

Ms. Neema ICYISHATSE is a Program Officer at AKWOS.

Neema is an Alumni of Young Citizen Training Program Participant at FES Rwanda for 2021 cohort, a young leader who is committed to create safe spaces for young girls and women by focusing on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, Gender Based Violence Prevention, Leadership skills, Taking action to climate change and she is strongly believing that education and gender equality is the most important thing to the development and social change to any community by amplifying females' voices, redressing gender inequality and its stereotypes.

She is that kind of a person who is always ready to serve, learn and grow whatever the situation. She has a leadership background from girl guiding movement worldwide where she volunteered and took leadership courses in Mexico City, Muscat- Oman, Kampala - Uganda, Nairobi – Kenya.

In her eight (**8**) working experiences with non-governmental organizations (**NGOs**), she served as National Membership Growth Coordinator and Grow up Smart project Coordinator at Rwanda Girl Guides Association/Organization.

- A 6 months trainer of Masoro Leaping Project at Mind leaps International – Rwanda in Rulindo district.
- Sexual Reproductive Health Rights Project Officer at Rwandan Organization of Women with Disabilities (UNABU) for 1 year.
- Project Officer for Improved Child Rights Governance in Rwanda project at Children's Voice Today Organization (CVT) in Northern province.
- She is a mentor and facilitator to Girls Leadership Program in East Africa through Sauti ya Dada program at CLUB Rafiki Youth Friendly Center under support of Creative Action Institute (CAI) an international organization working to catalyzes community driven solutions that advance gender equality and build a sustainable planet with more than 300 young adolescents 'girls.

Neema ICYISHATSE is a proudly feminist muslimah, a passionate young leader and mentor who believe in gender equality promotion and that solutions come from team work and lifting each other for a better empowerment driving to the common goals.