



SOUTH2SOUTH NETWORK

#thesouth2southdifference

**Tailor-made solutions for your
organisation by experienced
practitioners.**

Let us show you how we can add value to your organisation when it comes to Protection and Safeguarding.

50+

Delivered **Protection and Safeguarding Training** to over **50 organisations**

50K

Protected more than **50,000 children** across **10 countries**

128K

128,000 children made safer, in **160 schools**

3 x 7

3 Continents and **7 Partners**





Welcome to the South2South Network:

A consultancy for child protection and safeguarding.

ChildHope and our partners have long championed the need for child protection systems that make sense for the people implementing them, and the children benefiting from them.

ChildHope's consultancy work over recent years – supporting organisations to develop, strengthen and implement safeguarding measures – has further cemented in our minds that the best people to support those implementing programmes for the most marginalised children are those with their own experience of working with children in those settings.

OUR SERVICES

The South2South Network provides a range of protection and safeguarding consultancy, training, and capacity-building services to support organisations worldwide to identify the risks that programmes and operations are exposed to.

Services we offer include:



ORGANISATIONAL SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

Together with organisations, we review systems and processes and undertake contextual analysis and risk assessments of new work areas and locations to determine whether current safeguarding measures are effective. We review HR, child protection and safeguarding policies and ensure they are assessed through the lens of international best practice. We take into consideration the nature of your work, the regional context and a country's official child protection systems.



SAFEGUARDING POLICY & PROCEDURES

We develop safeguarding strategies, policies and guidelines that are tailored to your specific area of work and are relevant to the local cultural and social context. Areas of focus include child safeguarding in a digital age, in emergencies and the ethical use of a child's data in research and data collection activities. Our policy recommendations are based on our collective experience of delivering programmes and consider gender and disability inclusion. We also establish monitoring and evaluation guidelines to ensure that the policies stay fit for purpose.



TRAINING, COACHING & MENTORING

We help to embed policies and practice by delivering child safeguarding training, direct to your teams or through a train-the-trainer model. Our training can be adapted to boards, senior management teams or those working directly with communities. The training blends practical experience of the local context with knowledge of international safeguarding standards. We can provide ongoing advice and guidance as organisations and businesses implement their safeguarding practices.



CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN SAFE PROGRAMMING

Experience has shown us that when we put children at the centre of the planning process and enable them to have a meaningful role in creating the programmes that effect their lives, the results are stronger. We help organisations to work out how children can participate in developing, implementing and monitoring protection and safeguarding policies and practice.



STRENGTHENING ETHICAL BUSINESS POLICIES

The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) set out a business's responsibility for upholding human rights. The Children's Rights and Business Principles provide practical guidance for businesses on supporting children's rights. We can support the private sector to translate these guidelines into practical, accessible business policies to ensure that their business is doing no harm.



TAILOR-MADE SAFEGUARDING SOLUTION

We are able to develop tailored support for other organisations that comes from an understanding of what it's really like to try to implement good child protection and safeguarding practice in those countries. Every organisation has different needs. Once we understand your organisation and goals, we can create custom solutions and training programmes that will suit your organisation best.



CASE STUDY

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Can you start by explaining what a Locational Area Advisory Council is?

The Locational Area Advisory Councils (LAACs) are part of the Government structure of children's departments that deliver child protection strategies. We work directly with the children's department at the Ministry of Labour and Social protection. The structures come down from the National Council for Children's Services to the counties, sub-county, and then to the locations. LAACs do child protection activities on the ground and reports back to the Sub-county children officer for proper case data management. They hold community awareness events and talk to parents, teachers and children about child rights and make sure they know where to report abuse. My location is Dandora in the east lands of Nairobi. Dandora is a slum area which has the biggest dump site in East and Central Africa.

How did you first learn about Pendekezo Letu?

Pendekezo Letu were running child protection forums in the schools near the Dandora dump site. There are many problems with child abuse in the communities around the dump sites, so they work with the schools and provide training to teachers on child protection. On one occasion they invited a government official to attend a forum and that is how I came to hear about their work after that I introduced the importance of their work to my colleagues and also to other LAACs.

South2South Network partner, Pendekezo Letu, has been working with the Government representatives in Kenya to deliver training on child protection and safeguarding, legal consultancy and to co-host community events. Their work has helped staff to develop the skills and the systems and processes they need to be able to deliver the Government's national child protection strategy. We spoke to Joseph Kamithi of the Dandora slum Locational Area Advisory Council in Nairobi to find out more.

What was your situation before you worked with Pendekezo Letu?

We were not well equipped to help protect a child. We had knowledge of the situation, but we did not have the skills or systems we needed to help change it. And we did not have a partner to support on our different ventures. We were stuck. For example, we may know that a girl had been sexually abused on the dump site, but we did not know where to refer her or how to help her. We had no lawyer, so we did not know how to help children who were in trouble with the law. Our communities too didn't have supporting structures for children in need of care and protection.

How did the training help you?

We didn't have networking skills but now we understand the importance of working with others. We are improving our relationship with other stakeholders and we are working with them to improve child protection together. We had no referral system in place but now we have a process to follow if a child needs protection. We also didn't know how to report cases but now we have a database and we keep a main record of all those cases. We now help around 200 children a month. The communities we live and work in didn't

understand the essence of child protection, forms of child abuse and reporting channels whereas after the trainings, community awareness campaigns on child protection were organized and done by every LAAC supported by Pendekezo Letu. Families too were trained, supported and follow-up where child protection structures were weak or never existed.

How many government staff have Pendekezo Letu reached with their training?

Every LAAC is comprised of around 30 people. In my sub county, Njiru, we have eight locations so that is eight LAACs and every single staff member has been on a Pendekezo Letu training course so that is 240 people in my sub country alone. Njiru. But Pendekezo Letu is also working with Kasarani, Starehe, Kamukunji and Langata sub countries which in total have 23 LAACs and all of them have undergone vigorous training on child protection. From all those locations, Pendekezo Letu have trained two police officers from every police station from all the four sub-counties hence creating a good working relationship between the police and the 23 LAACs from diverse locations. Where we were is not where we are today. We are miles ahead because of Pendekezo Letu.

PARTNERS PROFILE



Pendekezo Letu, Kenya

For over 20 years, Pendekezo Letu (PKL) has been supporting street children and their families to escape extreme poverty and lead more fulfilling lives away from the streets and slums. We have developed a very successful rehabilitation programme that every year supports 100 girls to get away from the dumpsites and streets and into education. Their parents and siblings receive support too so that the whole family is strengthened. We also run a justice programme for children in conflict with the law, strengthen partners' capacity on child protection and are involved in child rights policy advocacy.

NETWORK PARTNERS





Sarah Mbira

Our uniqueness is our experience and our knowledge on how to engage the community and the government.

As Director of Pendekezo Letu, I oversee the implementation of all programme activities and I help to build a strong team that is experienced in child protection. What is unique about Pendekezo Letu is the approach that we use. We don't address issues that are affecting a child's development in isolation. We involve different people, the child, the immediate family, the community, other institutions, and of course the government. It's a holistic and rights-based approach.

We have very good experience in strengthening the capacity of the community members to protect the children within the community, but we have also been working very closely with the government department in charge of child protection and safeguarding. We also bring the experience of reintegration and child protection when looking at children who are being reunited with their families or leaving custody.

No one can say "I am 100 per cent expert". Being in the South2South Network means we are continuously learning and acquiring different methodologies for addressing different issues and we can work at scale. We are all implementers, we speak what we do, not what we hear. Our hands-on experience working with the children and communities will benefit our clients. They will learn from practical experience, not hearsay or from theory.



Esther Mwangi

We know and understand that the children belong to the community, and child protection has to happen from the community up.

My role as Communication and Advocacy Adviser works with networks which promote policy change that supports children and I contribute to reporting and learning. Before this, I was a Senior Social Worker at PKL for five years. I conducted child protection training for staff and partners, developed training manuals for specific groups – including teachers, community groups, NGOs and children – and coordinated child rights awareness campaigns in the slum areas.

What is most rewarding about our work is when you take a child from the slums or from the street where they were being abused or were traumatised, taking them through rehabilitation and seeing the transformation in the child, and their family. I have seen a child I have recruited completing primary school and going into secondary school and seen their parents coming out of the dumpsite and starting a business of their own. What is unique about Pendekezo Letu is our holistic approach. When we support the child, that child acts as an entry point to the family, and by proxy even to the community for maximum change.

My vision for the rights of children, especially in Kenya, is to have a system that works. In our context, the greatest challenge is lack of implementation of the laid-down policies. Kenya has one of the best child protection frameworks and policies, but they are rarely implemented. PKL has worked for a long time in the community and has used the community structures to really bring about change from the grassroots to the top.





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Global expertise, locally applied.

The rich diversity of our experience and geographical location enables us to provide global insight at a local level, with guidance rooted in practical application rather than boardroom theory.

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