

Progress Reports of the Youth Movement for Peace and Non-Violence August 2007- March 2009

The Life-Link Friendship-Schools;

The youth Movement was invited by the life-link to attend the International Life-Link conference in Uppsala Sweden of Which In Africa Foundation contributed in the travel of the four members which include the National Director and three young members who attended and a copy of the report of the conference was sent to the In Africa Foundation by the Life-Link head office.

The YMPNV delegation participated by given reports of the LL activities in Sierra Leone in which the Sierra Leone had a tree planting exercise around the Freetown axis. We also learned from other youths new ways of peace promotions and conflict of which is now replicated in schools were the Life-link is existing.

Youth for Youth Projects and the World Youth Citizens:

The YMPNV and the WYC had a partnership wherein the YMPNV produce locally made clothes and artifact to be sold in Germany and Australia by the United Nations Students Association based at the University of Queensland in Brisbane. In this we have a lot problems as transporting these items are very difficult as we could only send items to Australia when we have an intern from Australia as the cost for postage is very expensive as for Germany it is a bit better as sometimes we take along these items personally when attending the International Conferences in Europe. The YMPNV is always part of the team that give lectures and training and exhibition of product from Sierra Leone and that of the posters from the In Africa Foundation so as to promote the partnership of both Parties in Karlsruhe Germany annually except last year when the YMPNV Board decided that we are not participating when the organizers decided not to provide hotel for the Sierra Leone team. But this year we have come to an agreement that they will provide and will be consulting the In Africa Foundation for permission and we hope they will agree to give young people the required opportunity to broaden their horizon.

Fishing and Agriculture

The Fishing and agricultural project is the back bone of the YMPNV in Sierra Leone as we do not have a fixed funder as yet. These projects are self-sustained project in a sense we use proceeds from them to help build the capacities of both the members and the sustainability of the running cost of the office and the provision of tools and material needed to operate the projects. The fishing is not actually running at the targeted scale of the YMPNV as the materials needed are not accessible as the cost for better and advance

ones is very expensive thus limiting our produce. The agriculture is the same problem we are facing as the materials for the huge production is not available and as we have only five months for agriculture in Sierra Leone makes it very difficult in having enough times and materials to provide for the project to make it more productive. We have developed project proposal already forwarded to the In Africa Foundation for possible funding but we are yet to hear from them as they are still looking for funds.

Water for Life project:

This is the project that is making a very serious impact on young people as we produce about 200 bundles which contains 20 packets each everyday and this is in turn given to about 165 young people for sale at a very cost recovery price they will later sell at reasonable price so that they can pay back to the YMPNV and keep the profit for their schools and basic needs to upkeep themselves.

The YMPNV is at the moment looking for ways how we can improve on the production of more water which is good for the health of the general public. We at the moment trying to get a water production machine that produce 1000 packet of water per hour. With this also we are looking forward to the IAF for support.

The Orphanage

The YMPNV also embarked on small housing facility for the accommodation of raped young girls who suffered greatly in the hands of The Revolutionary United Front (RUF REBELS) and the Arm Forces Revolutionary Front (AFRC). We do cater for their Education through the support of the IN AFRICA FOUNDATION our Partners in Australia.

The Homeless World Cup Melbourne 2008;

The YMPNV made the National selection of participants for HWC in Australia in November 2008. The IAF pledged all financial obligations to participate in this all important occasion. The YMPNV was responsibility for the training and provision of materials needed to enable the team to be in that world cup. Mr. Mohamed KALLON the national team Captain for Sierra Leone (Leone stars) helped in the provision of footballs and other sporting gears for the team and he has accepted to pay a coach for the training of the team, he also allocated his premises to the team camp at Lungi and his sporting old school complex for nights as he has a training field were young people meet for training and this is exclusively for the Homeless team until we left for Melbourne.

International Conferences:

The YMPNV because of its activities is always invited to participate in International Forums, seminars and conferences of which we are strong stakeholders in all. In the name of promoting Sierra Leone in the Diasporas and in return learning of new ways to be replicated among youths of Sierra Leone, all these traveling have been supported by the In Africa Foundation.

Recently we have attended about four conferences which have seen about fifteen to twenty members benefit from Sierra Leone. And we are looking forward to the support of all our well wishers especially the IAF. Our delegates have been very instrumental on International trainings and Conferences.

In September, 2008, some of our members attended the **OAVM** "Lets meet African and do business" conference in the Netherlands. In November 2008 members of our organization attended the Conflict impact Assessment training organized by the Swedish International Development Association (**SIDA**).

In February, 2009 two Members namely Alpha Umaru Bah and Aruna Rashid Kamara attended the Gender and Development training in Hannosand, Sweden a training organized by **SIDA** .

We are also in Partnership with Kate Kumbo's Peace Jam Foundation and our delegates witnessed the Global Call to Action Conference in Los Angeles,2008 (10 -13 September,2008) organized by **PECAE JAM FOUNDATION**

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