



NAYIARI COMMUNITY INITIATIVE
Building Resilient, Equitable Communities.

Voices of Change; Women and Girls as agents of transformation.

About Us

Nayiari Community Initiative is an Indigenous, women-led, non-governmental, non-profit organization operating in Narok and Kajiado Counties, Kenya.

Nayiari is a Maasai word meaning “one who is sought after for help.” True to its name, Nayiari strives to be a place of hope, information, and empowerment for the communities we serve. We’re building a safe space where women and girls can explore and achieve their full potential.

Our overall goal is to:

- Enhance community resilience to the effects of climate change
- Conserve the environment
- Promote gender equality and equity
- To improve access to sexual and reproductive health for girls and women
- Advocate for maternal and infant health
- Preserve Maasai Indigenous knowledge

We achieve this through capacity building, advocacy, documentation, and information sharing. Nayiari works closely with schools, health centers, and communities, ensuring engagement at every stage.



Learners at Esupetai school

Our Achievement so far

- *Climate Change and Livelihoods*

Women often bear the responsibility of fetching water, collecting firewood, tending to the sick and elderly, and caring for children. Despite their critical roles in sustaining households, many women remain economically dependent on men, the situation worsening due to climate change disrupting traditional sources of livelihood.

In response, Nayiari is currently working with two women’s groups in Narok County to economically empower them through beadwork. This enables them to contribute to household income while fostering long-term community resilience.

Women’s empowerment has a ripple effect. When household poverty decreases, children gain access to necessities like education, and healthcare. Ultimately, empowered women build healthier communities.

- *Sexual and Reproductive health for girls and women*

Sexual and Reproductive Health Education for School Girls

Nayiari is implementing a comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) education program in three schools across Narok County. It targets both boys and girls, equipping them with accurate information, life skills, and the confidence to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.

Under this program Nayiari distributes sanitary kits to girls (containing sanitary pads and undergarments), and undergarments for boys, promoting dignity and school attendance for all.

Strengthening Maternal and Infant Health through County Partnerships

In collaboration with the county governments of Narok and Kajiado, Nayiari is supporting maternal and infant health efforts to enhance service delivery and health outcomes. Including raising awareness on maternal and child health, improving access to pre- and post-natal care, and advocating for strengthened health infrastructure.



Menstrual hygiene day celebrations

Our Vision:

Resilient, healthy, informed, and empowered communities living in a conducive environment.

Our Mission:

To build climate-adaptive and gender-responsive health services for women and girls; and document Maasai culture—while collaborating with like-minded individuals and organizations.

Our Core Values:

Integrity | Innovation | Inclusiveness | Transparency | Compassion

News and Events

● Shining a Light on Esupetai Comprehensive School

Located in the scenic Maji Moto/Naroosura plains of Narok County, Esupetai Comprehensive School is home to 640 students, including 269 girls, supported by 16 dedicated teachers.

Students come from the Maasai communities where families rely on livestock, but droughts and climate change have deepened poverty, forcing boys to herd livestock and girls to take on household duties instead of attending school.

Girls face severe challenges including walking up to 30 km to get to school, exposing them to wildlife attacks and sexual assault. Many lack basic necessities like sanitary pads, pushing some into transactional sex to meet these needs. In addition to cultural norms, teenage pregnancies and early marriages are common, perpetuating cycles of poverty and lost educational opportunities.

To help, the school has introduced a weekly boarding program (35 girls and 40 boys), though facilities are extremely lacking with classrooms turned into dorms, a makeshift bathroom for girls, and open-air showers for boys.

Together with the Narok County Government, Nayiari is seeking funding for proper boarding facilities. So far, our efforts at Esupetai and Naretunoi Academy include:

- Providing sanitary kits to 300+ girls.
- Delivering reproductive health education to 792 students.
- Planting 350+ trees on school grounds.

Progress has begun, but more is needed to give Esupetai students a safe and supportive learning environment.



Learners at Enkare Nairowua Secondary School perform a skit on early marriage



Charity Naserian, SRHR trainer

Events

- **Menstrual Hygiene Day:** The Nayiari team joined celebrations in Narok County, and were recognized as key partners in sexual and reproductive health education and donated sanitary kits.
- **Advisory Board Meeting:** On 26th July 2025, the Board held its first quarterly meeting, reviewed progress since March, and provided guidance on the way forward.
- **Africa Climate Summit:** With the Summit set for September 8 2025, Nayiari aims to sponsor two team members to participate, depending on funding.
- **School Support:** Provision of sanitary kits to four schools; Esupetai, Letukunyi, and Osero Lempere Comprehensive Schools in Narok County, and Inyonyorr Comprehensive School in Kajiado County.



Beadwork for livelihoods

Feature: Charity Naserian

Charity Naserian, a trained Primary School teacher from Narok County, volunteers at Nayiari during her free time as a sexual and reproductive health trainer. Her background in education and work with children makes her invaluable as she engages adolescents with empathy, clarity, and cultural sensitivity. We're fortunate to have her on our team especially as we continue to expand our work in schools across the Narok and Kajiado counties