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RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT INDIA

1. DEVELOPING OUR STRATEGY

We reviewed our current Strategy to be able to work more effectively with young people to ensure greater impact of our work.

How we did it

We believe that our strategy going forward should be more informed by the current issues that young people face across the country and their communities. Which is why we:

- Looked at our existing work and interventions in the country
- Did some action research – voices of young people and community about development and their priorities
- Looked at organisations supporting youth-led work
- Held a stakeholder consultation at state and national level

Watch out for the recommendations in the next newsletter!

2. EXPANSION

We have expanded our work. We are now working not only in Tamil Nadu but also in the states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. We are currently setting up new offices in the 3 first mentioned states. The staff have already been recruited, inducted and sent out in the field to start the operations. The head office is currently located in Delhi and the Vellore office is now moving to Chennai.



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3. EXTERNAL EVALUATION



We did an external Evaluation of our “Youth Empowerment Programme” funded by HIVOS International & Robert Christie Foundation in 23 rural government schools. We found a lot of exciting results showing the impact of our work. In the schools and communities where we work:

- We have increased the knowledge about routes of HIV transmission from **1.6%** to **67.4%**
- Our volunteers also got **85%** of students washing their hands after defecation using the toilet, up from **0.8%**.
- Nearly half of students, **47.9%**, have sent petitions to government authorities, some of them have taken out a protest rally and organised a signature campaign.

LAST YEAR

19,225 classroom lessons were conducted on Sexual & Reproductive Health, with life skills and gender as underlying themes

24,532 young people accessed information on reproductive health and career in resource centres set up in schools

150 district level workshops were conducted with the theme of “sustaining out of school youth Interventions”.

4. JOBS

If you believe that young people have the energy and ability to play an essential role in leading positive change, get involved!

Our current vacancies:

- Programme Manager—South India, based in Chennai
- Programme Coordinator Livelihoods—Delhi

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