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in thousands of lives in Africa! Joins us!*



"One hand cannot tie a bundle"

NAYD NEWS!



EDITORIAL

Step up the Fight for a Healthy Africa

There is nothing sweeter than a healthy smile on a healthy face. Don't we all dream of a better life, abundant life with health for all? Yet, years pass and while we still wait for that time when access to health facilities will be available for all. That time when malaria will no longer kill babies and none will be scared of going for an HIV/AIDS test.

How much do you know about the facts on AIDS and health in general? Read this - *Ten million youth live with HIV/AIDS - Every year six million children die from malnutrition before their fifth birthday - More than 50 percent of Africans suffer from water-related diseases such as cholera - Everyday HIV/AIDS kills 6,000 people and another 8,200 people are infected - Every 30 seconds an African child dies of malaria - Each year, approximately 300 to 500 million people are infected with malaria and - TB is the leading AIDS-related killer and in some parts of Africa, 75 percent of people with HIV also have TB.*

Gloomy, isn't it? What else can we add to such clear and heart wrenching information? If not to say that there is much to do for those of us who dream of a healthy Africa. While governments and international NGOs do their part, we call on you in this edition of INSPIRE to make the fight for a healthy Africa, a personal one. Wherever you are, whoever you are and whatever you do, see yourself as an advocate for health. You need tips:

- Encourage anyone around you to get informed about diseases like AIDS and Malaria
- Be present for the needy.
- Shun stigmatisation of the sick, especially those with HIV/AIDS
- Join positive campaigns that enlighten and clarify otherwise mythical issues
- Wear a smile and share a smile always.

Does not look like much, but it is a beginning. You may also want to check on what youths like you and I are doing to support the development of Africa. The website of nayd, www.nayd.org is a good place to start. Hopefully, the passion for development will push you to join us and start making real changes around you for a healthy Africa. ■

Pochi Tamba (CEO, NAYD)

Youth Participation in Local and National Development

In recent time, the Network of African Youths for Development and NAYD-Liberia jointly hosted a press conference at the GCMA campus in Liberia on September 17, 2007. The organization represented by its Regional Director for West Africa, Mr. Thomas Mitchell and Country Coordinator of Liberia, Mr. Andrew Kuwon who addressed the press on the importance of youth participation into sustainable development programs that will help restore their moral ethics and be productive citizens. On his part, Mr. Mitchell, said NAYD is in the position to help shift the lives of young Liberians and African youths through education, community development, etc. Moreover, Mr. Mitchell elaborated that, **NAYD International** aims to educate, create massive awareness on peace, human rights, HIV/AIDS, UN Millennium Development Goals, and Sustainable Development programs for and by young people across Africa.

NAYD-Liberia Country Coordinator, Mr. Kuwon, said the best way forward for Liberian youths is proper education, ensuring that the government of Liberia must prioritize primary and compulsory education for all Liberian children. ■

The Story of Talented, Unique, and Devoted Young people from Ruiru Kenya.

Am glad to introduce you to a group of young people in Ruiru Kenya which is doing a wonderful work to the community. A group of youngster i.e. Hillary Mabubi, Ken Mwangi, Paul Mukundi, John Kimani, Allan Ochieng, Roman Nyanjui, Irene Wambui and Ann Gakubu met in year 2000 and joined a group that already existed that was dealing with HIV/AIDS awareness called Ruiru Aids Awareness Group (RAAG).

They volunteered in this organization, where they were using drama to educate the community on different social challenges with more emphasis on HIV/AIDS. At that moment HIV/AIDS prevalence rate was at 34% in Thika district and youths were more infected and affected. In the year 2002 this group met different challenges when implementing a home based care project with Pathfinder International, among them high number of orphans and vulnerable children. At this point they noted that they need to widen their scope and venture on various projects to address different social challenges in the community.

In the year 2002 they thought of forming a different organization meant to widen their scope with more emphasis on youth development programs and supporting orphans and vulnerable children.

They agreed to form a group named FOCUS (families orphan and children under stress):- a community based organization registered by ministry of culture and social service Kenya, in the year 2002. It has 30 volunteer members drawn from Ruiru and its environs where most of them are artists and socialists.

FOCUS uses multidimensional channels of communications to promote socio-economic development. FOCUS also runs a simple and sustainable day care centre to care for orphans and vulnerable children and encourage community parenting.

On interview, Founding chairperson Mr. Hillary Mabubi who is a graduate from Kenyatta University says the suffering of orphans and youth missing vital information on HIV/AIDS and indulging in dangerous and risky activities was the driving force to initiate the organization. Most members said they come to the centre to embrace and nurture a smile to children and make sure they get their basic needs. Hillary also was quick to note that life has not been easy especially when they started the organization; he said they used to go and perform in hotels, churches and different public gatherings to raise money to support and help in making sure there is a radiant smile on faces of the children at the centre (FOCUS).

Currently FOCUS is supporting 40 OVCs at the centre and is planning to add the number come year 2007. FOCUS is run and managed by young people aged between 19-30 years. These young people are responsible for making sure that orphans get food, clothes, education needs, psychological support, social support, emotional support, health and spiritual support. ■

Roman Nyanjui Kariuki - Kenya

NAYD Burundi

Le Burundi est l'un des pays de l'Afrique centrale.

Le Burundi vient de sortir fraîchement d'une guerre qui a duré plus de 10 ans; une guerre surnommée ethnique qui a fait beaucoup de pertes à la nation Burundaise.

Les jeunes n'ont pas été épargnés de cette sale guerre; ont été aussi manipulés par les politiciens.

Actuellement c'est l'heure de reconstruction, de réconciliation et de bonne gouvernance et il ne peut y avoir un développement durable sans implication de la jeunesse.

Les jeunes se mobilisent ici et là dans différentes organisations locales pour voir comment ils peuvent contribuer au développement et à la reconstruction du Burundi.

Lyse IRADUKUNDA; fondatrice Nayd Burundi; juge bon de connecter les jeunes leaders burundais à d'autres jeunes africains déjà engagés pour le développement de l'Afrique.

J'exprime ici mes motivations:

J'ai découvert NAYD à travers internet. Je travaille souvent sur l'Internet et je cherche des occasions



qui pourront aider les jeunes leaders burundais à être connecté à d'autres leaders burundais qui travaillent jour et nuit pour le développement durable de l'Afrique.

Ainsi, j'ai découvert NAYD et J'ai jugé bon d'en créer une branche ici chez nous pour que

nous aussi on soit impliqué dans ce mouvement de développement pour l'Afrique.

Objectifs Nayd Burundi

1. Intéresser et impliquer les jeunes leaders burundais au développement de l'Afrique en général.
2. Faire connaître aux associations locales les différentes opportunités exploitables à travers NAYD.
3. Renforcement des capacités des associations locales des jeunes.
4. Former les leaders des Associations des jeunes en matière d'élaboration, d'exécution, d'évaluation des projets.
5. Connecter les Associations des jeunes aux bailleurs qui se présenteront à travers NAYD.
6. Aider les associations des jeunes burundais à trouver des financements de leurs projets à travers NAYD.
7. Par différent programme du NAYD; amener les jeunes burundais à travailler en synergie avec d'autres jeunes africains au développement de l'Afrique.
8. Enfin; créer un forum Burundi, avec connection internet; où les associations des jeunes pourront accéder à l'internet facilement,

Pourrons être formés en différents programmes qui pourront renforcer leurs capacités à fin que les jeunes burundais soient capable de contribuer au développement de l'Afrique

9) En fin, ensemble Nayd Afrique pourra atteindre ses objectifs

Par Lyse IRADUKUNDA

NAYD Nigeria Comes Alive

NAYD Nigeria has come alive with a meeting held on July 21st and 20th August 2007 at the Haga Plaza and Plateau AIDS Control Agency Auditorium. The meeting which was organized by Actionaid International Nigeria and Christian Health Association of Nigeria- CHAN and hosted by Civil society against HIV and AIDS in Nigeria (CiSHAN) served a dual purpose as it coincided with the date fixed for meeting to adopt the agreement of the earlier meeting held at the International Center for Accelerated Development Haga plaza office with the principal motive of establishing NAYD NIGERIA country office.

Some of the NAYD Nigeria members are registered members of CiSHAN hence the gathering provided an ample opportunity to fast track the earlier meeting held on the 21st of July 2007.

Members from other part of the country that could not make it to the 20th August meeting sent in consent letters or phone calls accepting representations by proxy.

Members of NAYD Nigeria met to discuss the matters arising from the last meeting and came out with the following resolutions.

Matters Arising

- Registration of NAYD Nigeria with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- Creating a NAYD National office
- Zonal coordinators for the six Geo-political Zones of Nigeria
- Constitution/bye-laws
- Activities /proposals
- Country coordination.
- Funding

Resolutions Reached At The End Of The Meeting.

- The Network of African Youths for Development (NAYD) is a big entity and as such should be registered with the state governments and federal government of Nigeria through the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) Abuja in order to gain recognition of citizens, government and International donor communities in Nigeria.
- The International Center for Accelerated Development office located at Haga Plaza Gada Biyu Jos should remain as the National/ country office until such a time when NAYD Nigeria gets a permanent office. It shall also serve as the secretariat of NAYD Nigeria for collation and dissemination of information.
- Owing to the fact that Nigeria is very large in terms of landmass, people and organizations, it would be appropriate that the country be divided into the current zonal arrangement. That, six (6) Zones be

operational to take care of all member organizations in Nigeria. With this arrangement, NAYD Nigeria would be zoned as:

1. South-East - (Enugu, Anambra, Imo, Abia, Ebonyi) states
 2. South-South - (Rivers, Cross rivers, Akwa ibom, Bayelsa, Delta, Edo) states
 3. South-West - (Lagos, Ogun, Oyo, Osun, Ondo, Ekiti) states
 4. North Central - (Benue, Nasarawa, Plateau, Kwara, Niger, Kogi, Federal Capital Territory –Abuja)
 5. North-East- (Bauchi, Gombe, Yobe, Borno, Adamawa, Taraba)
 6. North-west - (Kano, Kaduna, Kebbi, Katsina, Zamfara, Sokoto, Jigawa)
- We would use the constitution prescribed by NAYD International so that our operations are guided uniformly. While we draw a byelaw which would take care of the disparities and differentials in the NAYD International constitution.
 - The purpose of the network is to bring smiles to the faces of Africans on both the short-term and long-term as such we would look at the activities and programs of all the NAYD Nigeria organizations in relation to the needs and peculiarity of the people and create/adopt/fine tune/replicate where necessary. Such programs/activities are not limited to Nigeria alone and would be all encompassing and cost effective.

We would solicit for assistance regarding website design and hosting from philanthropist for any member project or organisation. While hoping the International office of NAYD would forward to us, if there is any, working materials that may accrue to the NAYD Nigeria Office.

- Coordination so far has been appropriate with consistent information flow regarding activities of NAYD Nigeria and NAYD international. We express vote of confidence on the Current Country Director – NNADI Kevin of the International Center for Accelerated Development. Hoping that the zoning would make for effective running of NYAD Nigeria.
- Funding is paramount to the success of NYAD Nigeria hence we would source for money through organizational Membership registration, donations and grants. As such, a committee would be set to look at the modalities for fund raising for the management and running of the NAYD Nigeria office/project.

The country director ensued for continuous support cooperation for the success of the organization in Nigeria. The meeting ended with a resolve to assist NAYD Nigeria succeed in bringing relief to the

generality of deprived Nigerians and people of Africa as a whole.

Another meeting was slated for third (3) week of October. It is hoped that by that time organizations would have submitted proposed projects/proposals, which would be evaluated in relation to – Poverty Eradication/wealth creation, gender mainstreaming, access to health and hygiene etc, and sent to potential donors who may be interested in funding the projects. ■

Corporate Agenda a Cause for Alarm to African- Rural life!

When we talk of development in Africa, rural life

is the key and that's why we in civil society we are saying that it should not be commercialized .More than 75 percent of the hungry and malnourished live in rural area, half of them are marginalized small holder farmers; more than two thirds are youth. They are hardly able to survive under the present circumstances. Some youths after studies are unemployed and have remain unemployed until their retirement age .These and many others are partly a result of structured adjustment policies (SAPs) the policies of 80's and early 90's dictated by the international financial institutions i.e. IMF & WORLD BANK.

The policies includes privatization of government para-statal, liberalisation and many others, but one common thing that we are experiencing across Africa is the collapse of village small scale processing industries and some rural towns are dieing ; at a national level we have seen deindustrialization.

Other factors noted for cause of current crisis in Africa includes:

Poor agricultural policies pursued by our governments where by cheap imports out compete local farmers. E.g rice from Asia has over floods Uganda markets hence have left farmers that have depended on rice unprotected. Privatization of rural resources such as the land, water, genetic resources and minerals and concentration of ownership in those who can afford these resources. The current collapse of rural communities is also due to international development agencies that treats land exclusively as an economic factor in the broader defence of neo-liberalism such as free trade, land privatization, formalization of inequality

yet Africans treat land as a territory which includes seeds water, forests, oceans, minerals, fauna. Market-led agrarian reforms have failed to deliver pro- poor reform, land markets and rental markets can only benefit the rich and criminalize land struggle in extreme form as we have society hatching each other.

Promoting high markets concentrations in agri-business, free trade agreements such as Cotonou (EPAs) spell destruction for small scale family farmers in Africa. The EPAs that is economic partnership agreements between ACP countries and EU, in current form are worse than WTO agreement.

The current mainstream agenda on rural development is dominated by commercial private interests in that agricultural research in Africa has been allowed to be taken over by the private sector with its priorities of profits and intellectual property right; which is against the interest of small scale farmers and the GMO which are cornerstone of this research agenda are threat to biodiversity, the environment and health. All which threaten the survival of the rural people.

There is also climate change and global warming which our poor farmers down in the village have not heard of, yet the effects are already affecting them. What can be the solutions to the current rural development challenges?

There is need to have a comprehensive vision for rural development in that rural development policies need to be socially and environmentally sustainable ,we need the systems that keeps soils fertile, respect available quantity of water and accept local varieties of seed

Rural development policies should aim at fostering the creation of non agricultural jobs by supporting the local processing of raw materials

The governments must also guarantee access to effective judicial or extrajudicial remedies so that people should not be forcefully evicted to make space for mining sites, large scale plantations, dams, protected area, and conversion of land for high capital intensive agriculture and so on.

Agricultural research that is built on local knowledge with participatory methods and whose results are available and accessible to local producer has to foster. ■

Amon Bagarukayo (UGANDA)

NAYD PARTNERS

NAYD & Peace Child International Hand In Hand



The journey of a thousand steps begins with a step; if this assertion is valid or correct then we need to be happy. NAYD had been existing now for six months and we had been trying to grow every blessed day. In recent, we had this privilege to be selected as participants at the youth congress in Canada come next year. This is an occasion for us to make our voices heard by the international community. We thank Peace Child International for this overture and we are all determining to work hand in hand with them. Working hand in hand with them means we are going to keep to our engagement and commitments sign during this memorandum of understanding. We are expected to Promote the Congress - and the Virtual Congress through the network and any channels we have access to: - schools, NGOs, youth groups, youth newspapers, TV, radio, faith groups etc. We are also expected to work to get Governments involved as a Government Partners and make them recognise the importance of the Congress, of YLD and to convince them to send representation to the Congress. Let us all use our website www.nayd.org as an instrument to tell the world how far we are fling and how well we are ready to take up these challenges ahead to make Africa a better place to live. On the other hand PEACE CHILD INTERNATIONAL (PCI) will play their part by giving us co-promotion opportunities: For example, if there is a conference or a major youth event, they would be pleased to send a representative to speak or run a workshop to support our Partners in explaining/promoting the Congress; or, if you secure a meeting with your Government to discuss their participation in the congress, they would be happy to send one of the Congress Leadership team to support you in this conversation, explaining the background of the Congress and its wider aims. What is important to note here is that the country coordinators are those to work with NAYD INTERNATIONAL and they in turn will give feedback to the various NGOs in their respective countries. ■

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

An appeal for a website

BAPESU (Benevolent Association for the Protection of the Environment and the Socially Underprivileged) is highly appealing for the donation of a website (domain registration and hosting) from kind individuals, organizations, companies/business etc... This will make us achieve our mission with efficacy and efficiency. If you or someone would like to help BAPESU, please contact us at donate2bapesu@gmail.com
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Request for a website

This is humble request! FOCUS KENYA does not have a website we will be very happy and grateful if someone will help us to develop one, so as to enable us spread wings to different part of the world. If you would like to know more about FOCUS make a donation, have an exchange program or volunteer contact us through:

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Promoting & facilitating the involvement of sub-Saharan African organisations in FP7/ICT EuroAfrica-ICT initiative is a project developed under the 6th Framework Programme (FP6) of the European Commission (DG InfSo) with the aim to strengthen, develop and support S&T partnerships in the ICT field between Europe and sub-Saharan Africa in particular in FP7. In this framework you are cordially invited to attend the next EuroAfrica-ICT Awareness Workshop: Yaoundé, Cameroon. Date: October 11 & 12, Venue: Franco Hotel - Yaoundé, Cameroon, Organiser: Panos Institute West Africa (PIWA), Senegal

Wisdom from the NAYD Members!

"Who depends on another man's table often dines late"

Christian P. Tabifor

"When a man boasts what he'll do tomorrow we like to find out what he did yesterday"

Christian P. Tabifor

"The threshold of development begins with togetherness"

Munu Thaddeus

IN THE NEXT EDITION

In the seventh edition of INSPIRE you'll find the following topics and issues

- * Google Earth' and how it can help development activities
- * NAYD partnership move with Peace Child International towards the 4th World Youth Congress in Quebec in 2008.
- * African leaders' role in embezzlement and capital flight. Are Europeans pro or opposing parties?
- * Also watch out for more news on how African youths are impacting change on the continent.

And discover the new offices of NAYD in countries across the continent alongside cute new slots for your fun and information.

For inquiries, please write to
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About NAYD

What is NAYD?

NAYD is the Network of African youths for Development. It began in 2006 and today involves close to 40 youth-led projects in about 20 African countries.

How can you join NAYD?

You are welcome to join NAYD and support the activities of its members. Write to nayd2007@yahoo.com for more information.

Have something to say!

Great! Write to us at the above mentioned email and shall will put your article on the newsletter.

We invite you to tell the world through our **INSPIRE**: whatever you want to share on development. Are you part of an organisation helping people to be positive? Are you dreaming of a better Africa? Join us and make yourself heard! Send us a mail.

Specifically, the objectives NAYD as outlined in its constitution are:

- To promote and encourage the work done by young Africans in effecting positive change on the continent.
- To facilitate exchange between youths involved in development, by creating a network of exchange.
- To further the networks formed by and for young Africans for the development of the continent.
- To promote recognition of, mobilise and enhance the capacity of Young Africans internationally and provide them with leadership skills to take action against poverty.

To achieve its vision, NAYD works with associations and groups of youths across the African continent and beyond to educate, inform and inspire others to use their power, privilege, skills and abilities to create a better world for current and future generations.

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