



NALISOA ANDRIANARIVO
YMCA Madagascar

30 years of age or under on 4 July 2022? Yes

BIOGRAPHY

Nalisoa wants to be the voice of young people and put her skills and experience to the service of the World YMCA for the benefit of her peers.

She is currently finalizing her Masters degree in Education science from the University of Antananarivo, and holds a bachelor degree in Education science specialized in languages teaching from the same University.

For two years, Nalisoa has worked as a consultant with CBM Madagascar and as such has provided language translation and interpretation during conferences, focus groups, workshops concerning inclusive education and Disability Inclusion Development.

She currently works as a pedagogical advisor within Baliaka Education group in which she works with 40 primary schools all around Madagascar in order to improve the quality of education provided.

Nalisoa joined YMCA Madagascar in 2016 as a young member of the YMCA Urban Environment Club as she was passionate about the protection of the environment. In 2017, she became one of the leaders of the club and in 2018 was selected to be part of the young advocate for change program, a program of the African Alliance of YMCAs. Based in YMCA Zimbabwe and with the support of the local branch manager, she implemented different activities related to transformative masculinity, members recruitment, and establishing different youth power space activities. The same efforts were made during her follow-up activities back at her local YMCA. The creation of the Y-quiz club that aims at enhancing young people's knowledge through different quizzes and games was part of that plan.

In 2019, Nalisoa was chosen to be part of the African Alliance of YMCA's S2C Ambassadors. This role consisted in spreading the Subject to Citizen Philosophy and to gather Malagasy young people's voice and thoughts about the possible "future scenarios" for the African continent.

She was also part of the fourth cohort of Change Agents of the World Alliance of YMCAs and her project was focused on establishing High Y-clubs in different high schools. Those High Y-Clubs were meant to educate in-schools youth about different topics such as: transformative masculinity, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, Initiation to Entrepreneurship and Subject to Citizen Philosophy.

Nalisoa believes the YMCA, from her Y-club, national movement, area alliance, to the World Alliance has given her space to grow. The trust and the faith the Y put in her through these different experiences have built and enhanced her personal confidence and helped Nalisoa believe that she can participate in the empowerment of her peers and community. In return, Nalisoa will give her time, talent and treasure in the service of the YMCA and her peers.

