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## UNBOWED AND UNBROKEN

2024 was a year of courage, resilience and unwavering solidarity. From the streets where young Kenyans rose against unpopular policies to the courtrooms where families and our lawyers demanded justice for many lives lost, Kenyans repeatedly rose to demand their rights, justice and accountability. Listen carefully to hear the voices of survivors, victims families, human rights defenders and partners in this report.

As the nation twisted between constitutionalism, authoritarianism, and anarchy, like others, our values were tested. We reaffirmed that Amnesty International Kenya is an independent organisation committed to protecting and promoting all human rights for all human beings. We boldly engage the political class, national and county governments, parliament, judiciary and constitutional commissions to hold them accountable for human rights violations.

Our campaigns are guided by our belief in people power and national, regional and international human rights standards. Our analysis is evidence-based and informed by credible sources. We will avoid taking positions or actions that could harm others. While we will commend or condemn those in power, our focus remains on their behaviour rather than the people in power. We believe in the right of all citizens to vote and participate in public affairs free of violence, bribery or intimidation.

This remains our ethical compass in 2025.



## TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

We protect and expand Kenyans' rights to data privacy and freedom of expression in the line with Article 13 and the Data Protection Act. We hold both the government and multinational corporations accountable for every breach and abuse.



## CIVIL LIBERTIES

We defend free expression, assembly and association. We believe civic space and media freedom must be expanded and relentlessly pursue accountability for state overreach.



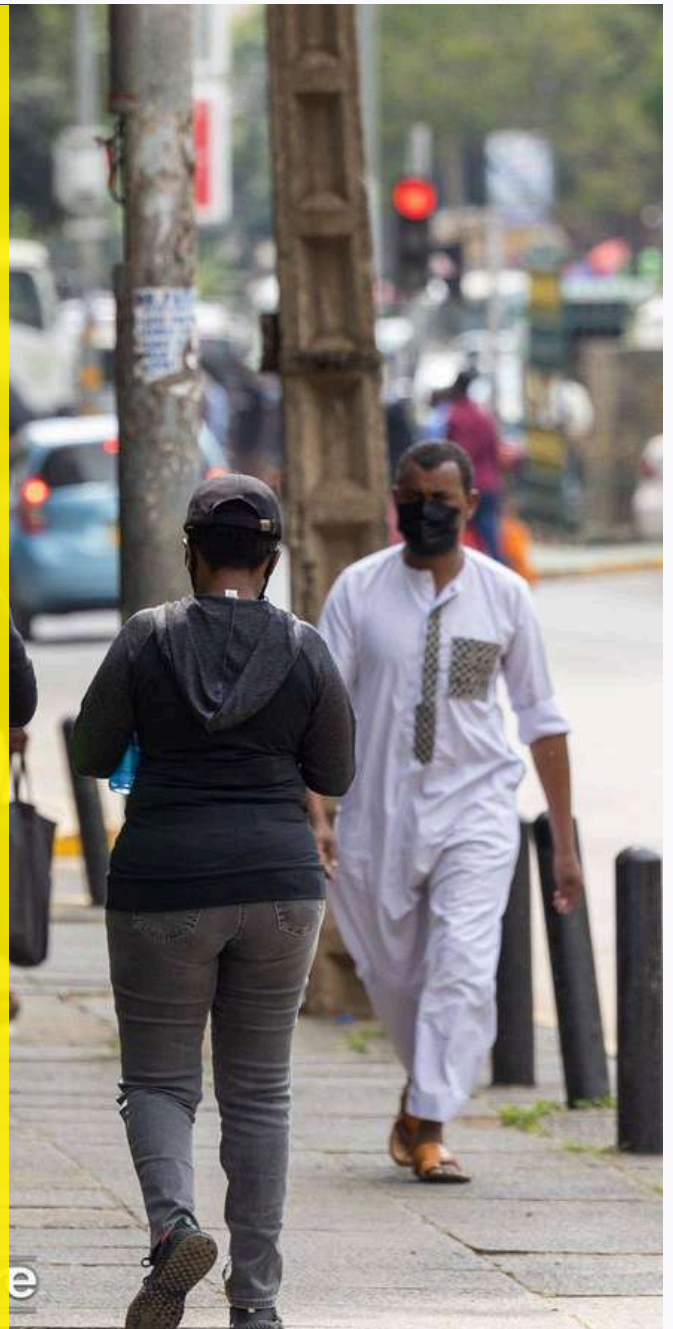
## INEQUALITIES AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

In line with Article 27 and 28, we stand with millions who may be discriminated on the basis of their gender, ethnicity, class, age, sexuality or any form of identity.



## MOVEMENT BUILDING

We have galvanized a powerful movement of over 1,626 members, strengthened their capacity in 110 circles of conscience across more than 35 counties across Kenya.



## OUR VALUES

**INTEGRITY**

**COURAGEOUS SOLIDARITY**

**INCLUSIVE**

**INNOVATIVE CREATIVITY**

# 2024 WINS

With OKOA coalition, the withdrawal of Finance Bill 2024 contentious clauses

130 protests across more than 44 counties observed and petitions delivered to authorities

With the #EndFemicide alliance, caused the establishment of a task force and a KES. 100 million anti-GBV budget.

International awareness of refoulement of four Turkish refugees and an admission from the Government of Kenya of their deportation

Supported Elizabeth Ekaru's family to secure justice for her murder two years ago

Held the Government accountable for violent protest policing

With the #HumanIsMyID Coalition monitored and advocated against various forms of discrimination through quarterly indexes

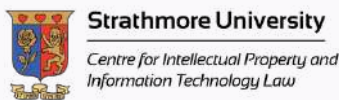
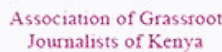
With others, caused the release of several protesters abducted

With the RIGHTSClick Alliance, we raised privacy awareness and compliance to reduce online abuse.

Increased capacity of Human rights defenders to take Human rights action

With Missing Voices Alliance and the PRWG, caused the prosecution of police officers suspected of unlawful killings

## Asanteni to all our partners over 2024

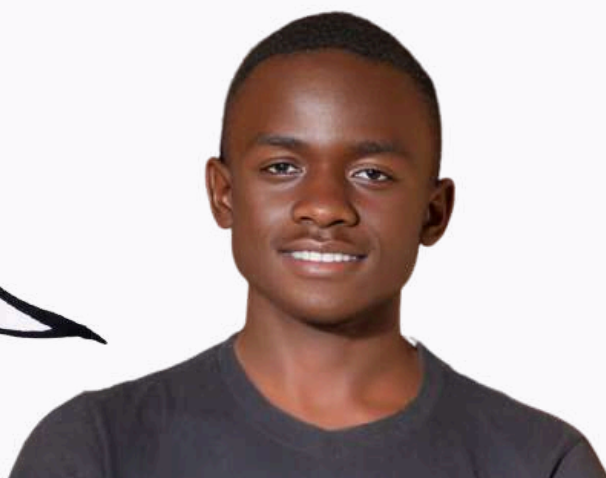
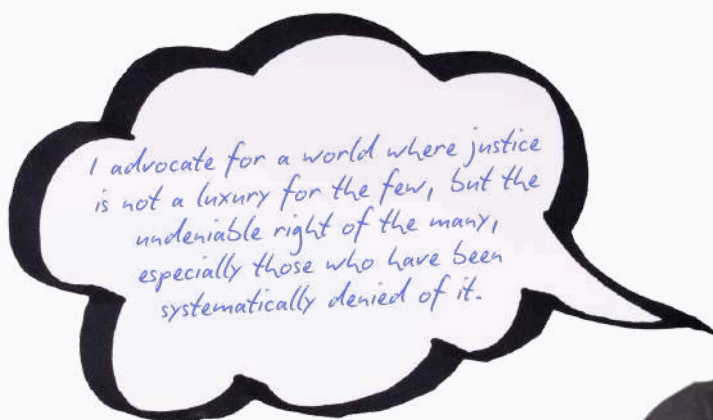


## Movement Growth

In 2024, our movement grew stronger, bolder, and more impactful. Our Circles of Conscience (CoCs) expanded from 75 to 110, reaching deeper into schools, universities, and communities across Kenya. We proudly welcomed new chapters at Dedan Kimathi University, Chuka University, and Maasai Mara University, alongside community-led initiatives in Tharaka Nithi, Laikipia, Nyandarua, and Baringo. High schools like Hawinga Secondary, Non Koper Girls, and Bishop Gatimu also joined the movement, a testament to the rising demand for human rights engagement among young people.



Grassroots action flourished through our 110 CoCs. From tackling gender-based violence (GBV), climate justice to advocating for digital rights and exposing enforced disappearances, our members courageously led local initiatives as spontaneous protests erupted nationwide. Amnesty members played critical roles monitoring protests, protecting observers, demanding accountability, and securing the release of detained activists. Our Advocate CoCs petitioned against constitutional amendments on presidential term limits and drove civic education efforts. Our Uasin Gishu Outreach Coordinator Joslin Rotich was selected to represent Amnesty International in shaping the Uasin Gishu County Government Gender Policy.



Maseno CoC member Jeff Tolo



## CHAIRPERSON'S REFLECTION ON 2024

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2024 not only tested our collective resolve but also reaffirmed the power of solidarity in the face of injustice. The year began with the first nationwide march against femicide, a demand for justice in the wake of rising violence against women. And yet, as the year ended, we found ourselves marching once more this time met with police brutality, arrests, and tear gas. The struggle for dignity, safety, and justice continues.

The courage of young Kenyans defined 2024. The Gen Z protests shook the nation, proving that no government can silence a generation determined to reclaim its future. We stood with them, documented every instance of police brutality, and laid bare the horrifying truth of abductions, enforced disappearances, and killings. Our June 25th report, detailing the police response during the storming of Parliament, remains a crucial piece of evidence in the fight for accountability. Access to justice has remained at the heart of our work. We stood families seeking justice for Yassin Moyo, Baby Pendo, and many others. We have continued to challenge state overreach and impunity, demanding that no life be dismissed as collateral damage.

Amidst these challenges, we have also seen moments of victory policy shifts, international solidarity, and an ever-growing movement of human rights defenders refusing to be silenced. These wins remind us that change is possible, but only if we remain relentless.

As we step into 2025, we do so with renewed commitment. The road ahead will not be easy, but history shows that authoritarian systems crumble when people rise. Our commitment to human rights, democracy, and the rule of law remains steadfast. Amnesty Kenya will continue to stand with all those fighting for justice, dignity, and freedom.

We invite you to walk with us, speak up, and demand better. We also welcome you to register and become part of the Amnesty International family.

Because together, we are unstoppable.

**Dr. Stellah Bosire**  
**Board Chairperson**



## SECTION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE FOR 2025

Amnesty Kenya's staff, members, and supporters showed up and shone in 2024. We documented, marched, litigated, advocated, and consoled victims' families, survivors, abductees and human rights defenders. We advised state officers and agencies on their obligations to safeguard our constitutional freedoms and how to transform levels of tension and conflict.

As the nation became increasingly polarised, we kept our doors open for principled dialogue for all genuinely interested in upholding human rights. This work was not easy. We faced repeated private and public verbal attacks and, at times, heartbreaking setbacks.

2025 is another opportunity for the Kenyan authorities to demonstrate their commitment to the Bill of Rights and accountable and effective governance. It is another opportunity to elevate Kenya's justice mechanisms to promote, protect, and fulfill human rights.

Amnesty will retain its call for accountability for the human rights abuses of 2024 and 2023. We will continue to invest in ordinary people's courage to rise every day and act in extraordinary ways to protect themselves and their communities in line with our constitution and international human rights law.

The next General Elections is but two years away. The progress Kenya makes in deepening public confidence in open governance, electoral systems, voter registration and professional human rights-based policing in 2025 will make all the difference in 2027.

We thank you for the unsolicited encouragement, prayers and contributions we receive weekly from our members, supporters and strangers. That Amnesty International Kenya and its Executive Director were both nominated for best Human Rights and Governance NGO this year by the Public Benefits Organisations Regulatory Authority and top 100 Influential Kenyans, respectively, says as much about your support for our work than the actions we took to keep Kenyans safe, dignified and free over 2024.

Our impact is only possible with this support. Take a moment to register or renew your membership and find out how you can contribute to our human rights impact from any of our platforms.

We remain immensely thankful to remain here for another year to serve you.

**Irūngū Houghton**  
**Section Director**



## FEMICIDE, A NATIONAL CRISIS DEMANDING URGENT ACTION

Our Circles of Conscience helped expand the voice and visibility of a new movement of Kenyan women feminists organising under #EndFemicideKE. The movement was a response to a spike in gender-based violence in 2024. In January and December, our members across 10 counties took part in organised anti-femicide march.

According to Odipo Dev, Africa Data Hub and Africa Uncensored research, 170 women were killed in 2024 because they were women. This is nearly double those killed in 2023 and five times more women and girls killed in 2016. Nairobi, Kiambu and Nakuru are the most dangerous counties, while violence is rising in Kisii, Kitui, Meru and Nyeri.

We applaud the courageous efforts of this movement. Their powerful nationwide mobilisation of thousands of women in January and December and relentless year-long advocacy kept this issue on the national agenda. At great risk to themselves, they amplified the voices of survivors and victims, demanding expedited investigations, timely prosecutions, and justice for all who have suffered from sexual and gender-based violence.

*170 women killed in  
2024*



Staff and CoC members at a #EndFemicideKE march

In November, the President announced Sh 100 million for a “Safe Homes, Safe Spaces” campaign to create awareness, accelerate investigations, enhance gender desks in police stations and hospitals, and equip safe houses and a national task force. We will support the #EndFemicide movement to ensure these actions and resources are effectively deployed in 2025.

After closing tracking several cases throughout the year, Amnesty was delighted to see our courts convict Joseph “Jowie” Irūngū for the 2018 murder of Monica Kimani and Patrick Naweet for the 2022 killing of Elizabeth Ekaru. These judgements highlight the urgent need to classify femicide as a distinct, serious crime within Kenya’s legal framework. Amnesty Kenya firmly supports the call to prioritise specialised femicide investigations and courts. Every case of femicide must send an unequivocal message, violence against women and girls will not be tolerated in our society.

SILENCING  
/ **WOMEN**

THE STORY OF EACH OF THE 680+ FEMICIDE CASES IN KENYA

Scan the QR Code for the 2024 statistics on Femicide

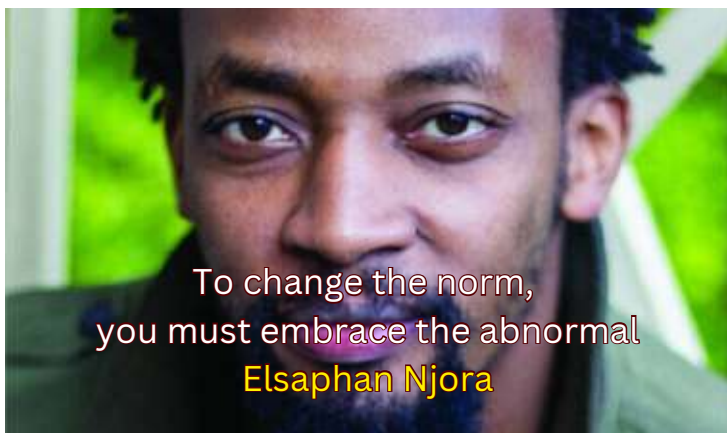






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## Fighting Bad Guys Since 1961



To change the norm,  
you must embrace the abnormal  
**Elsaphan Njora**

*To watch the Spoken Word of 2024  
Count on Me - Elsaphan Njora*



### PLUGIN TODAY

#### Membership - *Steer the Ship*

Join the fight for human rights - become an Amnesty member today. Choose from five membership levels, each with unique perks, and contribute through an annual fee to power our movement.

#### Supporter - *Amplify our Voice*

Share our content, sign our petitions, and take action with us to drive change.

#### Volunteer - *Maximize our Impact*

Use your skills for good. Join like-minded individuals who make change happen. Donate your time, resources and skills to help expand our reach and impact.

### Join the Conversation



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## GEN-Z PROTESTS, A TESTAMENT OF YOUTH COURAGE AND THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

The youth-led Gen Z demonstrations marked a pivotal moment in Kenya's struggle for justice and accountability. Sparked by an unpopular and widely perceived punitive Finance Bill, the protests rapidly grew to outrage with corruption, extravagance and a lack of accountability to Kenyans in a time of economic distress. The public's patience snapped on with the storming of parliament, judiciary and attempts to occupy State House on 25 June.

### Amnesty's Position on the Finance Bill 2024

We opposed the:

- Threat to our privacy by exempting the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) from the Data Protection Act.
- Violation of the right to food for millions by removing VAT zero-rating on essential items like bread and milk
- Inequality in introducing a 2.5% tax on motor vehicles which would disproportionately impact low- and middle-income earners, sparing wealthier individuals.
- Undermining of access to information and the government's commitment to digital jobs and small business by raising excise duty on telephone and internet services

In line with the right to assembly and Article 37, we protected citizens' rights to picket, march and present petitions to their national and county governments. Tragically, police deployed excessive and disproportionate use of lethal and non-lethal force, including live and rubber bullets, water cannons, tear gas, and batons against largely unarmed protesters. Arbitrary arrests, abductions and brutal crackdowns on protest organisers and protesters became routine.



- **63 protest-related deaths**
- **83 protest-related abductions**
- **2,000 protest-related arbitrary arrests**
- **29 protest-related disappearances yet to be resolved**

KNCHR Statistics as at 31 December 2024

*Hata mimi I am confused. How do you teargas a baddie? - Sen. Edwin Sifuna*

Over 2024, we rallied with independent state agencies, mass associations of doctors, lawyers, and human rights defenders to independently document abuses, provide emergency health and psychosocial support, legal representation and strategic litigation for those affected.

Supported by Amnesty International Secretariat, we trained and deployed #ProtectTheProtest observers in 10 counties. With partners, we also issued 25 joint statements and 60 op-eds condemning police brutality, enforced disappearances, internet shutdown and the deployment of military forces. These statements were read and acted upon across the world.



## **THE RIGHT TO PROTEST IS UNDER UNPRECEDENTED AND GROWING THREAT ACROSS ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD**

The withdrawal of the Finance bill, two cabinet reshuffles, the resignation of the Police Inspector General, and the reshuffle of several senior police commanders were the National Administration's response to the millions who spoke up online and showed up in many streets.

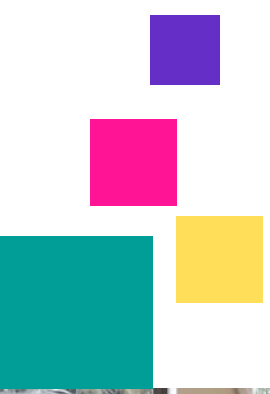
Over 20,000 of Amnesty supporters rallied behind a petition demanding the establishment of a Judicial Commission of Inquiry into the state's response to the protests in July. Supported by Amnesty International Secretariat's Crisis Evidence Lab, the Regional Office, and six key human rights, legal, and medical associations, we researched and released a comprehensive investigation into the state response to the storming of the Houses of Parliament on June 25th.

### **Our Commitment for 2025**

We will speak out against the excessive use of force and the killing of peaceful protesters, advocate for the release and safe return of all abducted individuals and support the establishment of a Judicial Commission of Inquiry to hold the police accountable for their actions during the protests.



# 2024 IN PHOTOS





## THE SHAKAHOLA MASSACRE, A DARK CHAPTER IN KENYA'S HISTORY

With 460 women, men and children starved and bludgeoned to death; the 2023 Shakahola Massacre is the worst human rights tragedy during peace time. Fuelled by Christian extremism and occultic practices, the incident exposed gaping weaknesses in the state's ability to regulate religious movements effectively.

Amnesty made submissions before the Senate on how to regulate religious organisations without violating the right to worship. Amnesty members and staff stood alongside 34 families as they collected their loved one's remains from the Malindi mortuary. Among them was Grandfather Francis Wanje, who painfully collected four family members over two generations.

With KNCHR, we publicly advocated for a well-resourced comprehensive forensic investigation into the national security lapses. We welcomed the government's response to our demands. They settled mortuary hospital bills, provided burial transport for affected families, continued exhumation, and promised to hold implicated officials accountable.

Tragically, the year closed without a new law regulating religious organisations, the return of hundreds of bodies to their families and arrest of implicated intelligence or law enforcement officers.



## A NEW ERA FOR CIVIL SOCIETY, PBO ACT COMES TO LIFE

After more than a decade of relentless advocacy by Amnesty, the Civic Freedoms Forum and others, the operationalisation of the Public Benefits Organizations Act on May 14, 2024 marked a historic victory for the civil society movement and fulfillment of the Kenya Kwanza election manifesto promise. This long-overdue reform replaces the restrictive NGO Coordination Act of 1990 with a progressive legal framework that strengthens the rights and operations of public benefit organizations.

The PBO Act establishes a regulatory system that fosters transparency while upholding the independence of civil society. It champions self-regulation, facilitates collaboration between PBOs, the government, and other stakeholders, and reinforces the constitutional rights to freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly. Crucially, the Act also introduces tax and other benefits for registered PBOs thus ensuring that organizations can seek support from the public and operate more efficiently. The PBO signals a critical step in protecting civic space and fortifying the role of CSOs in Kenya.



## OUR PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

We remained steadfast in our pursuit of justice by attending court hearings with the families of Yassin Moyo, Eugene Mureithi, Baby Samantha Pendo and countless other victims whose lives were tragically cut short. This year has seen pivotal moments in our fight against impunity and accountability in Kenya's justice system.

### #JusticeForElizabethEkaru

After three years of unwavering solidarity with the family of Elizabeth Ekaru, the Meru High Court delivered a landmark ruling. Hon. Justice Edward Muriithi found Patrick Naweet guilty of the brutal murder of Ekaru, a courageous Isiolo-based woman human rights defender. Her senseless killing is a stark reminder of the persistent epidemic of femicides that continues to plague Kenya. This conviction not only honours Ekaru's memory but also sends a powerful message that the lives of women and defenders of justice cannot be extinguished without consequence.



### #JusticeForYassinMoyo

Four years after the young teenager Yassin Moyo was tragically shot standing on his balcony in Mathare on March 30, 2020, the murder trial of Yassin Moyo has finally commenced. Witnesses took to the stand to testify against police officer Duncan "Champe" Ndiema charged with Yassin's killing. Their testimonies were heart-wrenching, recalling the moment Yassin cried out to his mother that he had been shot and their frantic, unsuccessful attempt to save his life. This year represented a glimmer of hope for accountability in the often excruciating long wait for justice by victims families.



### #JusticeForBabyPendo

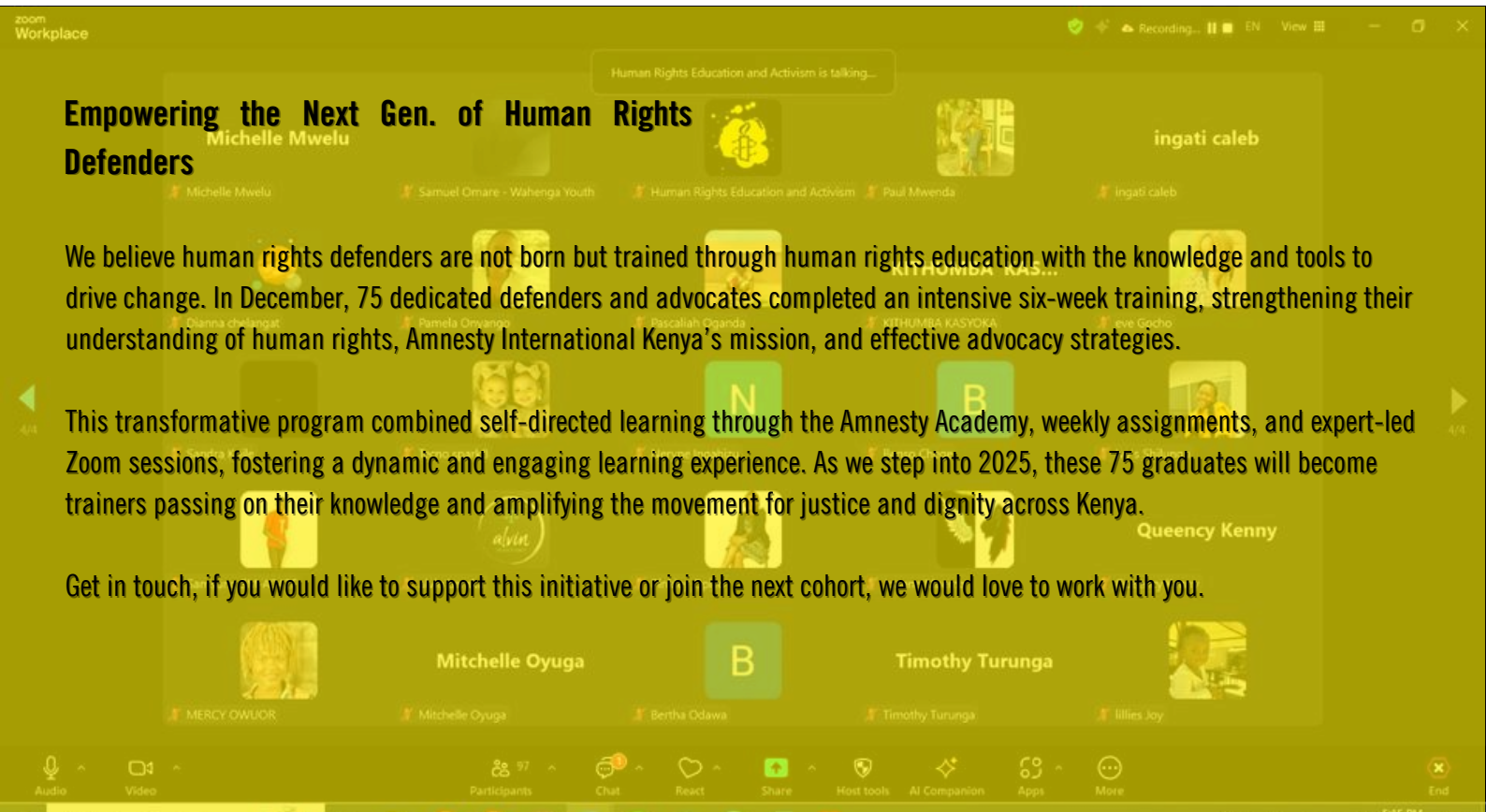
The year also marked a significant breakthrough for Baby Samantha Pendo and 60 others killed, tortured or raped during that violent 2017 election related policing operation in Kisumu. 11 police commanders and officers were presented in a High Court and charged with 47 counts of crimes against humanity. This is the first time the International Crimes Act is being applied in a Kenyan court.

Despite earlier commitment to pursue the case, Amnesty found itself speaking publicly as the Director of Public Prosecutions twice sought to defer the plea-taking, citing the absence of key suspects. These delays only deepen the anguish of victims families who have already endured years of pain and hopelessness.

# GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

The global Write for Rights campaign turns words into action to stand in solidarity with human rights defenders worldwide. In partnership with Braeburn School and Amnesty Kenya staff, students wrote 600 powerful letters demanding justice for activists facing persecution globally. From Angola to Egypt, Turkey to Belarus and Argentina to Vietnam, our voices reached governments and institutions, calling for freedom, accountability, and respect for human rights. Every letter was a testament to our unwavering commitment to global solidarity and the belief that collective action can change lives.

Dear President of Angola,  
How dare you!! How dare you commit such an inhumane act? How dare you deny the rights of an innocent human being? How dare you ruin the life of Neth Nabara?  
She is a talented singer and mother of two young children and activist. These are only a few of her charitable attributes. She started from nothing and built her way up to the top with ladders of honest hard work. And your stripping her of that earned status, throwing her back into the rubble.  
And for what? Because she spoke out about the millions living under poverty under your jurisdiction?  
I am writing to you to demand her immediate release. Think of her children, her family, think about her feelings.  
Please use your brain and I hope you come to the right conclusion.  
We will not rest until justice is served.  
Thank you,



# WORD GRID

Find and circle the hidden words in the grid. Words may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally, or backward.

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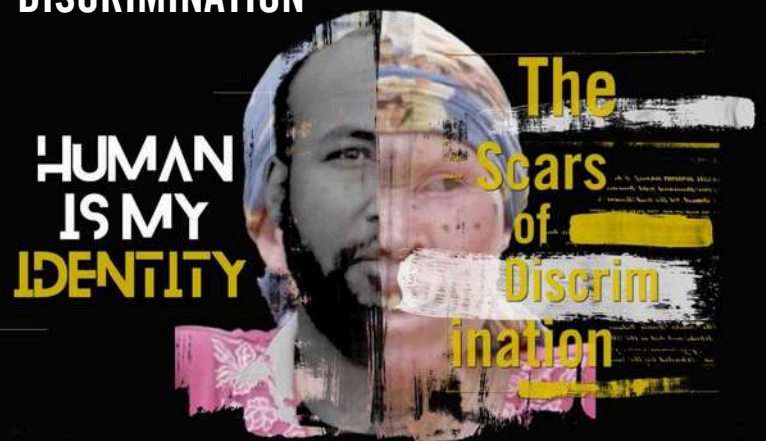


## MOVIE PREMIERE OF "THE SCARS OF DISCRIMINATION"

In Kenya, the weight of prejudice manifests in many forms. From Peninah Kilunja, a 60-year-old Makueni seamstress who battles societal rejection due to albinism to Mathare resident Mohammed Malicha profiled for his Muslim name and appearance, we explore the deep-rooted biases that have shaped their and others lives to ask how intersectional discrimination affects others

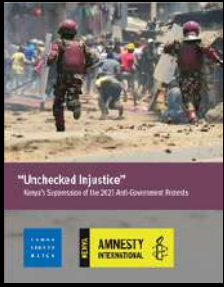
Produced in partnership with Africa Uncensored, this Human Is My ID Alliance film exposes how poverty, disability, religion and identity intersect. The short movie challenges us to move Kenya towards true inclusion in line with our constitutional values

Scan the QR code to watch the film and join our struggle to build a more inclusive society where everyone belongs





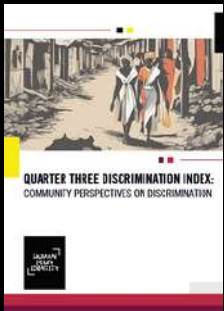
# 2024 Must Reads



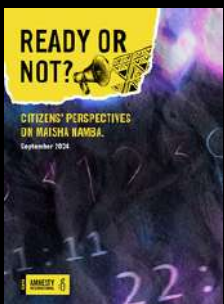
“Unchecked Injustice” is based on 224 interviews with survivors and witnesses to abuses in Nairobi, Kisumu, Machakos, Migori, Nakuru, Kisii, Nyamira, Homa Bay, Siaya, and Makueni counties. The report documents how police used arbitrary and excessive force against protesters between March-July 2023. They shot directly into crowds with lethal weapons and less-lethal “rubber bullets,” fired tear gas into residential areas and schools, and carried out violent and abusive house-to-house operations, beating and shooting residents, killing at least 31 people.



CTRL+Speak magazine empowers children and young people to understand and advocate for their rights in the digital space. It highlights the importance of digital rights, which are human rights applied to the internet, and explores the challenges faced by children and young people in accessing and using the internet safely. The magazine includes essays from Kenyan students about their experiences with digital rights and privacy violations, as well as articles by experts and advocates discussing how to create a safer and more equitable digital world for everyone.



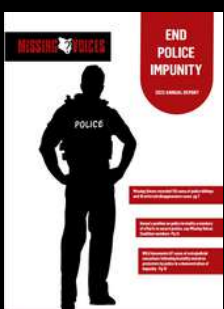
Quarter Three Discrimination Index represents the findings of a qualitative participatory action research (PAR) study on discrimination in four counties in Kenya: Nairobi, Nakuru, Kilifi and Wajir. The research explored lived experiences of discrimination as it appears in various forms and contexts, including gender, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and socio-economic status. The participatory nature of the research emphasised the voices of the communities in the counties.



Kenya has recently undergone a significant digital transformation, marked by the digitization of public service delivery. A key component of this transformation is the introduction of Maisha Namba, Kenya's third-generation digital ID. Although the project aims to improve efficiency in public service delivery, it has faced widespread dissatisfaction and strong criticism. This report looks at the views, attitudes, and concerns of Kenyan citizens to assess their readiness to uptake Maisha Namba.



This discrimination index sought to find out whether women, youth, persons with disabilities and LGBTQ+ were accorded the same levels of protection during March-May 2024 rains in Kenya, which resulted in flooding across Kenya. During the floods, at least 290 people were killed, and at least 55,776 families were displaced.[7] However, preexisting factors influenced their discrimination. We received reports that the government, community, and other sectors discriminated against them when they were supported to mitigate the impacts of flooding.

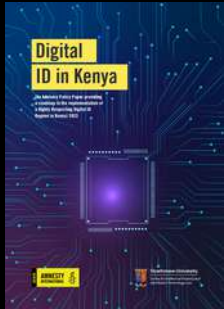


The 2023 Annual Missing Voices Report sheds light on the persisting issue of police impunity in Kenya, revealing both concerning trends and slight improvements in certain areas.





The Discrimination Quarter Two Index is based on research and data collection. It reveals alarming statistics that demonstrate discrimination remains a significant challenge for millions of Kenyans. Discrimination persists to perpetuate injustices and endanger lives on the basis of gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and disability among others



The policy paper urges for the roll-out of a rights-respecting Digital ID system to be built around a data protection impact assessment that mitigates privacy and security risks. It calls for the inclusion of illiterate, marginalised groups and communities including migrants and communities denied internet access.



# Become a member and Join our Movement

**Shujaa**  
(for under 18-year-olds)

**Uzalendo**

**Utetezi**

**Haki**

**Ubuntu**  
(Lifetime Membership)

**KES 200**

**KES 500**

**KES 1,000**

**KES 2,000**

**KES 100,000**

Students Membership Card	✓				
Join a Human Rights Friendly School Club	✓				
Hold Us Accountable	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Join a Circle of Conscience		✓	✓	✓	✓
Attend Members Specific Events and Trainings		✓	✓	✓	✓
Get a E-membership card			✓	✓	
10% discount on Amnesty Branded Merchandise			✓	✓	✓
Be Eligible to be Selected as a Delegate to the Annual Delegates Conference				✓	✓
Get a Gold Membership Card					✓

**Scan the QR Code to Join our Movement**



# SOME 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

## Annual Delegates Conference

Our Third Annual Delegates Conference (ADC) took place in August 2024. 121 delegates representing 74 Circles of Conscience across 15 counties met under the dynamic leadership of ADC Preparatory Committee Chairperson Onesmus Mosoti. The conference ignited discussions on Gen Z-led protests, digital activism and the transformative power of youth in driving social change. Delegates reviewed and approved pivotal reports from the Secretariat, Board Chairperson, and Treasurer. They endorsed the 2025 Plan and Budget and debated and voted on five key motions that included new membership categories and adjusted timelines for the ADC PrepCom. Anthony Akolo Etemesi and Hussein Khalid were elected to join the board. Kenneth Okoth and Zaria Gikonyo were elected to join the Preparatory and Nominations Committees, respectively. Speaking at the third ADC in our history, Board Chairperson Dr. Stellah Bosire reaffirmed our shared commitment to championing human rights and urged all delegates to remain united and resilient in the fight to realise human rights for all Kenyans.



## Nyando Social Justice Center rises from the ashes

On 19th April 2024, we celebrated with the Nyando Social Justice Center as they launched their new center. The moment of triumph sharply contrasts the devastation we witnessed in August 2023.

Attacked and burnt down by assailants, the Center lay in ashes and its defenders disheartened. Visiting soon after the attack, we vowed to help rebuild the Center for the Nyando community.

Just shy of the first anniversary of the Center's destruction, we invited partners, the Office of the Public Prosecutor and Kenya National Commission on Human Rights to join the Nyando activists as they opened their doors once more.

Thank you to Caren Kiarie and the Nyando team, Amnesty UK, Kenya members. Your courage and commitment demonstrate a few hours of turmoil cannot erase a decade of human rights activism.

## Digital Rights Festivals in Western Kenya

The two Digital Rights Festivals held in July 2024 have sparked a movement of over 2,000 high school students to champion the right to privacy for children and youth. These transformative festivals showcased the brilliance and creativity of the next generation through artwork, poetry and plays on digital rights.

Essay competition winners Dorcas Nyamwaya and Dekel Baraka Okelo powerful words underscored the importance of protecting privacy in the digital age. More than events, the festivals made a resounding call to act for a future where digital rights are safeguarded for all.



## Some Digital Rights Engagements

Leveraging our extensive national experience, we engaged key continental fora to advocate for data protection and digital rights. At the Pan African conference of National Data Protection Authorities (NADPA), we highlighted how to resolve the challenges and risks of Digital ID systems in Africa. We offered practical stronger safeguards and how to achieve greater public awareness. Speaking at the #DataFest2024 and Forum for Internet Freedom in Africa (FIFA), we shared best practises and common pitfalls of regional and national data governance frameworks in East Africa and across Africa.

Recognising the power and perils of artificial intelligence, we made submissions to a landmark Pan African study by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR). Through these engagements, we believe we have demonstrated that Africa can make technology advances without compromising human rights and ensure that digital innovation remains rooted in accountability, transparency, and justice.



### CTRL+Speak Magazine

CTRL+Speak is more of a movement than a magazine. Designed for young people, it empowers readers to reclaim their digital rights and build a safer online future. Through its pages, children and youth gain knowledge and practical tools to demand accountability from governments and tech giants alike.

In 2024, CTRL+Speak became a powerful platform for young voices, amplifying real stories, bold ideas, and digital rights advocacy. It proved that when young people lead, they transform digital spaces into a force for justice, inclusion, and freedom.

## How to Join the Rights Click Alliance

The RIGHTS Click Alliance is a movement of civil society organizations committed to safeguarding digital rights for children and young people. Hosted by Amnesty International Kenya in partnership with Watoto Watch Network, the Alliance brings together child and youth organizations to advocate for a safer, more inclusive digital environment.

### What we Do

- ✓ Advocate for strong digital policies that protect children's and youth's rights.
- ✓ Promote digital literacy so young people can navigate the online world safely.
- ✓ Prevent online exploitation, harassment, and discrimination through coordinated action.
- ✓ Amplify children's and youth's voices in shaping the future of digital rights.

### Where and When

The RIGHTS Click Alliance brings together organizations that care about digital rights. We are actively recruiting members now—this is your chance to be part of a national movement that will shape the future of young people's digital experiences.

### Why Your Organization Should Join

By becoming a member of the RIGHTS Click Alliance, your organization will be at the forefront of shaping the digital rights landscape for young people. Together, we can drive policy reforms, protect digital freedoms, and empower the next generation to use technology safely and responsibly. Sign up today to be part of a movement that ensures digital spaces are safe, fair, and empowering for children and youth.

Scan the QR Code to Join the Alliance

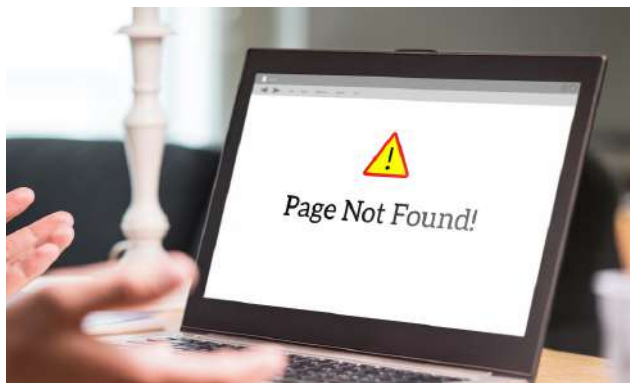




## DEFENDING PRIVACY, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The Finance Bill 2024 and the state's crackdown on the Gen Z protests posed serious threats to privacy and access to information in Kenya. Clause 63 of the Bill sought to exempt the Kenya Revenue Authority from the Data Protection Act and opened the door to unchecked surveillance in the name of tax enforcement. Amnesty and the Okoa Coalition fiercely opposed this move by submitting memoranda to Parliament to expose various clauses as direct assaults on Kenyans' right to privacy and freedom from punitive taxation.

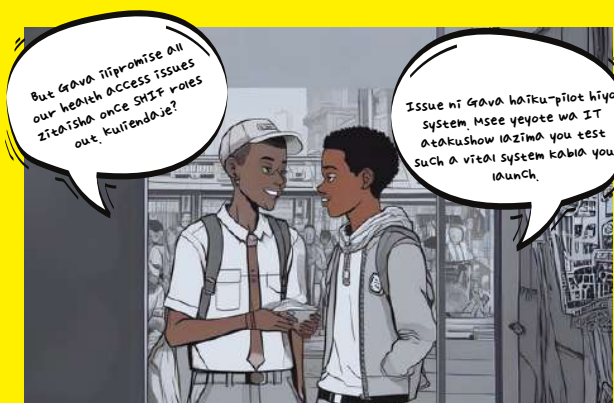
Our 24 June statement with twenty-six international organisations and Kenyan associations of content creators, lawyers, medical officers and human rights defenders preempted internet throttling and shutdown during the protests. We jointly demanded the Communications Authority of Kenya respect Kenyans right to know, called for the full restoration of internet services and reaffirmed that restricting digital access blatantly violates international human rights standards.



### PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE

1. Use Signal or other end-to-end encryption apps to keep your messages private
2. Set strong, unique passwords and enable biometric locks for extra security
3. Turn off location services when not needed to prevent tracking
4. Use a trusted VPN to encrypt your internet connection and protect your data

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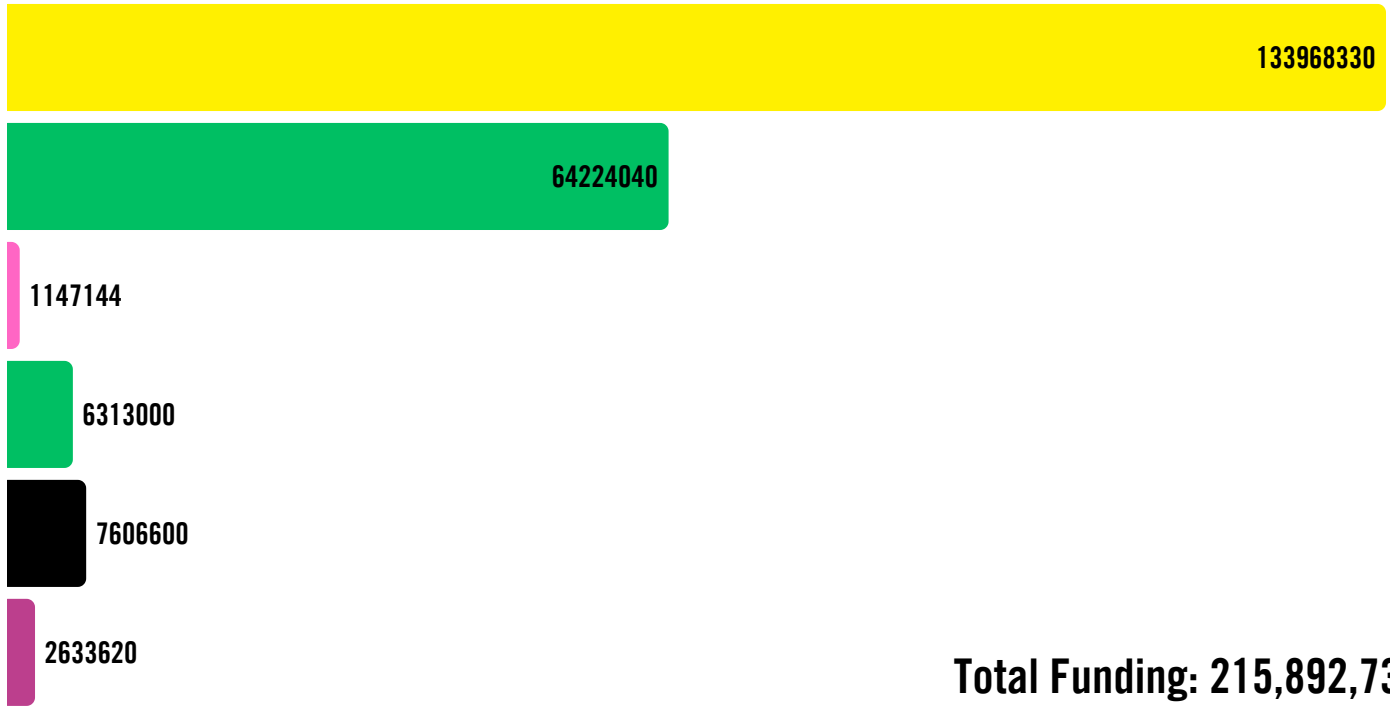




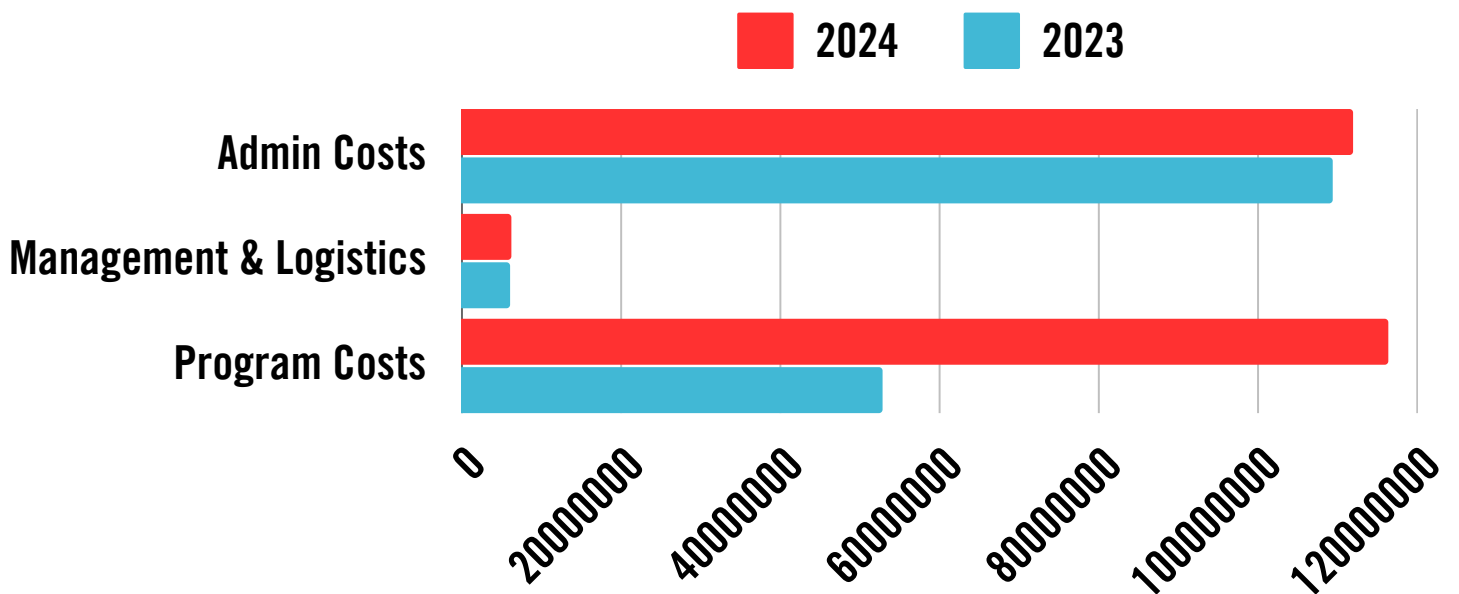
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