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Grace Kariuki is an International Relations and Diplomacy student from Maseno University an intern with KEFEADO (Kenya Female Advisory Organisation) and student of West Kenya Deaf Development Groups. She is passionate about transformational leadership creating positive change in the world she lives in. Grace has served several leadership positions that has brought considerable positive change; Youth senate in Mombasa County, Finance Secretary of Student Organization of Maseno University and Vice-president Advocacy and Partnership in the African Student Council. Through Miss Maseno University and First Runners-up Miss World Kenya Grace has been able to carry out several community projects close to her heart; HEALTHY MOTHER, HEALTHY CHILD CAMPAIGN to fight obstetric fistula, economically empower women affected by HIV/AIDS and Discussions on psychosocial effects of Gender Based Violence. Grace has volunteered with organizations such as NGEK (National Gender and Equality Commission) and United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

She is a Kenyan born Eritrean, her parents became refugees in Kenya due to the Ethiopian-Eritrean Border conflict. She therefore grew-up obliged to create a world of peace and harmony. This cultivated her interest in being participant of the Peace Building Institute's training. She is a firm believer of 'peace being an alternative to war and non-violence being seen as an antidote to violence' .She is a trained peer educator, community Mobilizer and a youth activist .She will use my leadership skills and my experience to preach in my home.