality in education hits very close to home because as a child growing up in a low-income single-parent family, I was not able to continue with my high school studies due to a lack of school fees. I was fortunate to get a scholarship till I completed my studies. I later got funding from my church which helped me enrol in the university. In my community, many students have lacked the opportunity to continue with their studies. Many Maasai girls have dropped out of school due to early marriages, female genital mutilation, and poverty. Covid -19 led to the loss of jobs for many people in my community. This has increased the number of youths engaging in drugs, thefts, and criminal activities." Diana's most dear achievement so far is successfully ensuring several Maasai girls return to school through talking to them on the importance of education, promulgating and advancing that Nelson Mandela maxim that reminds us that "education is the key that you can use to change the world".

Furthermore, Diana has experience in engaging young people with mental health issues, such as depression, stress, and anxiety, in meaningful dialogues aimed to help them find coping mechanisms that are good for their well-being. For example, she facilitated many youths to turn their pain into power through artwork, sports, and many other different passions, skills and talents. Diana's aspiration in life is to be in a position to make a significant positive impact in the world, be an agent of change, have a voice to air out her views and generate sustainable development and scalable solutions on matters of education, corruption, and youth empowerment. As she puts it: "With my voice, I believe I can help bring that change and make the world a better place."

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