



**FROM MS13 TO AL-SHABAAB :
SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN RESILIENCY
FACTORS FOR YOUTH LIVING
WITH HIGH LEVELS OF VIOLENCE
STUDY HIGHLIGHTS**

Comparative Youth Violence Study

Kenya & Honduras



- **Purpose:** To compare multiple resiliency factors displayed by youth participating in youth development programs in Central America (Honduras) and the Horn of Africa (North East Kenya)
- Little data on resiliency outside of North America
- Little attempt to compare and contrast regions to share experiences and lessons learned

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Methodology:

- Child and Youth Resilience Measure (CYRM-28)
(CYRM-28) - a measure of the resources (individual, relational, communal and cultural) available to individuals that may bolster their resilience.
 - 3 scales (individual, caregiver, and context) with 8 subscales
- Focus groups
- Document review

Draft Findings

Resiliency Scores

	Honduras (EDC)	North East Kenya (EDC)	Canada (RRC)
Overall CYRM-28	109.20 (78%)	112.00 (80%)	108.60 (78%)
CYRM-28 Female	110.60 (79%)	111.25 (79%)	111.96 (80%)
CYRM-28 Male	106.19 (76%)	112.94 (81%)	105.45 (75%)

Draft Findings



- Higher resiliency scores in Kenya than in Honduras
- Higher scores for North East Kenya relate largely to responses on the Individual Peer Support, Caregiver Psychological and Spiritual Context.
- Overall in North East Kenya males scored marginally higher than females, while in Honduras females scored marginally higher than males.

Subscale Data

<u>Subscale (Scale):</u> _I = Individual CA= Caregiver CO = Context)	<u>RRC</u> <u>data</u> <u>(Canada)</u>	<u>Honduras</u>	<u>Kenya</u>
Personal Skills (I)	80%	80%	80%
Peer Support (I)	83%	68%	76%
Social Skills (I)	84%	78%	78%
Physical Caregiving (CA)	84%	74%	76%
Psychological Caregiving (CA)	78%	78%	84%
Spiritual (CO)	62%	76%	84%
Education (CO)	80%	84%	82%
Cultural (CO)	83%	80%	84%

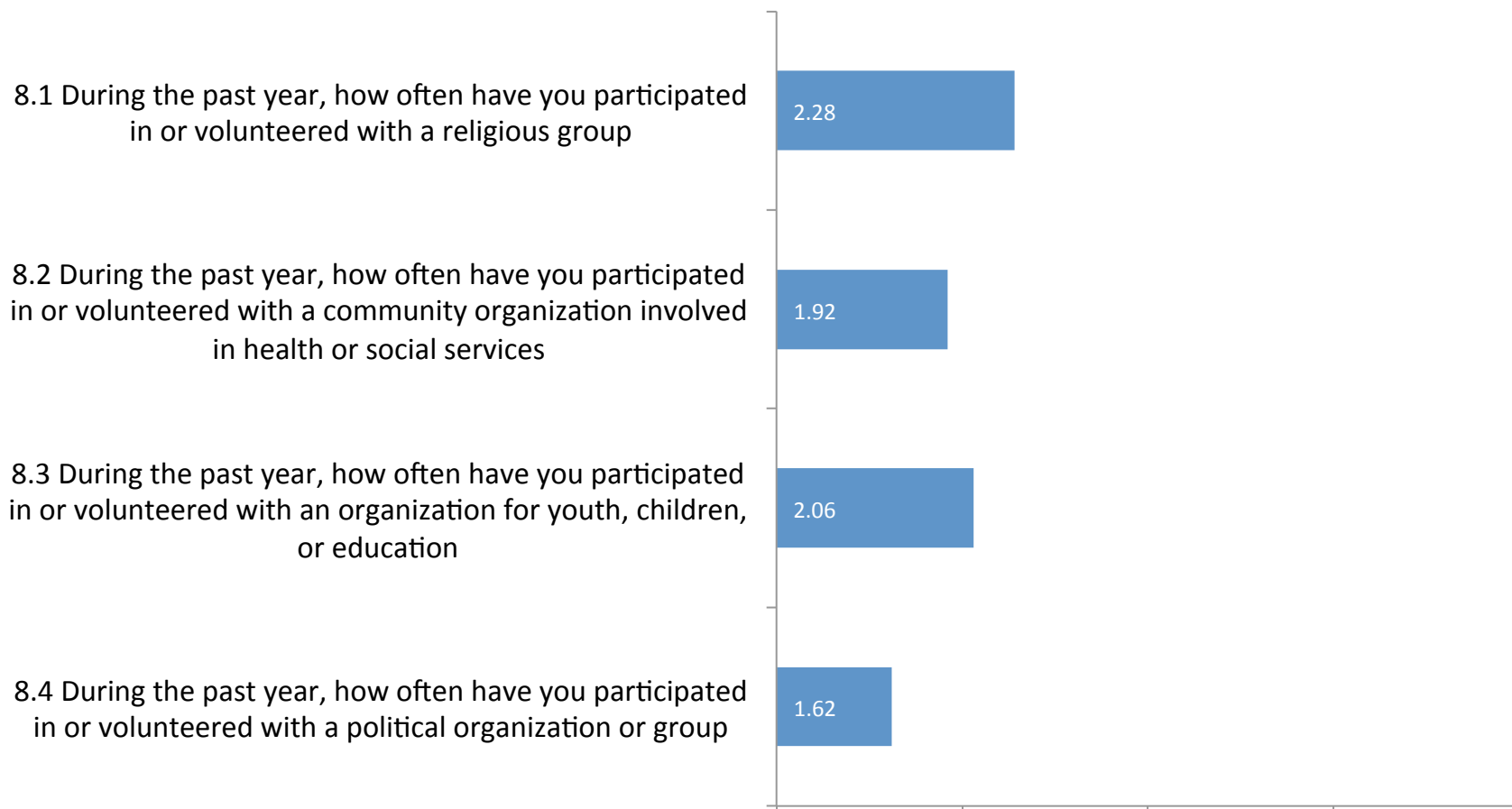
Yes Youth Can – North Eastern Kenya

Baseline Data



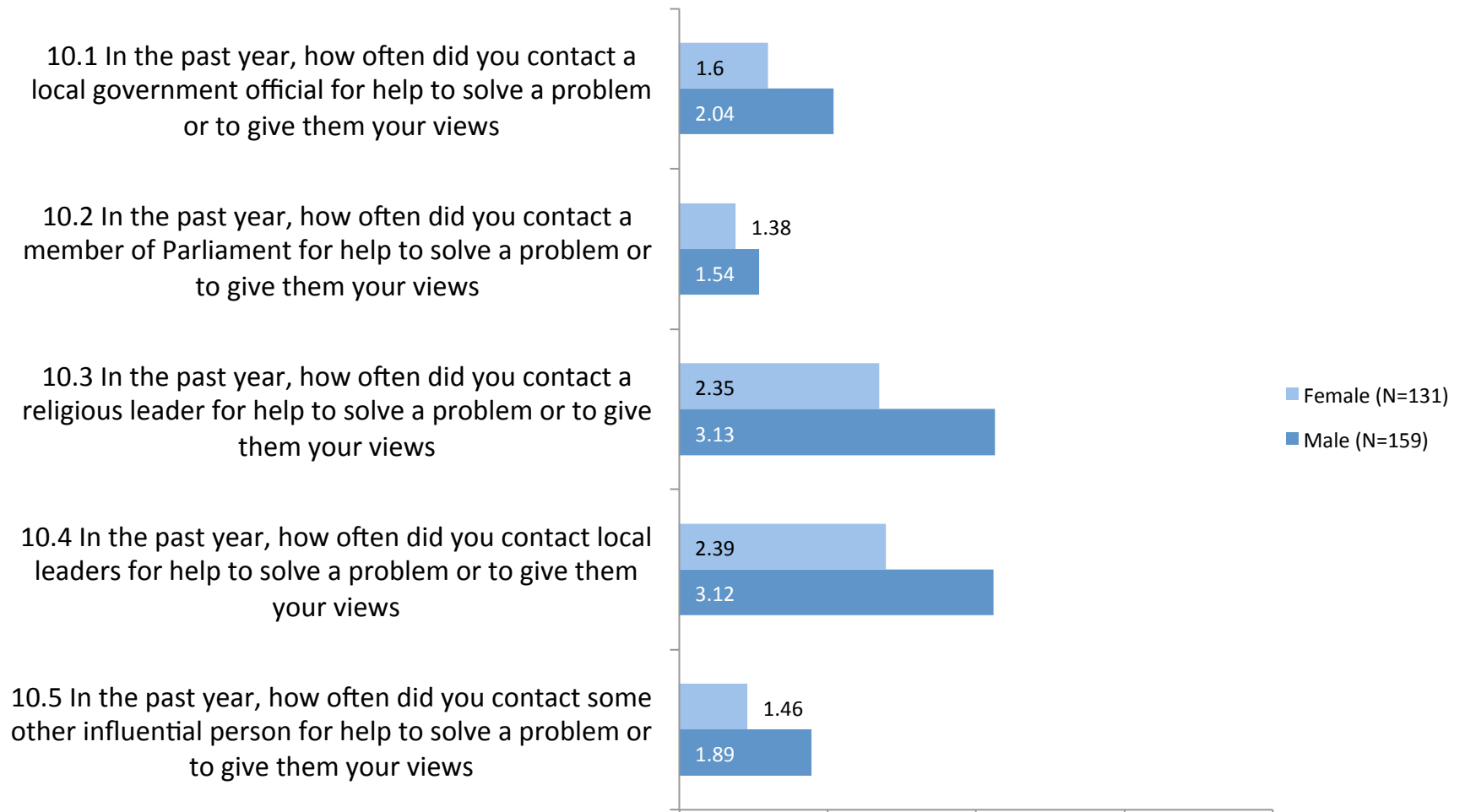
- Role of Religion in youth's civic engagement
 - More respondents reported engaging with local and religious leaders than those in government.
- Role of education—higher civic engagement among higher educated youth
- Higher civic engagement among male youth

Yes Youth Can – North Eastern Kenya Baseline Data



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Program Considerations/Implications



- Build on community cohesion and pride
- Make the most of optimism
- Enhance cooperation with religious leaders and institutions
- Promote peace, reconciliation, interfaith, and interfaith programs
- Emphasize the role of parents and caregivers
- Encourage cross-region knowledge sharing