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THE YOUTH-LED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Monitoring and Evaluation Training

OUR NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

After three months of advertising and multiple rounds of interviews led by our Trustees – supported by our country programmes, young staff and the International Senior Management Team, we are very pleased to announce that we have appointed our new Chief Executive, to take on the mantle from Eric Levine in November.

It is with great excitement that we announce that Nicholas Hartley, our current Deputy Chief Executive, was selected unanimously by our Board of Trustees, and that he has agreed to take on the post starting in November.

Nik has been with Restless Development since 1998. He was based in Zambia for half of that time leading the direction of our programmes across Africa and Asia, and more recently as Deputy Chief Executive based in the UK.

We are very excited to enter a new phase at Restless Development with Nik in November. We also wish Eric well for the exciting future endeavours that lie ahead – knowing he will always be part of the Restless Development family! Check our website for more info: www.restlessdevelopment.org

PUT YOUTH AT THE HEART OF DEVELOPMENT

As part of the end of the International Year of Youth, Restless Development attended the High Level Meeting on Youth at the end of July. Our Director of Investment and Partnerships, Jessica Harris, spoke about the role of the private sector in development. Jessica stressed that there are numerous ways that the government, communities and the private sector can involve and engage young people to achieve both positive social and development impact:

“It is only by interacting, supporting and involving young people in a meaningful way that we’ll see long lasting and sustainable economic growth and change across the board.”

You can help support the voice of young people by joining the Put Youth At The Heart of Development campaign which has been created by the International Year of Youth Strategy Partners. Support the campaign on Facebook by liking it and sign the petition (search on Facebook).

LIVE BELOW THE LINE

May 2011 saw over 10,000 people globally living on £1 a day for food and drink for 5 days as they took on the challenge to Live Below the Line!

168 people took on the challenge for Restless Development raising over £35,000 for youth-led development. The campaign was like no other, with coverage in the media, for example, Harry Potter star Bonnie Wright spoke about the campaign on ITV’s Loose Women (UK). Bonnie took on the challenge and was a supporter of Restless Development for the campaign. Our Patron, Baroness Jenkin of Kennington ran a soup kitchen in the House of Lords for participants and spoke on the radio, too.

We hope you saw us and thank you all for supporting the campaign and the Global Poverty Project for being the driving force behind it.



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YOUNG PEOPLE LEADING DEVELOPMENT AND INFLUENCING POLICIES



Consultation participants

YOUTH CONSULTATION WITH USAID

In Tanzania, we gave 13 young people the opportunity to take part in an USAID consultation to contribute directly to the development of a new USAID youth policy. Five major problems were identified by the participants during the consultation: unemployment, lack of youth participation in decision-making, lack of youth understanding of their skills and potential, lack of knowledge and rights, and impact of myths about HIV and AIDS. Participants identified gender discrimination as a cross cutting issue to all these problems.

Young people told USAID that 'just giving money is not a solution to the problem'. They explained the need for youth education, and training to enable young people to access resources and use them effectively. They wanted 'less one-off trainings and more

long-term tailored capacity building support based on specific skills gaps and priorities'. They strongly felt young people needed to be involved in developing, implementing and monitoring programmes and services, to make them more accessible to them. They wanted support to help parents, elders, and employers to understand the added value of involving and supporting youth participation in decision-making, and youth leadership, within the family, community and the workplace.

They asked USAID to recognise 'young people as the experts on the needs and priorities of young people' in the USAID Youth Policy, and not to treat them simply as 'beneficiaries'. Participants encouraged USAID to involve young people in policy development from planning, implementation, and review of achievements once it is implemented. USAID very positively saw this consultation as a first step in a series of engagements with youth-led groups in the development of its policy and follow up support is planned.

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IN INDIA

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. Very exciting indeed as we are expanding our dance4life programme in India. Stay tuned for more details soon!

TRAINING MINISTRY IN MONITORING AND EVALUATION

In Sierra Leone, in collaboration with the Ministry of Employment Youth and Sport, our team trained 19 Regional & District Youth Officers on Monitoring and Evaluation and Data Base Session Plans. The training helped the Ministry to formulate a monitoring and evaluation system for their use. This will be used for the collection of comprehensive data and evaluation of all youth organisations across Sierra Leone. The training was designed to build the capacity of ministry staff to understand key concepts and terminologies of monitoring and evaluation and programme implementation. Charles Moinina, Director at the Sierra Leone Ministry of Employment, Youth and Sport said:

"I wish to applaud Restless Development (...) to train our Regional and District Officers on monitoring and evaluation (...) In the past the Ministry has never collected data on NGO working with youth or youth related issues. Restless Development has proven to be the youth-led development agency."



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RESEARCH, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND FINANCIAL FITNESS



FINANCIAL FITNESS IN ZAMBIA

In Zambia, we've been working in conjunction with national bank ZANACO to roll out a new financial literacy programme for young people.

The project started earlier this year when 40 of our volunteers were given intensive training by ZANACO. Chanda Nkhoma, our Programme Coordinator said:

“This unique training will help our volunteers introduce the basics of personal finance in a simple and accessible way. If young people across Zambia can improve their financial knowledge, we can achieve long-lasting behaviour change.”

Over the course of this year, our volunteers will share their knowledge with 10,500 young Zambians. This will include 6,000 school children, but also 4,500 student teachers – equipping them with the ability to deliver financial literacy sessions to thousands more.

The feedback we've had from the programme so far has been hugely encouraging. Students said that they had a significantly better understanding of how to manage their money, that they now know how to compile a budget and that they had changed their spending habits as a result. This partnership with ZANACO is a really exciting new venture, but at the heart of it is the same simple premise that guides all of our work: young people learn best from one another, and given the skills and opportunity, they can act as inspiring peer leaders.

IN SOUTH AFRICA

We are going to conduct girl-led research – an empowering process for those involved in its own right. We will also develop a prevention strategy for gender violence. We are aiming to build the capacity of youth-led community based organisations, which are mainly staffed by girls and function at extremely low cost, to conduct evidence-based advocacy. We will provide comprehensive organisational development capacity building to them to ensure the long term viability of these organisations. We will create platforms for them to engage government duty bearers, and they will participate in planning and budgeting processes, lobbying for improved responses to gender violence and the needs of marginalised, rural young women and girls more broadly.

IN AUSTRALIA

We are partnering with the Central Australian Youth Link Up Service (CAYLUS) to support their youth programmes delivered to young local Aboriginal people. We will support a local Indigenous council body to deliver their community Youth Programme activities and initiatives, emphasising local ownership and participation. We will support that Aboriginal young people are given the opportunity to engage in and lead development activities. Young volunteers between 18-28 will be working under the direction of a Youth Worker to devise and implement context based positive empowering activities. This will be delivered in 4 remote communities that CAYLUS currently delivers Youth Programmes in: Papunya, Mount Liebig, Finke, Docker River.



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TEACHER TRAINING AND YOUNG PEOPLE BEING HEARD



Gideon, volunteer, with Minister Kasukuwere

In Zimbabwe

We are entering into a new strategy: to align our programming efforts to advocate for young people to access employment opportunities and create wealth for themselves to address poverty which is one of the key drivers of vulnerability to HIV/AIDS.

As part of that, we joined in commemorating the Day of The African Child in Harare with a call to policy makers to accelerate efforts to ensure child protection.

On the day, Restless Development volunteers ran a booth helping 300 young people express what they wish for in life. The booth had cameras, canvasses and paint to help them voice their thoughts. The Minister of Youth was asked what actions his ministry is taking to address unemployment (with the overall unemployment rate at 95%, the majority are young people) which is affecting young people especially those in marginalised rural areas.

Minister Kasukuwere noted that unemployment remains one of the major challenges facing young Zimbabweans today and that his ministry

has come up with strategies to facilitate youth participation in the mainstream economy:

“The programmes include vocational training and integrated skills outreach programmes, the Youth Build Zimbabwe Programme and the Youth Development Fund, which is aimed at financing youth projects and promoting self employment initiatives.”

As a result of such high unemployment levels, challenges faced by young people include limited access to sexual and reproductive health services and poor housing and sanitation.

“We commemorate the Day of the African Child this year with the stark reminder that Zimbabwe’s children still face enormous challenges in realising their rights, but experiences in the past two years have made us see the great potential this country has to address these challenges.”

said Dr. Peter Salama, UNICEF Representative in Zimbabwe.

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IN INDIA

In the schools and communities where we work in the Tamil Nadu region of India, 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 using the toilet, up from **0.8%.**

IN NEPAL

IN THE LAST 9 MONTHS WE ORGANISED

103

awareness campaigns around sexual and reproductive health

445 lessons and **113** gender sessions

In Uganda

We carried out a teacher training project in order to provide youth friendly sexual health rights services in schools. We also trained the teachers to integrate a less formal way of teaching, to build young people’s core life skills. As a result of the training, teacher’s capacity increased by up to 37%. After the training, participants were also keen to share ideas and skills gained with other teachers and therefore making the training sustainable and a success.



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