

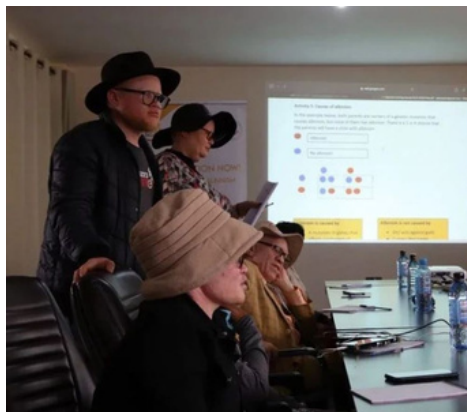
# WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER



Black Albinism is a youth led pro-disability organization at the forefront of advancing the rights of people with albinism through advocacy and implementation of inclusive programs for people with albinism.

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## POST-COVID 19 PROJECT IN MACHAKOS COUNTY



We have been advancing a project in Machakos County to empower individuals with albinism post- Covid19 through pushing the county government of Machakos county to foster Inclusive Policies and Services. Our efforts so far have seen significant progress. Through public participation, we initiated the collaboration of the Machakos disability caucus to collectively advocate for the inclusion of Persons with disabilities in the county budget. Additionally, we've submitted a memoranda to the Machakos County governor stressing the urgent need for resource allocation to support persons with disabilities, including those with albinism. As we near project completion, our pedal gas is now on the actualization of the tabled needs and initiatives within the county.

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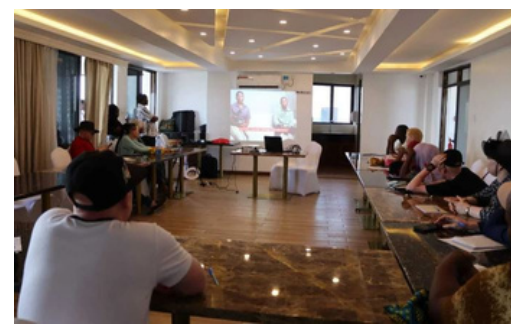
# OUR CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT

## Murang'a



We conducted a climate change project in Murang'a County that included engaging with persons with albinism. Our activities aimed to empower them economically by providing training on accessing government tender opportunities through AGPOA (Access to Government Procurement Opportunities). We also provided training on adaptive and adoptive farming methods, as a good number of persons with albinism in the county are farmers. Additionally, we offered advocacy training to empower them to advocate for their rights independently, without relying solely on external organizations or representatives.

## Mombasa



In Mombasa County, as part of our climate change project, we organized events to empower persons with albinism. We provided advocacy training, encouraging them to speak out against rights violations—a pressing issue in the county. Additionally, we educated them about AGPOA, which offers government tender opportunities for persons with disabilities.

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# **SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS AMONG WOMEN WITH ALBINISM**

**In this quarter, we organized and facilitated a series of focused group discussions involving women with albinism and mothers of children with albinism to delve into the treatment of women with albinism concerning sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR). Through these in-depth conversations, we uncovered a troubling disparity in how women with albinism experience SRHR challenges.**

**The insights gathered from our focused groups revealed alarming patterns of maltreatment, including instances of sexual and physical gender-based violence directed at women with albinism. Additionally, we discovered prevalent myths and misconceptions surrounding the sexuality of women with albinism, contributing to their marginalization and vulnerability.**

**To amplify these findings and raise awareness, we created a compelling video presentation that garnered significant attention and engagement. The overwhelming response through comments and feedback on our video underscored the urgent need for comprehensive action to address the systemic issues faced by women with albinism, particularly in relation to gender-based violence.**

**Our findings highlight the critical importance of advocating for the sexual and reproductive health rights of women with albinism and combating the pervasive discrimination and violence they endure. It is evident from the community's response that substantial efforts are required to promote inclusivity, challenge stereotypes, and protect the fundamental rights of women with albinism.**

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## UPCOMING...



**We are incredibly excited to share the news of our forthcoming inaugural Black Albinism Festival, slated to take place on June 13, 2024, coinciding with the globally recognized Albinism Day. This highly anticipated event is not only set to be a source of joy and celebration but also aims to make a significant impact in advocating for the rights of individuals with albinism, all while employing creative and strategic methods to raise awareness.**

**Drawing inspiration from the resounding success of last year's Albinism Awareness Day climate change catwalk, where we witnessed an inspiring display of unity and empowerment, we are determined to raise the bar even higher this year. Our team is hard at work crafting an event that will not only surpass previous achievements but will also leave a lasting impression on all who attend. In our quest to make this year's festival truly unforgettable, we are exploring innovative approaches and engaging activities that will captivate audiences and spark meaningful conversations.**

**As we count down the days to this momentous occasion, we invite you to stay tuned for updates and announcements regarding the festival's lineup and activities. Whether you're a passionate advocate, a curious bystander, or someone simply looking to celebrate diversity and inclusion, we encourage you to mark your calendars and join us for what promises to be a truly unforgettable celebration of diversity, resilience, and advocacy at the Black Albinism Festival.**

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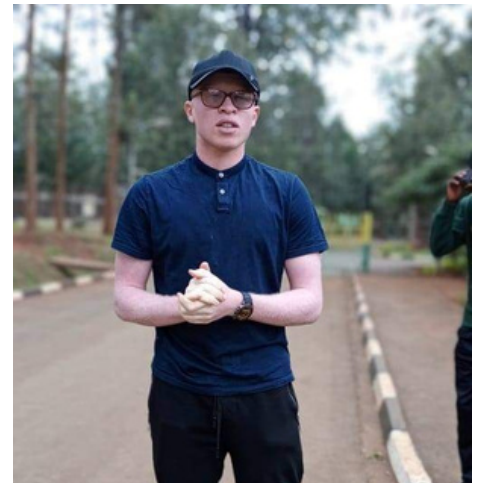


### Angela

This quarter, Angie has been a prominent advocate for persons with albinism, particularly shedding light on the state of sexual reproductive health rights (SRHR) among women with albinism. Her impactful video revealed the concerning mistreatment of women with albinism in sexual contexts, sparking important conversations.

### Peter

Peter has been a passionate advocate for individuals with albinism, championing their rights and raising awareness through our online platforms. Through compelling content and discussions, Peter amplifies the voices of persons with albinism, sparking important dialogues and understanding. He continues to lead by example, inspiring others to stand up for the rights and dignity of persons with albinism worldwide.



### Senator Gloria Orwoba

We were honored to meet with Senator Gloria to discuss disability issues and advocate for better county government support.

During the meeting, we emphasized the importance of addressing the needs of persons with disabilities, including those with albinism.

Our discussion focused on advocating for the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities at the county level. Senator Gloria showed a genuine interest in our concerns and pledged to support initiatives for the disability community.

This meeting also highlighted the ongoing efforts to promote disability rights and improve support systems.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help by donating, volunteering or spreading awareness. Your donation provides the crucial financial support, volunteering allows hands-on involvement, and spreading awareness amplifies our impact. Together these actions create a positive ripple effect in the advancement of our cause.

Embracing and supporting individuals with albinism, particularly those in the Black community, is a vital step towards fostering inclusivity and understanding. By raising awareness about the unique challenges faced by people with albinism, we can contribute to breaking down stereotypes and dispelling misconceptions. It is crucial to promote education and provide resources that empower individuals with albinism to navigate the world confidently. Additionally, fostering a culture of acceptance and appreciation for diversity within our communities can create an environment where everyone, regardless of skin color or physical appearance, feels valued and included. By championing empathy, advocating for equal opportunities, and celebrating the strengths and talents of individuals with albinism, we can collectively contribute to building a more inclusive and compassionate society.

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