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SPW IS NOW RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT

SPW has been rebranded as Restless Development following a massive consultation with young people, development leaders and the public around the world, supported by creative

consultancy Figtree. Chief Executive, Eric Levine, said: "Staff and young professionals across the organisation worldwide have contributed to the development of the new brand. Restless Development better captures our youth-led mission and ambitions to empower young people in the most underserved communities and bring their voice and knowledge to the highest corridors of power and policy."

The youth-led mission, work and values of the organisation will remain the same, just more powerfully communicated.

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YOUTH PARTICIPATION GUIDE

Restless Development launched the high quality practical guide that supports both DFID and other Donor Agency country offices to engage with young people. This groundbreaking document on youth participation arose from a remarkable process that was itself a demonstration of the skill and capacity of young people to contribute to development at the highest levels.

Young people and young professionals occupied all project roles within the core project team of researchers and workshop coordinators, as well as being represented among the project committee members and publication review group. The guide documents successful approaches and provides quality standards on how to work with and for young people in planning, programming and accountability processes. It can be downloaded from www.ygproject.org

KILIMANJARO CHALLENGE

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary, the International Year of Youth and our new brand, we will be trekking to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in October. A team of 14 committed supporters from across the globe, led by our Chief Executive, Eric Levine, are in the midst of seeking sponsorship and organising fundraising events for Restless Development. Check out the team: www.restlessdevelopment.org/kilimanjaro-challenge

Please do not hesitate to contact us! We will be very happy to answer your questions, provide more information or discuss any of our programmes with our supporters. Contact us on +44 207 976 8070 or info@restlessdevelopment.org

NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY AND POLITICAL DISPUTE

WORKSHOP ON NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY



NEPAL

SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH ON NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY IN NEPAL

Restless Development (Nepal) supported the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS) to hold a planning workshop on the National Youth Policy where partners from different sectors helped make an action plan to operationalise the National Youth Policy.

The workshop was carried out to discuss and identify key issues related to youth. It also focused on ensuring youth participation while reducing duplication and encouraging effective implementation of youth activities. The major areas of discussions included the National Youth Policy, Youth Responsive Budgeting and the International Year of Youth. The workshop also identified different activities to address the eight key thematic areas in the National Youth Policy. It developed consensus on implementation of a Youth Responsive Budgeting process and commemoration of the International Year of Youth.

ALUMNI PEER EDUCATORS LEAD RESOLUTION OF POLITICAL DISPUTE IN SIERRA LEONE

Alumni Volunteer Peer Educators in the north of Sierra Leone resolved a very long standing political dispute between young people, tribal leaders and other community stakeholders. They organised a workshop on peace building and conflict resolution at a community centre. The workshop was a success as both young people and tribal heads overcame their differences and became united for the peaceful development of their community. This achievement was commented on by the local authorities as they reflected on the fruitless efforts of the local government officers in trying to resolve the issue:

“Bravo Restless Development for such great work.”

Pa Alimany Dura Turay (Section Chief)

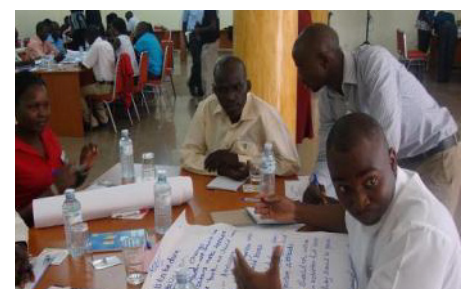
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UGANDA NATIONAL YOUTH CONSULTATION 2010

34 young Ugandan leaders gathered on 11 and 12 August to assess the progress made against the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The young people also analysed the new National Development Plan to decide upon actions that young Ugandans will take to accelerate the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals through the implementation of the National Development Plan (NDP). This policy analysis and strategic mapping process resulted in:

- 1.** Commitments by young people on how they will further the advancement of these plans as individuals and within their organisations.
- 2.** Recommendations for decision-makers to ensure that young people are fully engaged as partners by Government as well as donors and Non-Governmental Organisations in support of the MDGs and NDP.

Restless Development organised a second annual National Youth Consultation, continuing to ensure that young Ugandans play a positive, leading role in the most important development processes. Participants assessed the NDP in light of the four most pressing MDGs facing young Ugandans (1,2,4 and 5), and these young leaders then presented their recommendations to decision-makers from the National Planning Authority, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Sports, USAID, World Bank, International Labour Organization and Uganda AIDS Commission. The consultation also received support from the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development and UNFPA.



SEX, HIV & AIDS, UNICEF & OXFAM

SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS ALLIANCE WORKSHOP



INDIA

IN INDIA

Restless Development was asked to run a national workshop for the Dutch Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Alliance to finalise their proposal to the Dutch Foreign Ministry. The workshop was attended by about 15 Non Governmental Organisations from 5 North Indian states. As a result of the workshop, a context analysis was sent to the Dutch Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Alliance.

IN TANZANIA

A forum discussion titled Youth Responsibilities Against The Spread of HIV/AIDS was conducted by alumni volunteers working in the Institute of Social Work. The event involved students from three universities with 70 female and 85 male participants. The forum also involved organisations in Dar es Salaam that work with people living with HIV/AIDS. The successful objective was to clarify myths that young people in society mistakenly believe and to discuss issues around multiple sexual partnerships.

IN ZIMBABWE

UNICEF staff visited Restless Development's Young People We Care project in Hatcliffe. Meetings were held with people living with HIV/AIDS, who gave testimonies to UNICEF about the quality of support they had received from the project's Volunteer Peer Educators and Home-Based Carers. UNICEF demonstrated their confidence in the project by deciding to showcase it to a number of their donors from Sweden. Restless Development staff felt that the visit had been an excellent opportunity to share and promote best practice. There is also now potential for the project to receive increased funding and scale up so that it can cover five districts.

IN SOUTH AFRICA

The dance4life Heart Connection Tour was launched and successfully completed during April and May. The Tour reached 20 schools in both districts that Restless Development works in, in the Eastern Cape; it is estimated that **10,000** young people were reached during this tour.

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IN ZAMBIA

Restless Development in collaboration with an organisation called 2410 is coordinating an Oxfam-funded radio programme which airs on local Radio Phoenix every Thursday. The aim of the radio programme is to raise awareness about health issues with the general public and engage government and other key players in discussion about health issues that affect communities. The structure of the programme allows for every discussion to include a representative from the Zambian Government, a Civil Society Organisation and a community member. The key public leaders that have featured on the programme so far include Directors from the Ministry of Health and Members of Parliament. Our staff have also featured on the programme to discuss issues facing young people. The programme also includes a live phone-in which allows the public to participate in dialogue with the guests. Radio Phoenix has a listening audience of seven and a half million people. On average, 7 people are calling the show each week. Restless Development are currently running a 14 weeks series.

IN SIERRA LEONE

In the last nine months, we organised:

3,444

Sessions on life skills for young people

9,868

Sexual and Reproductive Health sessions

13,150

Gender sessions

EMPLOYMENT, BEER HALLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE LEADING

COMPUTER LITERACY COURSE AT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE



SOUTH AFRICA

EMPLOYMENT FOR RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT GRADUATES

In South Africa, students graduating from Restless Development's Computer Literacy Course at Libode Youth Development Centre have been very successful in gaining employment after graduation. Students have gone on to administration and finance jobs in non-governmental organisations as well as government departments in the area. Other students have looked to continue studying. Part of this success can be put down to Youth Development Centre Officers supporting students in finding work after graduating. This is on top of the career advice and CV writing assistance that is given during the Computer Literacy Course. The graduation ceremonies themselves are also useful in raising the profile of the course and of the Youth Development Centre generally within the community.

FROM A BEER HALL TO A RESOURCE CENTRE

Tuto and Nkosilomusa, both Restless Development (Zimbabwe) Volunteer Peer Educators went for a stroll on their second day of placement. Then and there they decided to transform an abandoned beer hall into Madlambudzi Youth Centre. With the help of their acquired negotiation skills during Restless Development training, they made a deal with Councilor Ncube. The volunteers spruced the place up and also got furniture from a local primary school to get things started. Through visits to the International Organisation for Migration, Matabeleland AIDS Council and the Restless Development-funded Plumtree Resource Centre, Tuto and Nkosilomusa also sourced books, posters and other useful resources. A small fundraising initiative allowed for an official opening ceremony. Even the people who had hoped that the old beer hall was being reopened expressed their enthusiasm when they realised that their children could use the resource centre to learn.

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YOUNG UGANDANS LEAD RECOVERY FROM CONFLICT AND EXTREME POVERTY

Restless Development has secured a grant from Comic Relief to develop our youth-led work in Karamoja, Uganda, with expansion to begin in October 2010.

Through a Restless Development pilot programme launched in 2009, 14 young Karimojong Volunteer Peer Educators were professionally trained and supported to lead the recovery from conflict and community development processes. The pilot reached:

3,365 people with documented impact including:

84 % increase in young Karimojong reporting increased capacity to respond to conflict

36 % increase in young Karimojong reporting increased food security

18% decrease in young males having multiple sexual partners

45 % increase in young males using condoms

Beginning this month, Restless Development will expand its Youth Empowerment Programme in Karamoja with the support of Comic Relief and the UK Department of International Development, increasing the scale of the programme significantly to reach over 15,000 people in 25 communities regionally through the annual training and support of 75 Karimojong Volunteer Peer Educators.

Perry Maddox, Country Director (Uganda), added:

“ Having this grant from Comic Relief to extend our work over three years is a massive achievement for the team of staff and volunteers involved in the pilot and it reflects the growing awareness that young people must lead the most important development processes in our world.”