Youth Exchange trip in Kenya

WEWORLD AND THE #REBOOTFOOD PROJECT

WeWorld is an **independent Italian organisation** engaged in development cooperation and humanitarian aid projects over the last 50 years, operating today in more than 20 countries. Over the last year, WeWorld has carried out over 160 projects, reaching **over 5.6 million people**, in Afghanistan, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Jordan, Italy, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Moldova, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Palestine, Peru, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Syria, Thailand, Tanzania, Tunisia, and Ukraine. **Children, women, and young people, agents of change in every community, are at the centre** of WeWorld's projects and campaigns in the following areas of intervention: access to water hygiene, and sanitation; education; food security, livelihoods and local development; gender and protection; environment and climate.

The **Rebooting the Food System** project (#RebootFood) aims to raise awareness, engage and mobilise **younger generations across the European Union as active agents of change towards more equitable, sustainable and inclusive global food systems**. Through #RebootFood, WeWorld wants to combine campaigns, youth mobilization, advocacy research to put social and environmental justice, the principles of agroecology, and policies for the protection of human and environmental rights in agri-food production chains at the center. The project is co-funded by the **European Union's DEAR programme** and works together with a broad coalition of partners from different EU countries and beyond.

In 2026, as part of the WeWorld Academy's activities, the project includes two exchange trips that offer a select group of young people aged 18 to 35 **free of charge** to travel with WeWorld to Kenya and Tanzania, in collaboration with our offices in both countries. **The 8 people selected from Italy and the 2 people chosen from other partner countries of the project #RebootFood** will have the opportunity to leave together with two WeWorld Italia staff, in a profound experience of exchange and growth of **approximately 10 days.**

THE YOUTH EXCHANGE TRIP IN KENYA IN JUNE 2026

The trip to Kenya is an **intense international experience of learning, exchange and youth activism.**

The aim is to promote youth activism and participation in all its facets (in communities, territories and digital spaces, in an individual and collective form) on the project's topics. We want to support **conscious, decolonial, intersectional activism**. How? Through exchanges with young people, movements and local organisations active in the countries on relevant issues, the visit and first-hand knowledge of dynamics, issues, good practices and initiatives.

The program, still under development, has been designed together with WeWorld staff in Kenya, with contributions from several local and international stakeholders. Joining us as local

co-facilitator will be **Lydia Kingeru**, Kenyan activist and researcher passionate about climate change and gender equality, participant with WeWorld at COP30 last November 2025.

The trip, completely free of charge for participants, will take place **from 8 to 17 June in Nairobi** and will bring together young people from Italy, European partner countries of the project and Kenya.

Practices of political participation and youth activism, environmental justice, gender equality and agri-food systems: these are some of the issues that will be addressed over the 10 days in Nairobi.

Apply by March 24th by filling out the form in English and attaching your CV.

https://forms.office.com/e/nB0anM1D1z

WeWorld will select the foreseen 10 participants **by April 2nd.**

GOALS AND TOPICS OF THE TRIP

- **To provide a concrete and enriching international opportunity for exchange,** networking and alliances among young social and environmental justice activists, from Italy and Kenya
- **Strengthening youth activism and participation skills** in Italy and Kenya, , deconstructing power dynamics and promoting gender and decolonial approaches
- **Support the campaign and advocacy messages** of the #Reboot project and WeWorld programmes for social and environmental justice in Italy/Europe and for youth and gender empowerment in Kenya

WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO

The focus of the experience is the Youth Activism Hub: a 3-day conference that will bring together young people from Kenya, Italy and 2 other European countries, associations, civil society actors and experts/s actively engaged/s on the local and national level.

The Hub will be in Nairobi **combining thematic workshops, interactive sessions, peer exchanges and moments of collective reflection and networking.**

The programme also includes visits to WeWorld offices and projects, meetings with civil society organizations and institutions, visits to community initiatives and projects related to agriculture, sustainable food production and distribution, but also guided nature and cultural activities to understand the local and national context.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This experience is conceived as part of a **broader journey of participation, activism and advocacy promoted by WeWorld as part of the project #RebootFood.**

The experience will combine moments of collective learning, workshops, visits and informal exchanges, with the aim of promoting mutual understanding in different contexts, rather than transferring "skills" in one direction only.

Through direct meetings with people actively engaged in social and environmental struggles, participants will be invited to reflect on power dynamics, global inequalities, and the role of European activism from a global perspective.

During and after the trip, participating individuals will also contribute to awareness-raising, communication, and advocacy activities related to the #RebootFood project and WeWorld campaigns, helping to translate the experience into concrete actions, narratives, and alliances in Europe.

The focus is on **building long-term connections**, shared political awareness, and collective responsibility, rather than individual visibility or achievement.

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We are looking for people with a strong spirit of adaptation, passionate about social and environmental justice issues, eager to open their perspectives on activism and active citizenship through exchange and discussion, and who are willing to contribute to broadening the project's messages #RebootFood.

Before departure, in May, selected participants will have to participate in **two preparatory webinars** to introduce topics, activities, and information on context and security. These moments are essential for building a shared framework, aligning perspectives, listening, and preparing for respectful and conscious engagement with the local context.

During the trip, participating people are required to **actively contribute** to group dynamics, exchanges with local partners, and collective work. The ability to adapt, work in groups, and move in complex contexts is considered essential.

After the trip, our invitation is **to continue your active citizenship paths on the themes of the project #RebootFood.** By joining the WeWorld Academy community, you'll also have new channels and opportunities to do so!

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY

- Age: 18-35 years
- Passport valid for expatriation
- English language proficiency above a B2 level

- Domicile in Italy (up to 8 people) and Europe (up to 2 people)
- Adherence to WeWorld values and principles and #Reboot
- Prior knowledge on climate change issues, social justice, women's leadership, theory and practice of youth activism and participation
- Soft skills: spirit of adaptation, team building
- Motivation and commitment to contribute before, during and after the trip to social and environmental justice initiatives promoted by WeWorld and its allies
- Diligence in complying with regulations, especially those relating to safety - WeWorld Kenya's responsibilities
- Previous experience and/or technical-professional expertise on participation processes, activism and advocacy for social and environmental justice, and/or communication (journalism, social media, podcasts)

In the selection process, WeWorld will promote the diversification of group members (gender, type of previous experience, skills and background). For applicants from Italy, attention will be given to those who have joined the WeWorld Academy initiatives related to social and environmental justice issues.

LOGISTICS, SECURITY AND CULTURAL ASPECTS

All major logistics (flights, accommodation, local transportation and program) will be coordinated by WeWorld in close collaboration with its local headquarters and partners in Kenya. Participants will receive detailed logistical information well in advance of departure**, but timely cooperation and passport validity are required to arrange everything within the scheduled timeframe.**

Security is a key priority throughout the process. Prior to departure, participants will attend specific briefings on the national context, safety protocols and behavioral guidelines. During their stay, participants are required to follow WeWorld's safety regulations and coordinate travel and activities with the group and local staff. Compliance with these guidelines is a fundamental condition for participation.

From a cultural perspective, participants are encouraged to approach the experience with curiosity, respect, and awareness of themselves and others.

This includes focusing on local contexts, norms, and social sensitivities, avoiding extractive or stereotypical behaviors, and critically reflecting on one's position as a visitor from Europe.