

YALDA celebrates 100 Days of Volunteerism

The Youth Alliance for Leadership and Development in Africa (YALDA) celebrated 100 Days of Volunteerism. The celebrations were graced by Mr. Raouf Mazou, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. (UNHCR) Country Representative.

YALDA has for the past three months engaged in voluntary mentorship at the Bethsaida Children's Home in Githurai. The students also extended its community volunteer programme to Moi Avenue Primary School where members offered their talents and skills on a daily basis to support the vulnerable children.

In his remarks, Mr. Mazou congratulated YALDA for giving the youth a chance to practise their leadership skills. He noted that youth leadership is essential in transforming African nations. Mr. Mazou believes that the kind of education the students are getting, will prepare them for leadership positions in the future. He noted that people need educated leaders to show them direction. The world is in need of leadership. He challenged the students to rise and change the world. Mr. Mazou encouraged the youth to see Africa as the next frontier of development and not the western world.

Among the most active student groups, YALDA has attracted members from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Rwanda and Nigeria. YALDA is growing fast partly because they are vocal on youth leadership and advocacy, some of the issues key to the Africa Union Youth Leadership. Other activities YALDA has been involved in include environmental conservation and planting of over 1,000 trees. They have as well participated in clean up exercises of Arboretum and Karura Forest.

During the event, the outgoing Chairman of YALDA, Victor Uhuru, took the opportunity to hand over the mantle of leadership to the incoming Chairman, Victor Gesora.