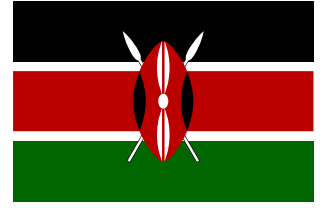


The Professional Fellows Program on Inclusive Civic Engagement



Spring 2024 Professional Fellow



Ombati Elizabeth Nyabiage Program Assistant Kenya Network of Women and Girls with Disabilities

“Through this Fellowship, I hope to strengthen my confidence by learning as much as possible from my mentor on steps that movements in the US have taken to advance disability inclusion with a specific focus on women and girls with disabilities.”

Elizabeth serves as a Program Assistant at the Kenya Network of Women and Girls with Disabilities, leading a project to increase the engagement of women with disabilities in community activities and leadership roles. She documents the challenges these women face and their suggested solutions. Previously, she worked as an African Disability Forum (ADF) consultant to Sightsavers’ Economic Empowerment Programs specifically supporting the meaningful engagement of persons with disabilities within programming.

Elizabeth has a journalism background from the Kenya Institute of Mass Communication and a bachelor’s degree in social communication from Tangaza University College (Catholic University of Eastern Africa), both located in Nairobi, Kenya. Her strong writing skills have been pivotal in supporting advocacy and communication efforts across various organizations.

Her follow-on project aims to empower and inspire women with disabilities to participate in local governance to advocate for the rights of girls and women with disabilities in Kenya. Elizabeth plans to collaborate with 40 women with disabilities from four counties to document their experiences, identify gaps, and formulate effective solutions to engaging in local governance.

Elizabeth will disseminate the findings of the analysis to county governance leaders and establish a formalized partnership that ensures a platform and amplifies the voices of women with disabilities. This collaborative effort aims to foster meaningful participation and contributions from women with disabilities within county governance.

