

Youth Fund, Forum Civ and ILO Partners Collaborate to Boost Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship

Nairobi, 23 January 2025; Youth Fund CEO, Josiah Moriasi, met with Forum Civ Regional Manager Jackson Obare and a representative from the International Labour Organization to discuss areas of collaboration in the second phase of the Public Private Development Partnership (PPDP) for Inclusive Decent Employment and Livelihoods.

Key areas of potential partnership identified included funding for youth-led enterprises, capacity building in entrepreneurship and finance, facilitating market access, providing commercial asset financing for youth businesses in sectors like agriculture and tourism, exploring avenues for labor migration and training YEDF credit officers on ILO tools.

Reflecting on the first phase implemented in Nakuru, Narok and Kajiado, Mr. Obare noted key achievements, including the creation of over 1,000 jobs and improved access to enterprise support services. Phase Two (2024-2028) will scale up successful approaches by leveraging public-private partnerships and market-driven solutions.

Mr. Moriasi reaffirmed the Fund’s commitment to supporting youth economic development through partnerships. "Youth empowerment goes beyond just creating jobs; it is about building sustainable livelihoods. We are excited about this potential partnership as it allows us to leverage expertise and equip young people with the tools they need to succeed." he said

