



Horn of Africa
Institute for Peace
and Security

Somali Youth Peace Ambassadors Program:

Concept:

The Somali Youth Peace Ambassadors Program is a pioneering initiative aimed at empowering young leaders to become agents of positive change and advocates for peace and security in Somalia. Through specialized training, community engagement, and mentorship, the program seeks to cultivate a network of youth peace ambassadors who will champion peacebuilding efforts, promote conflict resolution, and drive community development initiatives across the country.

Program Objectives:

1. Empower Somali youth with the knowledge, skills, and resources to promote peace, conflict resolution, and community development.
2. Foster a network of youth peace ambassadors committed to advocating for peacebuilding and social cohesion within their communities.
3. Provide opportunities for youth leaders to engage in collaborative projects and initiatives that address local peace and security challenges.

Program Components:

1. Training and Workshops: Specialized training sessions and workshops focused on conflict resolution, mediation, leadership, and community engagement.
2. Community Projects: Support for youth-led initiatives and projects addressing local peace and security challenges and promoting dialogue among diverse communities.
3. Advocacy and Awareness Campaigns: Empower youth ambassadors to lead advocacy and awareness campaigns on peacebuilding, human rights, and social justice issues in their schools and communities.
4. Mentorship and Networking: Facilitate mentorship opportunities and networking events to connect youth ambassadors with experienced peacebuilders, educators, and community leaders.

Program Requirements:

1. **Participating Institutions:** Educational institutions, including universities and schools, committed to promoting peace, security, and community development.
2. **Engagement:** Willingness to engage students and young leaders in specialized training, community projects, and advocacy initiatives.
3. **Collaboration:** Commitment to collaborate with the Horn of Africa Institute for Peace and Security to implement the program and support youth peace ambassadors.
4. **Active Youth Organizations:** Engagement with active youth organizations committed to youth development and community engagement.
5. **Women Organizations:** Collaboration with women organizations dedicated to promoting gender equality, women's empowerment, and peacebuilding.
6. **Graduates:** Involvement of recent graduates interested in contributing to community development and peacebuilding efforts.

Membership Requirements:

- **Age Group:** The program is open to individuals aged 18 to 30 who are passionate about promoting peace, conflict resolution, and community development.
- **Commitment:** Members are expected to demonstrate a commitment to the program's objectives and actively participate in training, community projects, and advocacy activities.

How to Participate:

Educational institutions, active youth organizations, women organizations, recent graduates, and individuals within the specified age group interested in participating in the Somali Youth Peace Ambassadors Program are invited to express their interest by contacting the program coordinators at info@hoaips.org

Next Steps:

We encourage all interested parties to join us in empowering the next generation of leaders to contribute to a peaceful and prosperous future for Somalia. Together, we can make a meaningful impact on peace and security in the region.