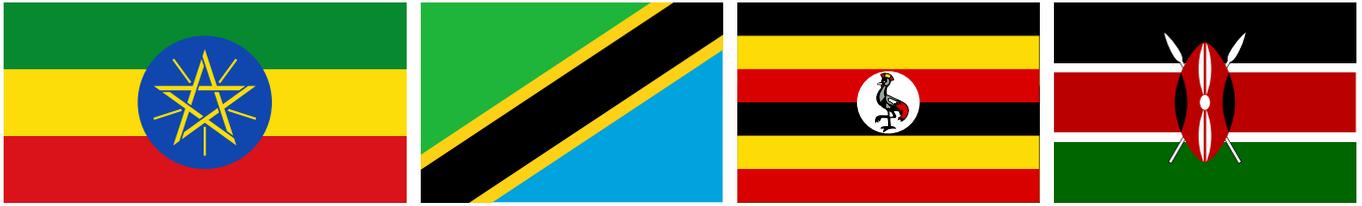


The Professional Fellows Program on Inclusive Civic Engagement



Spring 2023 Professional Fellow



Clara Sima Muchunguzi Program Coordinator, Restless Development

“My engagement with the Fellowship Program is an opportunity to further advance my knowledge on inclusive civic engagement. The shared lived experience from other Fellows is a great avenue to adopt some new ways of doing things in the sector that I will take up in my country for better results.”

Clara works as a program coordinator for [Restless Development](#), a nonprofit global organization that supports the collective power of young leaders to bring about positive change in their communities through youth training and empowerment, community mobilization, youth-led accountability, youth-led research, and other initiatives.

For the past six years, Clara has been leading the implementation of various youth development programs. This includes the Kijana Wajibika or Youth Be Responsible program that mobilizes youth, particularly youth with disabilities, to be at the center of development and governance processes and to drive accountability and responsiveness from their government on matters that concern them. The program engages these youth in researching issues and trains them to effectively use the results in dialogues with key stakeholders.

Prior to joining Restless Development, Clara worked as a monitoring and evaluation officer for the consultancy work with Catholic Relief Society – Tanzania Office.

Clara holds a bachelor’s degree in political science and public administration from the University of Dodoma. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in research and public policy at the University of Dar es Salaam.

Addressing the misrepresentation of youth with disabilities in decision-making processes, Clara’s follow-on project aims to advocate and create more opportunities and platforms for these youth to actively participate and meaningfully engage in decision-making and speak up on matters that affect their lives. Clara plans to work with 40 youth with disabilities and their parents to raise awareness on their civic rights and responsibilities. Additionally, she plans to train 20 local government leaders to improve their knowledge on inclusive civic engagement. Clara’s follow-on project builds on and extends her current work at Restless Development, specifically the Kijana Wajibika program.

Clara will complete a four-week Fellowship placement training with the University of Alaska Anchorage’s [Center for Human Development \(CHD\)](#) in Anchorage, Alaska.

