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the EDITOR Speaks

Esteemed readers of INSPIRE we are happy to present to you this informative edition of our regular monthly newsletter. This month we begin on a sad note with news from Nigeria. We also focus on community action in Cameroon, Climate change and adolescents living with HIV/AIDS.

This May edition of INSPIRE goes further to present the NGO of the month of May- HOFNA an NGO that works in rural Cameroon to bring about social change in various sectors using methods that have proved successful.

Climate Change being an issue that continues to draw much debate in diverse forums is a focal issue for NAYD. As such we evaluate the place of climate change in relation to the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

What happens to adolescents living with HIV/AIDS and what has caused an increase in AIDS-related mortality among the adolescents. In our HIV/AIDS section we focus on the issues surrounding the adolescents living with HIV/AIDS.

NAYD is also happy to report that it held its 2nd Google Hangout discussion on Agriculture and the youth in Africa and got informative insights from the two people involved.

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Finally, your comments and suggestions are welcome and highly appreciated in the quest of bringing you a high quality INSPIRE.

Read, be INSPIRED and pass the INSPIRATION forward.

-The NAYD Editorial Team.

BRING BACK OUR GIRLS



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Two weeks ago Nigeria woke up to shocking news that not only shook Nigeria but the world at large. 234 girls were kidnapped from a boarding school by armed militants and up to date nothing has been heard of them. The fact that these girls were kidnapped while in school accessing education a basic human right is very disturbing. What is more disturbing is the news coming in that the girls are being auctioned to militants. To make an already bleak situation worse is the news coming in that another 8 girls have being kidnapped, allegedly, by armed militants. The fact that the Nigerian government has not been

successful in rescuing these girls weeks later has led to an uproar by people from all corners of the world and has culminated into a loud **Bring Back Our Girls** call which NAYD as a network focusing on Africa has taken up.

NAYD stands with the families of those innocent girls so cruelly snatched in the dead of the night and who must constantly face their kidnapers in turmoil but who must have if only a flicker of hope that the world is working day and night to bring them hope. NAYD also calls upon the Nigerian government and the global community to do what must be done to **Bring Back Our Girls**.

NAYD believes in equality of all children in society and the right for all children to access education, a right which is under threat now more than ever under threat. As such it is upon every community actor to take up the call and ensure all children receive education regardless of their gender. The only wrong that any child can commit in some communities in the 21st century is being born a girl or a boy; and from this the community treats them in a certain preconceived way. It therefore falls upon thought leaders and people of courage to rise up against such archaic acts which discriminate children depending on their gender and in this case kidnaps them and turns their lives into cheap items of trade that can be auctioned to men.

'NAYD stands with the families of those innocent girls....'

It is this sad situation that calls for you wherever you are to do your bit to talk on behalf of these daughters of Africa whose voices and dreams have been stifled by acts of cowardice. In the meantime there are on-going petitions and you are encouraged to sign one and get word out as much as possible to as many people as possible.

We shall not stop until they **Bring Back Our Girls**.

NGO of the month - HOPE FOR THE NEEDY CAMEROON -HOFNA

HOFNA is a youth-led, not for-for-profit, Non-governmental Organization dedicated to supporting the marginalized youth in Cameroon to achieve lasting positive change in their lives. It further seeks to enable the young to attain independence through education, Self-Help, Healthy Living and Entrepreneurship and by promoting Culture, Gender Sensitivity, Innovation and Leadership. It does this through the use of sustainable, community-based approach which involves working together with the youth and women to build capacity in a way that promotes self-reliance. It has a team of qualified overseers for the various programs.

There are various communities that benefit from HOFNA's programs which are basically focused in four areas of action:

Women and Human Rights: The fact that women are among the groups of marginalized people in society creates a need for HOFNA to step in and take meaningful action. HOFNA believes that empowering and investing in women fundamentally strengthens families and societies. This is done by developing women skills, creating political and economic platforms for the women so that they can actively take part in the process of community development. Specifically, the women empowerment program seeks to transfer tools, strategies, and lessons and promote cooperation among women. Mobilizing women and bring them together for networking has also proved to be such a great asset.



Education: Among its major programs is education. HOFNA believes in the power of education to transform a generation and does so by collaborating with orphanages and schools in poor and vulnerable communities to support comprehensive education by providing books, scholarships and other resources. Besides that it also empowers the youth with skills such as dress making, catering, embroidery, carpentry and computer literacy. Specific to the education program is the MER – Making Education Realistic Project. MER project promotes education in the North West Cameroon and is a result of the fact that some



places education especially of the girl child is not seen as a priority. The MER project has so far supported 40 youths, among them 29 girls to attend primary school.

Health and HIV/AIDS: HOFNA believes community health is a major human right. Believing that 'Health is Wealth' it seeks to attend to the many health challenges in the community such as water, hygiene and sanitation issues, maternal health, malaria and HIV/AIDS. Health can be an expensive issue in the community considering the physical, social and economic effects. HOFNA organizes and trains groups of women and youths on preventative methods of transmission of HIV as well as control, care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS.



Environmental Protection and Sustainable Agriculture: Agriculture being a major source of livelihood for many in Africa it forms the fourth focus point by HOFNA. Agriculture goes hand in hand with environmental conservation and for HOFNA it is equally important. It seeks to empower local forested communities targeting the youth and women by initiating tree planting, planting of medical plants, bee keeping, organic gardening that are responsive to global environmental concerns for sustainable livelihoods.

With no doubt HOFNA is among the many community based youth-led organizations that are relentlessly working towards moving Africa to a self sustaining continent. Connect with them to find out how you can be involved or to learn from them and hopefully get inspired to do something in your community.

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"Without deviations from the norm progress is not possible." ~ Frank Zappa

Climate Change and The Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The Post-2015 Development Agenda refers to a process led by the United Nations (UN) that aims to help define the future global development framework that will succeed the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), a set of eight global development targets which come to an end in 2015. It is being led in part by a UN System Task Team established by the Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to support UN system-wide preparations for the Post-

2015 UN Development Agenda. It comprises 60 UN agencies, as well as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. In June 2012, it published the report “Realizing the Future We Want for All” which serves as an input to the work of the High Level Panel. On 31 July 2012, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed 27 civil society, private sector, and government leaders from all regions of the world to a High Level Panel (HLP) to advise him on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Here in Africa, a Draft Common African Position (CAP) on Post-2015 Agenda was agreed upon at the 21st Ordinary Session of the Africa Union held on 30 – 31 January 2014 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The document is structured around five pillars and enablers including: Pillar 1: Structural Economic Transformation and Inclusive Growth, Pillar 2: Science, Technology and Innovation, Pillar 3: People-centered Development, Pillar 4: Environmental Sustainability, Natural Resources Management and Disaster Risk Management and Pillar 5: Finance and Partnerships. The Enabling Implementation includes Peace and Security; Good Governance; Transparency and Fighting Corruption; Enabling Governance Architecture ; Human Rights for All; Macroeconomic Policy; Private Sector Development; a Credible Participatory Process; Monitoring and Evaluation; Traditional Knowledge; Capacity Development, etc.

Climate change has been placed under as you would expect Pillar Four: Environmental Sustainability, Natural Resources Management and Disaster Risk Management, part (c) Climate Change. This part does not introduce anything new, rather what we already know such as:

1. Committing to reduce deforestation, desertification and pollution, promote reforestation and reduce soil erosion ; improve land management promote renewable energies; promote efficiency of energy production, consumption and recycle; and effectively implement the Kyoto Protocol;
2. Recognizing the fact that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our modern times, emphasizing Africa’s greatest vulnerability to climate change and its effects and that adaptation to the phenomenon represents an immediate and urgent global priority.
3. Urging developed country parties to the UNFCCC to fully implement their commitments under the Kyoto Protocol in order to bridge the gap between the aggregate efforts of mitigation, pledge and aggregate pathways consistent with having the likely chance of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 degrees or 1.5 degrees above the pre-industrial level.
4. Calling upon developed countries to provide sufficient and predictable financing to developing countries mainly through capitalizing the Green Climate Fund with 100 billion dollars per year by 2020 , as well as the transfer of technologies and capacity building in accordance with the relevant decisions adopted in Cancun

When this draft by the Heads of State of the High Level Committee on Common Africa Position on the Post-2015 Development Agenda was released, the African Youth Working Group on Post-2015 Agenda (on behalf of over 100 diverse youth-led organisations and networks from across Africa), came out strongly voicing that “While we commend you for proposing a pillar on people centred development goal that is anchored on harnessing Africa’s

youthful population, we are concerned that it does not fully reflect the desires and aspirations of many African youths, and it does not acknowledge the central role of young people in development and therefore deserves to be treated as an independent pillar/goal with set targets to achieve it to ensure political commitment to prioritize the young people's needs and development".

Among other things it emphasized the need for a stand-alone goal/pillar on youth development and creation of decent job opportunities, recognizing and promote youth-centered inclusive growth, sexual and reproductive health and rights education among the youth and participatory governance. All in all, climate change in the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda is mainly about having a new global agreement that is poised to look fundamentally different from the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. You can follow the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda here <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/beyond-2015-children-and-youth-wg>.

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"Here is to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes...the ones who see things differently. They are not fond of rules, you can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can't do is ignore them because they change things, they push the human race forward and while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius because the ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do" Steve Jobs.

ADOLESCENTS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS.

Despite the unprecedented progress made in the AIDS response in recent years, emerging evidence suggests that adolescents are falling behind as a result of not receiving the attention and services they require. AIDS-related mortality among adolescents has increased by 50% over the past seven years, but fell for all other age groups, according to UNAIDS estimates. Two out of three people aged 0–14 lack access to HIV treatment worldwide, and recent data collected from sub-Saharan Africa indicate that only 10% of young men and 15% of young women (15–24 years) are aware of their HIV status.

To advance the adolescent treatment and care agenda, UNAIDS, the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition, the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+) and PACT brought together key treatment actors, United Nations and youth organizations and networks of young people living with HIV. During the two-day meeting, held on 16 and 17 April, participants analysed the main obstacles affecting adolescents in the AIDS response and charted an action agenda to ensure that adolescents are not left behind.

There is an urgent need to ensure that adolescents living with HIV become aware of their status and have access to effective HIV treatment and quality care programmes. Furthermore, adolescents face particular challenges to adhere to HIV treatment, lack support to disclose their status and there is an absence of information about their sexual and reproductive health and rights.

There are many reasons why adolescents may stop taking their HIV medications regularly, including their side-effects, “treatment fatigue”, self-stigma or a lack of community support. However, maintaining adherence to HIV treatment is one of the key elements for optimizing health outcomes for adolescents living with HIV. Besides its primary health benefits, taking antiretroviral treatment correctly and consistently delays the development of drug resistance and contributes to preventing the onward transmission of HIV. “We cannot achieve zero AIDS-related deaths and zero new HIV infections if we don't focus on addressing the unique treatment needs of adolescents,” said Bactrin Killongo, from the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition. “For me, the agenda of scaling up HIV treatment should start with adolescents, especially those who were prenatally infected.”

Many adolescents living with HIV have also expressed lack of support regarding how, when and with whom to disclose their HIV status. This can lead to anxiety and depression. For members of young key populations, the situation is even more difficult, as they often face discrimination on account of the behaviour that makes them vulnerable to HIV, such as sex between men, as well as their HIV-positive status. “Where do you go when you are discovering your sexuality as an adolescent? Very often the challenge that we face as young gay men is the double disclosure,” said Pablo Aguilera, Executive Director of the HIV Young Leaders Fund. “You have to tell people around you that you are HIV-positive and that you are gay, and this can get much more complicated when homosexuality is criminalized in your country and when you need the consent of your parents to access health care!”

Comprehensive sexuality education that is specifically catered to the unique needs of adolescents living with HIV is missing from most school and health-care settings globally. Many adolescents living with HIV are therefore left to deal with sexuality and relationships entirely on their own, leaving them isolated and fearful of sex and sexuality, while others lack sexual and reproductive health information and skills around safe sex. “There is a need to tackle HIV prevention and treatment simultaneously and holistically among adolescents, recognizing not only their treatment and clinical needs but their emotional, physical and sexual needs too,” said Musah Lumumba, a young man living with HIV and Y+ member from Uganda. Stigmatizing attitudes from health-care workers in relation to adolescents who are sexually active are also persistent. “As a young woman living with HIV, we often face challenges with access to sexual and reproductive health and services and adherence to HIV treatment, due to mistreatment and stigma from health-care workers,” said Consolata Opiyo, from the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS.

A call to action

After two days of intense conversations, the participants identified core priorities to move the agenda forward, including developing a network to advance an agenda for adolescents to access medicines, demanding better treatment services at the country level, with a particular focus on national antiretroviral therapy guidelines and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria proposals, implementing a science agenda to fill the current research gaps regarding adolescents living with HIV and developing a mechanism to support the scaling up of programmes around adolescents living with HIV that work.

“This is a watershed moment in the AIDS response,” said Linda-Gail Bekker, Professor of Medicine and Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre. “We now have a critical mass of organizations working jointly to advance the adolescent treatment and care agenda!”

The outcome document from the meeting will be available ahead of the World Health Assembly in May 2014.

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The Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition

The **YOUTH CITIZEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION** is a new and exciting international program launched by The Goi Peace Foundation, Stiftung Entrepreneurship (Berlin) and UNESCO. It aims to empower young entrepreneurs and innovators to create positive change in their communities.

Young people from all regions around the world between the ages of 15 and 30 are invited to participate in the Competition and submit their best ideas and projects.

The deadline for entries is 30 JUNE 2014.

Winners will be invited to the award ceremony at the Entrepreneurship Summit in Berlin in October 2014, where they will present their ideas and projects to an international audience.

Competition registrants have the opportunity to receive a free online training at the Entrepreneurship Campus, and to get their entries brushed up by their peers. Entries are subject to online public voting and commenting.

To all young participants:

Register online;

Take advantage of the free training at the online Entrepreneurship Campus;

Submit your best ideas and projects;

Enroll friends and colleagues to vote and comment; and

Be part of a global community of creative youth entrepreneurs and peers who together are building a harmonious and sustainable society for all.

Join the Competition at www.youth-competition.org!

Please send your comments or inquiry to goipeacefoundation@youth-competition.org.

Call for Essays: 2014 International Essay Contest for Young People

Young people from around the world are invited to enter the 2014 Goi Peace Foundation - UNESCO International Essay Contest for Young People.

The theme for this year's contest is: "MY ROLE AS A CITIZEN OF EARTH."

The deadline for entry is June 15, 2014.

Prize winners will receive a cash award and will be invited to Japan for the award ceremony. Please see the complete guidelines below or at <http://www.goipeace.or.jp/english/activities/programs/1401.html>

We look forward to the participation of many young people in your communities!

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