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## EDITORIAL

As we begin a new year I recall in particular the promise some of us made blithely in January 2007; perhaps as a reaction to the over-indulgence of our society. Most of us like our African leaders misplaced priorities addressing their compatriots. Let us rethink how to adjust these priorities as youths hoping for a better future; not as our leaders often do addressing the nation but as youths who are for a change. The beginning of the year for Africans has been sordid in Kenya a country known for its political stability and democratic maturity crumble into chaos within days just for selfish and egoistic aims of some personalities. How can we explain this occurrence? Are the African leaders unable to understand the fundamental concern of politics and democracy? Why can't they listen to the cry of their compatriots? African youths need to stress up this facts to the political leaders who pretend to be the gateway for a change. It is only building up a strong political economy that the nation can stand firm for economic and social advancement. Achieving this advancement, property rights should be well defined and access to capital must be regulated. There must be the demand for justice in distribution and punishment of embezzlers of states funds. In this ninth edition of INSPIRE African youths as usual we are going to cogitate on some burning issues within the continent. - A review of NAYD since its creation; NAYD Sierra Leone and its activities and much more. African youths will also air their voices by wishing the best expected in 2008. ■ **MUNU Thaddeus, Communication & PRO NAYD International**

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The editors have taken every care to make sure that the contents of this newsletter are as accurate as possible. The authors have ultimate responsibility, however, for the content of individual articles.

## A Review of the Network of African Youths for Development (NAYD) Since Its Creation

**I**nspire has clocked nine likewise NAYD International; we can be happy for this dream comes true to build up a network of African youths to express and share their know-how. Having a review of the network since its creation is a way of getting back to the philosophy of the founding members of the network (Pochi Tamba the CEO from Cameroon and Thomas Mitchell jr. the regional director for West Africa from Liberia).

NAYD is a network that brings together African Youths involved in Development. Most of these youths are in organised structures, while some are free cells carrying out positive actions on individual levels. While the primary member of NAYD are organisations, there is however a place for individuals to contribute to the vision of the network.

The idea for a network like NAYD came up in 2005 during an international youth congress. There, the founders of NAYD underlined the fact that African youths had issues particular to them, and it was crucial for them to know one another, work together and take control of their future through that of their continent. This is the main reason behind the existence of NAYD.

NAYD officially opened doors in March 2007 after the holding of the first NAYD Summit in Buea, Cameroon with 30 youths in attendance, in March 2007.

To this date, NAYD has more than 100 member organisations across the continent. These members are sparsely spread in about 20 countries across Africa. NAYD has offices or representations in 9 of them.

**NAYD Activities:** The greatest challenge faced by NAYD since its creation is that of carrying out activities as a network across the continent due to lack of funds and travel impediments.

Travel across Africa is currently among the highest in the world.

That said, the international office has put in place monthly conference chats through the internet for NAYD officials and members to discuss salient issues concerning the network. Successively, the conference has helped members debate and agree on issues such as NAYD and its place in Africa today, the registration of NAYD as an international organisations, the need for and quality of Board of Director for NAYD, and a future NAYD Value Sharer's workshop.

NAYD International also negotiated a deal with the UK based Organisation, Peace Child International, to become its partner, first for its upcoming youth congress in Canada and second for any future needs. You can find details about the World Youth Congress Organised by Peace Child International by checking on either of the two websites: [www.nayd.org](http://www.nayd.org) and [www.peacechild.org](http://www.peacechild.org).

Considering the aforementioned difficulties and the youthfulness of NAYD, am very proud to say that members in NAYD countries have shown undisputed commitment by organising divers' activities at country levels.

I must start with Kenya, where Naydians under the leadership of Mike Muchomba, the country coordinator, organised NAYD awareness across Kenya. This campaign reached hundreds of Kenyan youths involved in the development struggle and actually got 32 members to join NAYD Kenya.



NAYD-Liberia Country Coordinator, Mr. Andrew Kuwon and NAYD Regional Director for WA, Thomas P. Mitchell, Jr. were invited to a one-day workshop on August 11, 2007 held at the St. Nagbe United Methodist Church in Liberia. This workshop brought together over 50 participants from different universities and organizations to learn the importance of volunteerism, Partnering/Networking, etc.



In Cameroon, Burundi, Nigeria, Togo, etc Naydians were also active in creating awareness about NAYD, its vision and prospective projects. NAYD 2008 **Perspectives:** With the New Year 2008 come new hopes and plans for the NAYD International team. Essentially, here are our expectations for the coming year.

1. Top on our list is the legalisation of NAYD International in Cameroon so that country offices can register duely as affiliates. With the registration in progress, we believe this had been over by end of December 2007.
2. NAYD International is launching a workshop for NAYDians called the *NAYD Value Sharer's programme* (You can get details about this on the website) where country offices are expected to organise a low cost value sharing workshop among youths twice a year. We hope that 2008 will come with facilities for the organisation of these workshops in all NAYD Countries.
3. Pending the legal status of NAYD in Cameroon, the international office hopes to initiates an aggressive campaign to garner resources for NAYD and support the massive work currently being done by African youths through the network of African youths for Development, NAYD. ■ **Munu Thaddeus.**



NAYD Summit 2007



NAYD Cameroon



NAYD Liberia



NAYD Kenya



NAYD Burundi

### NAYD & Development in Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone is emerging from a period of post conflict reconstruction following a decade of civil war that began in 1991 and destroyed most of the country's social economic and physical infrastructure. The war led to the displacement of two million people almost half the country's population the death of over 20,000 people measurable suffering. At the conflict lay class of marginalized young people, especially from rural areas, lacking education and access to livelihood opportunities.

Because of the involvement of youths in the conflict, the situation of today's youths is a major concern for policy makers. Furthermore, according to the Government of Sierra Leone (GOSL) and the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) the high number of idle youths could undermine development interventions and



ultimately has the potential to create a threat to recent stability of the country. Many unemployed youths are illiterate, have no employable skills, and little working experience in good part due to the conflict, which affected the formative years of today's youths.

Sierra Leone has a very young population. The country has a population of 4.9 million, 34 percent which live in urban areas, 42 percent of the population are below 15 years old and around



34 percent are between 15 and 35 years old, which is the definition of youths in the country.

It was due to this grim realities that NAYD-SIERRA LEONE was established to encourage peace, justice, hard work, patriotism and human rights, fighting against HIV/AIDS, creating awareness on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), youth participation, capacity building for young people and other positive social values through workshops, conferences, trainings and seminars in order to have sustainable development in Sierra Leone.

Since the inception of NAYD in Sierra Leone, the organization has been organizing several meetings in order to disseminate the concept of its activities to young people and the wider population in Sierra Leone. Among our meetings, below is one of the minute of a meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2007 at 1A Hanna Benker Coker Street Brook Fields, Freetown: the following persons attended the meeting: *Alpha Beretay –AWISH-Sierra Leone; Abdulai AbuBakarr Sesay- AWISH-Sierra Leone; Momodu Wurrie Tamba Barrie-Action for Social Rights(AFSOR); Yeanoh Conteh-Youth Action International-Sierra Leone; Ibrahim Bah-National Youth for Democracy (NYD);* The agenda for the meeting was thus - Opening prayer >Chairman's remarks > Update/recap of the last meeting > Matters Arising> the way forward > Closing prayers

Opening prayers was done individually. The meeting was chaired by the Acting Secretary General for NAYD-SIERRA LEONE Mr. Abdulai AbuBakarr Sesay. He welcomed the attendees for their effort made to attend this

meeting and expressed that there have been some lapses due to an unavoidable circumstances as he asked for update of the organization.

**Update:** The country representative for NAYD-S/L Mr. Alpha Beretay informed members that he received an email from the CEO of NAYD International and asked the chairman to read the email for members. The following are what contained in the email; The CEO acknowledged the constrain face in establishing NAYD-country offices and take in to consideration the financial handicap. She added that, 'I hope that together our effort will not go in vein, but will change positively the fate of our dear continent and make our collective lives much better'.

In her email, she highlighted two significant issues:

1. The first is the NAYD Value Shares Programme
  - Names of NAYD Sierra Leone's resource persons
  - Possible month that NAYD hope to host the first workshop
  - List of possible partners that NAYD wish to contact.
2. The involvement of individual members that have joined through the web. The CEO stressed that all country coordinators should ensure that these members are involve in NAYD's activities.

**Matters Arising:** The country Representative for YAI Ms Yeanoh Conteh expressed concern with regard the web chatting weather any of the members of NAYD took part?. In a very responsive manner, Mr. Alpha Beretay said no, but an apology email was sent to the CEO for not participating on the web conference but however, they hope to participate on the next web conference.

Mr. Abdulai AbuBakarr Sesay informed members that he has through with the letter head as members agreed to send the letter head to the CEO for approval. The proposed month for NAYD Value Shares Programme has scheduled for March 2008 by members

**The Way Forward:** Members agreed that we hold a radio programme on Cotton Tree News (CTN) with the programme "CTN Youth Club" and radio UN whether with DJ Base or any other programme on radio UN. As this will serve as recipe in explaining the concept of NAYD to the Youth and the people of Sierra Leone.

Ms. Yeanoh Conteh has agreed to provide NAYD with files to put their documents in order to be properly handled. Members are requesting that they make provision for contact address and mobile number with regard the web registration so that they not find it difficult to contact members that have joined through the web as this has been a problem for NAYD-SIERRA LEONE or NAYD-International.

After a lengthy deliberation of whom and who should serve as resource persons for the NAYD Value Shares Programme, the following persons were engaged and chosen as resource persons:

- Mss. Jamesina King-Chairperson –HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
- Mr. N' golo Katta –National Coordinator-Centre for the coordination of Youth Activities
- Mr. Evans Lyndon Baise Johnson-Lecturer-Fourah Bay College University of Sierra Leone
- Mr. James Mathew-Coordinator Network Movement for Democracy and Human Rights
- Mr. Alpha Beretay -Country Rep- NAYD-SIERRA LEONE
- Mr. Abdulai AbuBakarr Sesay-NAYD
- Ms. Yeanoh Conteh- NAYD

However, members agreed to contact Embassies, local and International organizations in connection with the NVSP-programme. The following were the institutions that should be contacted:

USAID-Sierra Leone, DFID, Irish Aid, German Embassy, British High Commission, American Embassy, Concern World Wide, Talking Drum Studio, United Nations Development Programme, Oxfarm, Christian Aid, World Vision, Hope Sierra Leone, Enciss, Ministry Of Education Youth and Sports

In respect of the above, the organization has proposed to undertake various activities among them, is to do a national risk assessment focused on the high levels of extreme poverty and youths unemployment. ■ **Abdulai AbuBakarr Sesay** (Acting Secretary General, NAYD Sierra Leone)

### The launch of Africa's' Satellite to boast Africa's information technology and Development

The First ever Pan-African telecommunications Satellite System (RASCOM-1) was launched on the 1st of December 2007 by Arianespace



The satellite was launched into a geostationary transfer orbit on the 1ST OF

DECEMBER 2007 by an Ariane 5 launcher from Europe's Spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana. RASCOM-1, built by Thales Alenia Space as part of a turnkey contract with RascomStar-QAF, will provide fixed voice, data telecommunications, as well as domestic and international connections, direct TV broadcast services and Internet access, especially in rural areas in a sustainable manner to the whole African continent with footprint extending to parts of Europe and the Middle East during 15 years.

Based on a Spacebus 4000B3 platform, RASCOM 1 is equipped with 12 Ku-band transponders and eight C-band transponders. It weighs about 3,200 kg at launch, will have a 6.4 kW power end of life and will be positioned at 2.85 degrees East.

The Director General of RASCOM, Dr. Jones A. Killimbe, commented "We are very proud of the support given to this project by the RASCOM Signatories, African financial institutions and especially by the Great Jamahiriya under the Leadership of the, Leader brother MUAMMAR AL-KADDAFI for participating in this Continental project. It should be underscored that Libya bears about half of the expenditure thanks to their astute leader MUAMMAR AL-KADDAFI. This satellite will play a great role to bridging the digital divide between rural and urban areas and to ensuring general economical development and more especially integration of Africa. This ambitious project shall also consolidate Africa's position in the Global Information Society. We also believe that everybody should enjoy access to the resources needed to communicate." He added: "This ambitious project is a testimony of Africa's solidarity of taking their own destiny into their

own hands by ensuring that Africans are empowered by participating in the Global Information Society”. “We are also very proud of the CEO of RascomStar-QAF, Mr. Faraj El Amari and his team for this remarkable milestone achieved”, Dr. Jones A. Killimbe concluded.

**About RASCOM:** RASCOM, is an intergovernmental, commercial satellite organization and the expression of the strong willingness of the African Governments and telecommunications operators to pool their efforts in a view to providing the African continent with telecommunications infrastructure based on space technology which is not only leading to a global response for all telecommunications requirements identified in Africa, but more especially it is going to provide telecommunications services at very low costs, thus making universal service a reality in Africa. RASCOM has a membership of 45 African countries as of now and others are soon to join. ■ **Christian P. Tabifor**

**The Importance of Human Rights Education in Africa today**

It is evident that the majority of people in Africa each day are denied of their basic human rights by individuals, government or social groups knowingly or unknowingly. This is because the issue of people’s rights is only becoming new to many Africans considering the poverty rate in Africa, civil war, rapes, injustices, etc. One needs not to have a second thought of



the need for human rights education in every sectors of our African society. Human rights education is very important in Africa today since it will help people know and understand that like every other person they are entitled to the same basic rights.

It will help us understand and respect each other rights and many of the violence we unconsciously rained on one another will be avoided.

It will help fight poverty and injustices in Africa. It will help us speak out for our rights and the rights of those who can not speak for themselves.

The issue of child labor, girl’s education, gender equality and equal opportunity will be addressed.

It will promote and encourage good governance in Africa and help us practice democratic principle to the letter.

It will give hope and future to many Africans especially children and women who are most abused in Africa.

**Young People Participation:** It is a great opportunity for youth leaders, NGOs, and students to participate. I feel it is important to be part of a global initiative which relate to human rights, HIV/AIDS, etc. When a person is train morally and/or constructively, that person becomes more creative or desirous in his/her community or group.

- \* to learn from experts and practically implement.
- \* to educate other peer groups and youth leaders in and around Africa.
- \* to help minimize or eradicate problems that is dangerous in our society today.
- \* to learn about human rights and good governance that will foster peace building.
- \* to collaborate with peer groups, youth organizations, and Youth leaders around the world to establish networks that will promote human rights, sustainable development, and peace building. ■ **Thomas Mitchel**

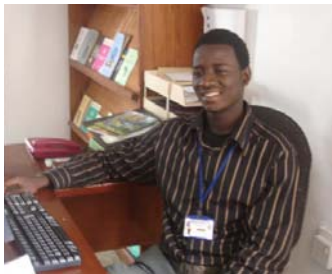
**Orphans as our Collective Responsibility**

To start, I will firstly define the word orphan and collective responsibility: An orphan is a child whose parents are both dead. Two categories of orphans exist: 1) Vulnerable and 2) Invulnerable orphans.

Vulnerable orphans are those orphaned whose survival depends wholly on adults and invulnerable orphans are those orphaned children who are now adult and could work and successfully earn their living. I wonder how many invulnerable orphans we are having in our country, but unfortunately I am not concern with the invulnerable orphans. Rather I am mainly focusing on the vulnerable orphans. That is why I will again defined the term collective responsibility: Collective responsibility refers to a duty that certain group of people consciously share among themselves for a specific and usually positive objectives, If the issue of Sierra Leone orphans is our collective responsibility, therefore the objective of improving the live of

these children whose parents are dead should be everybody's concern in our country. To what extent this prevails in the country is the crucial question we all need to ask ourselves? Does anybody want to become an orphan? No body is willing to be an orphan. This means that the state of being an orphan is completely involuntary: and a consideration of the forces that makes children be orphan will help us be conscious of the need to come together to give support to such a vulnerable group.

Both natural and artificial forces are responsible to render children orphans. On the natural plane include the death of child's parents by old age, diseases, fire, hurricanes, and wild animals. The December 26, 2004 Tsunami that rocked the foundation of Indian Ocean and its shores is typical example of natural forces behind the making of orphans. Very close to us in Sierra Leone, however, such earthquakes may be rare



but our own records of death are colossal from the impact of diseases and drowning. Ranked among the least developed countries in the world Sierra Leone has been name for diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis, STD or sexually transmitted disease..... All of which are potential catalyst in the process of making orphans. Added to these diseases is the Aids pandemic with its uncompromising fatalism. Many parents died because they are either too poor to secure the basic necessities of life or pay for professional medical assistance. What about death by drowning? Can we remember the case of how Sierra Leonean traders died enrooted by boat to and from the neighboring countries? Have fishermen not lost their lives in pursuing their profession? In all these case, however thousands of children in Sierra Leone become orphans due to natural forces.

What hold on the artificial plane also strikes a pessimistic chord. Many orphans have owned their status to the death of their parents by war, road accidents, airplanes crash, witchcraft or mining. Think of the thousands of people killed during the Freetown intervention and in other

part of the country. To this end, orphans are our collective responsibility ■ **Alpha Beretay,**

## OPPORTUNITIES

**The Seventeenth International Children's Painting Competition on the environment.**

**Theme:** CLIMATE CHANGE: ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE NOW



The International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment is organized annually by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Japan-based Foundation for Global Peace and Environment (FGPE), Bayer and Nikon Corporation. It has been held since 1991 and has received over 190,000 entries from children in over 100 countries. This year's Competition will focus on Climate Change: actions we can take now to reduce our negative impact.

**The children's paintings can focus on concrete actions such as using renewable energy, introducing energy saving light bulbs at home, sharing vehicles and using public transport, planting trees, etc.** The competition will run from 24 September to 15 January 2008. The organizers invite children all over the world to submit their paintings to the UNEP office in *their regions*. An address of Africa's office is indicated on the next page.

### **Entry Rules and Conditions:**

*Children who will be between the age of 6 and 14 years on World Environment Day 2007 (5 June 2008).*

- 1) Paintings must be done on A4 OR A3 papers. (210 X 295 MM, 11-3/4" x 8-1/4".)
- 2) Full name, age (day, month, year) and full address including phone and e-mail (in English) must be on the back of the painting.
- 3) Style of painting is free: crayons, colored pencils, watercolors, etc.
- 4) Paintings that have been shown or accepted in other competitions will not be accepted.
- 5) Paintings that show a particular person, an organization or a brand name will not be accepted.
- 6) Do not include any words or descriptions in the paintings.
- 7) Only hard copies of paintings will be accepted. **(E-mail entries will only be accepted if accompanied by hard copies).**



**Prizes:****Global winners:****The 1st Prize:**

One entrant - US\$ 2,000 with a fully paid trip for the winner and a chaperone to the main World Environment Day (WED) celebrations in Wellington, New Zealand on 5 June 2008. The winner will also receive a plaque and supplementary prizes.

**The 2nd Prize:**

Two entrants - US\$ 1,000 each and a fully paid trip for winners and chaperones to WED celebrations in Wellington, New Zealand on 5 June 2008. Each winner will also receive a plaque and supplementary prizes.

**The 3rd Prize:**

Five entrants – A diploma for each winner (**No cash**)

**The 4th Prize:**

Ten entrants – A diploma for each winner (**No cash**)

**The 5th Prize:**

Forty five entrants – A diploma for each winner (**No cash**)

**Regional winners:**

One winner only from each region: Africa; Asia and the Pacific; West Asia; Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; and North America. US\$ 1,000 and an all expense paid trip for each winner and their chaperones to WED celebrations in Wellington, New Zealand on 5 June 2008. Each winner will also receive a plaque and supplementary prizes.

*(Note that by entering the competition, you have assigned copyright of your painting(s) to the organizers. The painting(s) will not be returned and will be used to raise environmental awareness through exhibition, websites, posters, publications etc)*

**Selection of winners:**

Winners will be selected through a fair and impartial selection process by the Selection Committee appointed by the organizers. No additional special prizes for other topics anymore

**Announcement of winners:**

- (1) Regional winners will be announced on 22 April 2008
- (2) Global winners will be announced on 5 June 2008

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**Deadline:** Entries must reach the relevant UNEP regional office by **15 January 2008** at the latest.

**International Volunteer Opportunity**

AZUR Development is looking for international ESL volunteers who will work with them for a 3 to 6 month period. The volunteers will cover their travel expenses and medical insurance. AZUR will cover accommodation, food and stipend in Brazzaville or in Pointe-Noire. French is not a requirement.

AZUR Development offer ESL positions for a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 6 months at our centres in Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire. Free room available and cooking facilities, living allowance and a stipend based on the number of students taught by the volunteer.

Location: Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire, Congo, 14333, Congo

Area of Focus: Children and Youth, Community Service and Volunteering, Social Enterprise and Economic Development, Women's Issues

Skill(s): typing, Writing

End date: June 30, 2008

Last updated: December 20, 2007

Language(s): English

Start date: January 20, 2008

Last day to apply: January 15, 2008

Paid or unpaid: Paid

Application instructions:

Please send your CV to [jobs@azurdev.org](mailto:jobs@azurdev.org) or call us at 00242 656 61 89

Sylvie Niombo

AZUR Developpement

Please visit our ESL web pages for more info: <http://www.azurdev.org/en/vacancies.html>

Other opportunities are available for volunteers who speak French.

**Call for Nominations:**

YWCB Award for Professional African Women – for the Advancement of Conservation Biology in Africa.

Deadline 31 January 2008

The Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) Young Women Conservation Biologists' Group non-monetary award for professional African women is aimed at recognising the contributions of early- to mid-career African women in conservation. The nominee should have demonstrated:

1. Evidence of leadership, creativity, self-motivation and enthusiasm.



2. Evidence of service (educational, managerial, research etc.) to conservation.
3. Ability to work with others across gender, social class and ethnicity.

Nominations are screened through a peer-review process by the YWCB Awards Committee Chaired by Phoebe Barnard Ph.D.

For more information on the YWCB visit <http://www.conbio.org/sections/africa/ywcb>

## HELP REQUEST

### **NAYD International**

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NAYD International would like to invite SPONSORS to assist NAYD members participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> World Youth Congress in Canada 2008.

### **NAYD Cameroon**

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Help Request: Funding to support 2 initiatives 'Poverty reduction strategies and young people' 'Young people and the preservation of community water catchments'

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Help Request: Benevolent Association for the Protection of the Environment and the Socially Underprivileged "BAPESU" is urgently 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.

### **Youth Voice Fm International**

Email: [yofsor@hotmail.com](mailto:yofsor@hotmail.com)

Contact Person: Anyanwu Chisomaga

Location: Imo State, Nigeria

Tel: +2348064322750

Help Request: I want the voice of youths in my community to be heard, I want development partners to come and collaborate with me and other youths to establish a youth based FM radio station in my community. We are now eleven in number ready to turn our ideas into sustainable innovations. One of our team members have

volunteered to give his room for the studio of YOUTH VOICE FM INTERNATIONAL. So far we need equipment to help in transmitting our voice to the public. This project will provide employment, campaign against the spread of AIDS, give opportunities for youths to know the current activities going on such as : youth conferences, scholarships, internship, entertainment and promote the Millennium Development Goals MDGS. We need these materials to start working: micro phones: CD players: a computer set: transmitter and tape recorders.

### **Focus Kenya**

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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.

Email: [jude4prosperity@yahoo.com](mailto:jude4prosperity@yahoo.com)

Contact Person: Jude Chijioko

Help Request: I am intending to set up a cassava processing factory in a community that produces cassava. I would require assistance in the area of preparing the project business plan, especially the SWOT analysis, profit and loss statement, etc. I will also appreciate assistance as regards sourcing of equipment and machineries, and other technical advice.

### **Focus Youth Centre in Ruiru Kenya**

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Focus Youth Centre in Ruiru Kenya

Help Request: Hi I am a young person running an orphan and vulnerable children centre in Ruiru, KENYA, together with my youth team. We use art to address topical social issues and raise funds to support the centre. We are not able to raise enough money to offer quality care to these little angels. I am requesting if there are any organisations, individuals or companies that can come to our rescue. We will be more than glad to work with them. If any information is needed about our organisation it can be provided.



## NEW YEAR WISHES

I wish a happy and healthy 2008 to all NAYDians. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that [www.NAYD.org](http://www.NAYD.org) is for



YOUR benefit. Over 3300 visitors from 81 countries have browsed our WEB pages since we started in June 2007. If you want help in any way, or simply want to raise awareness of

issues in your local community, region or country then please let me or Pochi know and I'll happily let the world know. ■ **Paul Shaw**



I wish the entire NAYD team and African youths a splendid year 2008. I call on all youths to join hands in making our mission a success. May God the Almighty grant good health, peace and happiness to the

entire world and Africa in particular. ■ **Pochi TAMBA, CEO NAYD International**



Dear Friends,  
On behalf of NAYD-Cameroon and myself I wish you all the MERRIEST of Xmas and the HAPPIEST of New Year.

Best Regards.  
Respectfully,

**CHI Primus C. County Coordinator-**  
Nayd-Cameroon



In this brand new year 2008 whereby the expectations, aspirations and dreams of every youth is huge, I pray that peace reign in their

lives. May our African leaders who have refused

to cede power through democratic elections try to find good heart and wisdom to listen to the wishes of their subjects (people). I wish all of the youths of Africa (the voiceless) and those of the world at large happiness, prosperity and especially what they wish themselves for life. ■ **Christian P. Tabifor.**



I wish you and your communities the necessary self confidence and the dynamism of a prosperous New year. Let

us all hoard our treasures, which may be our time, our money, our knowledge, and even our love for the advancement of our mother Africa. ■ **MUNU Thaddeus**

Chers (eres) Membres de NAYD c'est avec un réel plaisir que je vous souhaite un joyeux Noël et une bonne année 2008. Puisse le Seigneur Dieu Tout Puissant puisse vous accordé sa grâce en cette nouvelle année 2008. Mes salutations  
**Tchatchouang Raoul, Traducteur**  
**NAYD International**

NAYD Nigeria is wishing all NAYDians the best of this xmas. The achievements of 2007 are just a scratch of the total package. May we all put in our very best in 2008 to take NAYD to an enviable height. God bless you all. ■ **NNADI Kevin & the Country team**

### Wisdom from the NAYD Members!

"There is no economy in going to bed early to save candles if the result is twins" **Christian P. Tabifor**

"There are just two things in life; reasoning and results; where do you belong?" **MUNU Thaddeus**

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### 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.

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- 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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