

MINDOLO ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION

SWEZAM PROJECT



2011 THIRD QUARTER REPORT

July - September, 2011

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INTRODUCTION

The report covers the activities which the SWEZAM project undertook from July to September 2011. The major highlight of this quarter was the training of the newly elected SWEZAM school club leaders.

THE STATISTICAL ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THE SWEZAM PROJECT HAS REACHED

Primary target Group

| No | Distribution | Number of Schools | Total Number | Males | Females |
|----|--|-------------------|--------------|-------|---------|
| 1 | Youth club members reached during SWEZAM Youth club meetings | 7 | 1650 | 700 | 950 |
| 2 | Number of Youth reached during the Joint meetings | 7 | 106 | 45 | 61 |
| 3 | Number of New School Club leaders reached during the Capacity Building and Peer Education Workshop | 7 | 14 | 6 | 8 |

Secondary Target group

| No. | Distribution | Number of Schools (Basic) Visited | Total Number | Males | Females |
|-----|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------|---------|
| 1. | Number of Youth reached during the SWEZAM Youth Clubs outreaches in Basic Schools | - | - | - | - |
| 2. | Number of Parents/Guardians reached during the Parents Gender Peer Education workshop | - | - | - | - |
| 3. | Number of Church Based Youth leaders reached during the Church Youth Leaders Workshop | - | - | - | - |
| 4. | Number of MEF Students and staff reached During the Chapel Youth Day Celebrations | - | - | - | - |

OVERALL TOTAL OF PEOPLE REACHED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2011

= 1,770

Building Capacities of Clubs by SYC Leaders

Date of Activity: In the Month of July

Number of people reached: 400 SWEZAM Youth Club members

Budget Allocation: K 4,824,000 Actual used in Q3: K2, 000,000

Introduction

Building Capacities of clubs by SYC leaders is an initiative introduced to ensure that clubs are well coordinated in terms of meetings, topic of discussions and outreaches. The project under this quarter being reported managed to send some senior youth club leaders in the high schools, using the rotation methods. The seniors' role during the club meetings was to facilitate on the various topics within the three thematic areas (Human Rights, Gender and HIV/AIDS). Since the inception of this initiative, clubs are stable in terms of attendance and membership consistency. And since the top leadership of all the respective clubs are trained (President and Vice President), in an event where a senior leader fails to make it for a meeting, the president or the vice rises to the occasion to facilitate during the club meeting.

The senior youth club leaders covered a number of topics during the quarter under review (quarter three). Amongst the topics covered includes;

Female Circumcision

Issues of Abortion

Human rights and Youths

HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination in schools

Sex and sexuality

STIs

Etc

However, it was a challenge to have a good number of the seniors in the clubs week in and week out. Due to the late receipt of the project activity funds. This made it hard if not impossible for the leaders and they never used to have transport money to get to the schools.

School Youth Leaders Capacity Building and Peer Education

Date of Activity: from 16th to 19th August, 2011

Number of people reached: 14 School Youth Club Leaders and Two MEF Pan African Students

Budget Allocation: K 6,639,500

The workshop was opened by the Director who encouraged the new leaders to interact and learn as much as they could. And he allowed them to make noise during the process of learning and not be a quiet bunch of youths. As he said his office was near and if he didn't hear the noise he would come back and find out what was happening.



The school youth leaders capacity building and peer education was held in the month of August on the above mentioned dates. The objective of the workshop was aimed at equipping the newly elected leaders from the seven High schools in various skills that would make them manage their clubs effectively and efficiently. Due to the budget constraints, the project only requested that each club should send two representatives from the executive. Preferably the president and vice president.

SWEZAM project continues to enjoy its strong working partnership with Youth AIDS Network (YAN) in terms of trainings and resource exchange. YAN was engaged to train the new leaders and



The Senior youth leaders were used as resource facilitators. The topics which were covered included;

1. Introduction to Leadership & Facilitation Skills
2. Basic Facts on HIV/AIDS (Transmission and Prevention)
3. Sexual Reproductive Health
4. HIV Preventive Life Skills
5. Gender Roles
6. Communication and Team Work
7. Introduction to Peer Education
8. The Art of Public Speaking
9. HIV Transmission (Wildfire)
10. Responding to Peer Pressure (the best game practice)



The above topics were covered through various participatory methods ranging from; questions and answers, Video Shows viewing, Group discussions, plenary presentations and Quiz competitions.

Another interesting aspect of the workshop was the inclusion of two MEF students studying Youth leadership and Media programmes respectively. The names of the Students were



Bernard Armah Apoloto from Ghana and Botaho Koontse from Botswana. The two enjoyed working and with the School leaders and enjoyed the training. It's a good indicator to SWEZAM project and MEF on the possible linking of the SWEZAM project to the programmes (courses) being offered by MEF.

Setting up a Facebook Page for the SWEZAM Project

Date of Activity: In the Month of September

Number of people reached: All members (both new and old) and some SWEZAM Project well wishers outside Zambia those who are on Facebook

Budget Allocation: No budget Allocation

Facebook is one of the biggest Social networks with a very big following amongst the young and old. In the month of September. The SWEZAM project decided to create and set up a page with facebook. The name of the page is called **“SWEZAM Project at MEF.”**

The motive/objective behind this was to give the outside world (people beyond Zambia) an opportunity to get to know what the project is all about and what it does. Furthermore the move targeted the youths that were once members and have moved on and are engaged in other life endeavors but still want to stay in touch with the project. The SWEZAM Project at MEF page contains the following information;

- 1. Brief background of SWEZAM**
- 2. Location of The SWEZAM project**
- 3. Pictures of SWEZAM Project Activities**
- 4. Updates on the activities planned to be undertaken**

Anyone that is has a facebook account can search for the name of the page and then click **“LIKE”** and then you have access to the page at anytime.

Conclusion

The quarter under review (July –September) Term two of the schools mainly focused on; electing New club leaders in all the SWEZAM youth clubs and Capacity building and Peer Education trainings. With an emphasis on the SWEZAM purpose of work: **Information – Knowledge –Change in attitude – Change in action and behavior is slowing being seen amongst its target group!!**

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