



Tujiendeleze Youth Organisation (TYO)

supporting young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to access education, leadership development, mentorship, and employment pathways

Mildred's Story

Mildred Andia Sieyo was sponsored by the Tujiendeleze Youth Trust Fund (now Tujiendeleze Youth Organisation) to pursue a Diploma in Social Work and Community Development at the Kenya Institute of Social Work and Community Development from 2009-11. Seventeen years later, Mildred is employed as a Social Worker in Nairobi. This is the story of Mildred's journey, in her own words.



Mildred at her graduation.....and today

I come from a poor and humble background, where pursuing college education was a great challenge for my family. Like many young people from disadvantaged families, I had dreams and aspirations, but the financial resources needed to achieve them were beyond my family's ability. At a time when I was uncertain about my future, Tujiendeleze Youth Trust Fund came to my support and gave me an opportunity that changed the course of my life.

Through their generous sponsorship, I was able to enroll in college, complete my studies, and acquire professional knowledge and skills in social work and community development. The support I received was not simply financial assistance; it was an investment in my future and a vote of confidence in my potential.

Today, seventeen years later, I am proud to say that the opportunity given to me has had a lasting impact. I am currently employed as a **Social Worker** at the [Comboni Health Programme](#), where I use the knowledge, skills, and values I gained through my education to serve individuals, families, and communities.

My work gives me an opportunity to support vulnerable people, empower communities, and contribute to positive social change. In many ways, I am now giving back to the community because someone once believed in me and gave me an opportunity to succeed.

I will forever remain grateful to **Tujiendeleze Youth Trust Fund** for changing the direction of my life. Their support enabled me to move from a young person facing significant financial challenges to a trained professional who is now serving others.

My journey is a testimony that **supporting the education of one young person can create a ripple effect that benefits an entire community**. The opportunity I received sixteen years ago continues to bear fruit today—not only in my own life, but also through the people and communities I serve.

I sincerely thank Tujiendeleze Youth Trust Fund for believing in me, investing in my education, and helping me become the person I am today. I hope my story will inspire other young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to continue believing in their dreams and inspire organizations and individuals to keep investing in education and youth empowerment.



Thank you, Tujiendeleze Youth Trust Fund, for giving me a chance to build a better future and, in turn, serve and give back to my community.

The Tujiendeleze Youth Organisation is a key partner of ICA:UK (registered charity no. 1090745), contributing to our vision of a sustainable development “eco-system” in Africa, shaped by communities, supported by sovereign local organisations and local consultants.

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