

ANPPCAN LIBERIA

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We are seeking partnership and collaboration in strengthening our capacity technically and financially to prevent and respond to violence against women and children. We would also be interested in learning and sharing experiences between our two organizations. Please find below background information on ANPPCAN Liberia. We are available if you need further information.

1.0 MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

The African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and neglect (ANPPCAN) Liberia Chapter, was founded in the late 2001. It is the national chapter of ANPPCAN, a pan-African child rights organization founded in 1986 in Enugu Nigeria, with the head office in Nairobi, Kenya. It is legally registered in Liberia as a national Non-Governmental and Non-profit Organization.

Our mission is to enhance child rights protection through building capacities of the local communities, professional groups and governments to protect their own children.

1.1 To actualize this mission, ANPPCAN Liberia carries out activities aimed at achieving the following objectives: -

- To promote education as a basic right of children.
- To convene and participate in national, regional (continental) and international forums dealing with promotion of the rights of children.
- To enhance awareness on child rights and child protection in Liberia
- To promote safe drinking water and sanitation in schools and communities
- To combat the worst forms of child labour
- Share best practices emerging from successful programs implemented by sister ANPPCAN Chapters in Africa
- Advocate for non-discrimination of children based on gender and disability.
- To combat HIV/AIDS through promoting preventive measures and mobilize community support of children orphaned through death of parents related to the syndrome.

- ❑ Mobilize communities to child protection through supporting creation of child protection teams and training on community organizing, child rights.
- ❑ Enhance child participation in decision making that affect them
- ❑ Advocate for enabling policy environment for implementation of child protection programs.
- ❑ To promote the rights of women against Gender Based Violence

1.2 Since its inception in 2001, ANPPCAN Liberia has made notable accomplishments, which include:

- ❑ Previous efforts by ANPPCAN to address issues of child abuse and neglect in Liberia include a Sub-Regional Conference on Children in Situation of Armed Conflict in West Africa, March, 1996, Monrovia , Liberia , organized in partnership with YMCA Liberia
- ❑ Successfully advocated for ratification of the ILO Convention 182 on the worst forms of child labor in 2002 by the Liberian government.
- ❑ Media advocacy on child rights and child protection through regular radio programs
- ❑ Creation of child rights clubs in schools and communities
- ❑ Held regular training sessions for peer counselors on child rights
- ❑ Trained UN Civilian Police as trainers on child rights and child protection.
- ❑ Training of the New Liberian Police Service on child protection
- ❑ Develop a training manual on child rights and child protection for use by the Liberia Police Academy and eventual infusion into the regular police-training curriculum.
- ❑ Developed Guidelines for the Police on Child Rights, Child Protection and Juvenile Justice
- ❑ Advocate on Education for All in partnership with other Liberian NGOs (Liberia National Campaign on EFA)
- ❑ Training on human rights (child rights component) for the ex-combatants in the cantonment sites in the DDDR process of 2004.
- ❑ Advocate for Policy on Child Labour through membership in the National Commission on Child Labour Monitoring and Management
- ❑ Advocate for early childhood education through membership in the National Task Force on Integrated Early Childhood Development
- ❑ Carried out hygiene promotion in 19 public schools in Montserrado County with support from UNICEF
- ❑ Established Child Friendly Neighborhood Assemblies in Montserrado, Margibi and Bomi Counties in promoting the rights of children with support from the Norwegian Human Rights Fund 2005
- ❑ Continued participation in the ANPPCAN South South Exchange of Personnel Program from 2003 - Present

- ❑ Carried out Rapid Assessment on the situation of children on rubber farms in Bomi, Margibi and Bong Counties with support from UNICEF 2005
- ❑ Conducted children dialogue on Africa fit for Children in Liberia , with support of the African Union
- ❑ Cassava production for single mothers in rural Montserrado County with partnership with US Embassy, 2007 - present
- ❑ Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Schools in Montserrado County with support from UNICEF 2006 - Present
- ❑ Awareness Raising on the Rape and Inheritance Laws among community members and police officers, 2007 -2008 with support from UNIFEM
- ❑ Enhancing Women Friendly Policing among Internal Security Officers and Community Members, 2007 - 2009 with support from UNIFEM
- ❑ Human Rights Youth Participation Project, with support from UNDP Human Rights Act Project, 2009
- ❑ Monitoring, reporting and documentation of child rights, (still seeking partnership)
- ❑ Support for HIV/AIDS Orphans, Households, and vulnerable children, 2008 - present
- ❑ Child Labor Campaign 2006 - Present

ANPPCAN Liberia are audited annually (internally) and upon request by donors (externally).

2.2 ANPPCAN LIBERIA STRENGTHS

- ❑ With over the years of existence, ANPPCAN Liberia has cumulative wealth of experience and expertise on child and women rights.
- ❑ Over the years ANPPCAN Liberia has developed well-established linkages with local, regional and international partners.
- ❑ ANPPCAN Liberia is already undertaking innovative programs which have potential for replication in other communities.
- ❑ ANPPCAN Liberia has competent human resource persons who run and manage various programs.
- ❑ ANPPCAN Liberia has an existing office with the necessary operational infrastructure.
- ❑ ANPPCAN Liberia has a network capability to reach out to other African countries through its 18 Chapters and share best practices with potential for replication.

2.3 ANPPCAN LIBERIA POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of potential opportunities open to ANPPCAN Liberia for extending its services over the next five years in the field of child rights and protection. These opportunities include the following:-

- Undertaking research and documentation on child and women issues
- Providing training services
- Advocacy on child and women rights
- Food security through grass root agriculture program
- Develop programs that address the impact of HIV/AIDS on children and women
- Protection of children and women with disabilities
- Expansion and scaling up of existing of programs
- Monitoring and following up child and women rights violations
- Provision of consultancy services

FUTURE PLANS

During the Plan period, ANPPCAN Liberia will strive to get the following targets achieved at the national organization level:-

- A well established and effective national organization with its own office premises.
- A well established unit of research work, documentation and publications accessible to all stakeholders.
- A well established training facility capable of meeting child and women rights and community organization training needs.
- Mobilize communities in Liberia towards prevention of HIV/AIDS and support for patients and orphans.
- Community agriculture programs through out Liberia in reducing poverty
- Research/ situational analysis of children and women with disability and sexual reproductive health of adolescents.

- ❑ Safe drinking water and hygiene promotion programs in all the counties of Liberia
- ❑ Improved access to education for girl children and children living with disability
- ❑ Help Line Service to monitor, report and follow up child right violations

3.1 ASSUMPTIONS

For ANPPCAN Liberia to realize the expected situation by 2011, the following assumptions have been made:-

- ❑ Funds will be available to meet the implementation costs
- ❑ Staff with required capability will be available for assignment of necessary duties in relevant programs
- ❑ Partner organization will co-operate in the implementation of specific programs
- ❑ The Government will provide the political will necessary for implementation of child rights programs
- ❑ Continued political and economic stability in Liberia .

4.1 ANPPCAN LIBERIA BENEFICIARIES

- ❑ Child and women victims of abuse, exploitation and neglect and their families and those at risk. They will be offered preventive and protective services through ANPPCAN Liberia national referral system network in various counties.
- ❑ Staff from organizations and institutions which handle children and women issues. These officers will be sensitized on their rights to enable them provide the required child protection measures.
- ❑ Professionals who deal with children will be made aware of the rights of minorities, violations, and services available to support victims of abuse and neglect and the need for them to be involved in protecting them with the hope that they can integrate protection into their regular work programs.
- ❑ ANPPCAN Liberia professional staff will be further trained to run and manage programs addressing emerging issues in advocacy and protection. The professional staff will be instrumental in designing innovative related programs with potential for replication in other African countries.
- ❑ Local communities will be empowered to handle protection issues.

5.1 STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

During the Plan period, ANPPCAN Liberia will pursue this mission through focusing on the following strategic objectives:-

- ❑ To strengthen its financial base for sustainability of the organization.
- ❑ To enhance its human resource base for effective and efficient service delivery.
- ❑ To promote a conducive environment for protection and WASH initiatives.
- ❑ To develop and strengthen linkages and networks for promotion of rights of women and children in Liberia.
- ❑ To facilitate access to its products/services for the benefit of target beneficiaries, children and women in need.
- ❑ To link with other groups and organizations with similar intentions.
- ❑ To strengthen and expand research and information on child abuse and exploitation issues for easy access by stakeholders.

5.2 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The Strategic Planning Implementation Committee will meet in the last month of each quarter to review the progress on implementation of the Plan. During the meetings, the implementation team will be expected to table quarterly progress reports. These reports should show, among other points, the outputs achieved, problems encountered, lessons learnt and future action required.

There will be an annual evaluation of all the programs preferably in November of each year. It is recommended that a mid-period evaluation be carried out by external evaluators.