## **Jerop Limo**



Jerop Limo is a 24-year-old HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) activist from Kenya. She is the Executive Director of the Ambassador for Youth and Adolescent Reproductive Health Program (AYARHEP).

Drawing from her personal experience of living with HIV since childhood, Jerop has been passionately advocating to advance the health and well-being of young people living with HIV, including calling for better pediatric treatment options for children and adolescents living with HIV, and pushing for more peer educators to support young people navigating the challenges of living with HIV from an early age.

She is driven by her strong belief that young people can design, lead, and shape a future where no young person living with HIV feels limited by their status. Instead, they can live fulfilling lives, free from stigma and discrimination and participate meaningfully in their communities for better health for all.

Jerop participates and dedicates her time to representing her community at national, regional, and global decision-making levels, ensuring that the voice of young people living with HIV is heard. She advocates for youth-led and youth-focused solutions as a board member of the National Network of People Living with HIV in Kenya, the National Network of Young People Living with HIV in Kenya, the National Network of TB Champions, and the Young Women HIV Prevention Council. Her NGO, AYARHEP, is affiliated with Y+ Global Network.

## **MEDIA ENGAGEMENT AND FEATURE STORIES**

Jerop is an experienced public speaker, and she has appeared on various multimedia platforms speaking on socio-economic issues affecting young people, including HIV and the right to health.

- "Adolescent girls are six times as likely to acquire HIV than boys in Eastern and Southern Africa, where rates of early pregnancy and gender-based violence are some of the world's highest" Read more: <a href="https://www.unicef.org/esa/press-releases/adolescent-girls-are-six-times-likely-acquire-hiv-boys-eastern-and-southern-africa">https://www.unicef.org/esa/press-releases/adolescent-girls-are-six-times-likely-acquire-hiv-boys-eastern-and-southern-africa</a>
- "HIV and COVID-19: the story of Jerop from Kenya" Read more: <a href="https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/hiv-and-covid-19-the-story-of-jerop-from-kenya">https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/hiv-and-covid-19-the-story-of-jerop-from-kenya</a>

## **AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW**

English

## **SPECIALITIES & SUB SUBSPECIALITIES**

- HIV and AIDS
- Youth participation
- Gender equality
- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- Climate change
- Human Rights