

Membership

The Volunteer Involving Organizations (VIO) Society is a network that brings together national and international organizations working on volunteerism .

Membership is open to any organization ,governmental ,national and international ,non-governmental ,corporate ,foundations and other institutions ascribes to the objects of the society ,subject to approval of the committee and payment of an entrance fee .

Current members:

1. HOPE worldwide Kenya
2. Kenya YMCA
3. Progressive Volunteers
4. St John's Ambulance
5. Volunteers for Africa
6. Youth Inter community network
7. Kenya Youth Foundation
8. PACE international
9. The Kenya Red Cross Society
10. Association of Student Volunteers
11. Ungana/Amref
12. Junior achievement Kenya
13. VSO Jitolee
14. Manyo Foundation

15. Global Peace Foundation
16. The President's Award Kenya
17. Change Mind Change Future
18. Volunteer Link Trust
19. E-Mentoring Africa
20. Africa Peace Service Corps
21. Siren of Hope
22. World Youth Alliance
23. Students Consortium for Human Rights Advocacy
24. UNDP / UNV Kenya
25. Ufadhili Trust

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Background

The VIO Society started in 2004 as a loose network under the name Volunteer Involving Organizations Network (VIO). It is an amalgamation of organizations that work in development through and with volunteers to promote volunteerism as a means to development. It is a national network drawing its membership from government, international and national non-governmental organizations, institutions, foundations, corporates and community based organizations across the Republic of Kenya. It has a National Secretariat, headed by a National Coordinator based in Nairobi.

Milestone

Since its formation, the network has strived to take lead in streamlining volunteerism in the country. It was officially inaugurated in May 2008. In 2014, the network became more rejuvenated. To this effect, it rekindled its relationship with the government.

VISION

A synergized volunteer community

Mission

To engage in research, advocacy, networking, partnerships and training to promote volunteerism.

Objectives

- (a) To enhance networking, partnerships and resource mobilization among member and non-member organizations, drawing from and impacting their experience in working with and through volunteers.
- (b) Provide a forum for activities that enhance and improve the profile of volunteerism in Kenya, including organizing the international volunteer day (IVD) celebrations, volunteer of the year awards (VOYA) and international Volunteer Managers Day (IVMD) and other related activities in partnership with relevant stakeholders and disseminating information to the public.
- (c) To develop, research, gather, update and disseminate information on the contributions of volunteers and volunteer involving organizations (VIOs) to the national economy.
- (d) To provide a common coordinating center for volunteers and volunteerism related matters in Kenya.
- (e) To form branches to be able to effectively carry out its objects across the country.



Achievements

The network has worked together to develop a National Volunteer Policy and a draft Bill of Parliament. The two documents were handed over to the government through the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Services on 3rd March, 2015. Another milestone the network undertook in 2014 was to develop a Constitution and successfully got registered as a national society in September. This has ended its early status of a loose network and it is now legally registered as “Volunteer Involving Organizations Society – VIO Society”

Our work

The VIO Society recognizes the unique programs offered by each member organization. Hence advocates for more enabling working and regulatory environments for our members.

Given our uniqueness and closer working relationship with the government, we are today the only National structure which acts as a coordinating link between government and International, National and Local voluntary organizations in Kenya. Our members have been involved in different areas of voluntary activities.