

MINDOLO ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION

SWEZAM PROJECT



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INTRODUCTION

In the first Quarter of 2012 being reported the project only undertook one major activity and a series of planning meetings (joint meetings) with club leaders and facilitators/coordinators due to the fact that the funding for 2012 has not yet been transferred into the SWEZAM account.

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	350	160	190
2	Number of youths reached during the youth Day Celebrations at Kitwe Cricket club	-	6,000	-	-

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 FIRST QUARTER OF 2012 = 6,350**

SWEZAM SCHOOL CLUB LEADERS AND CLUB FACILITATORS/COORDINATORS PLANNING MEETING (JOINT MEETINGS)

Date of Activity: 15th February, 2012 8th March, 2012 and 9th March, 2012

Number of people reached: 35

Budget Allocation: K 5,040,000

Actual Expenditure: K420, 000

Budget Reference No. 1.3

The three planning meetings here held to plan for the following;

1. **Weekly school club meetings**
2. **Youth day Preparations**
3. **Term One Review**

Weekly school club meetings

During the planning meetings all the club presidents were asked to give an account of their weekly meetings using the following outline;

1. **How the meetings attendances have been**
2. **The Topic being covered**
3. **The facilitators/Coordinators presence**
4. **Challenges/lessons learnt**

Youth day Preparations

The Youth organizer informed the club leaders and facilitators/coordinators on the preparations for youth day, sharing of responsibilities during the event and practicing for the youth day in terms of poems and reading of the speech. In the meeting the leaders agreed on the days to hold the rehearsals. This was after the names were picked to choose who would get to read the speech.

There is now so much competition when it comes to pick roles in the project as almost all the leaders have the potential to speak, lead and facilitate. Therefore there are always elections held to choose who will perform a certain task. Through a democratic process (voting) people were chosen.

The meetings dates were put for 8 and 9th March 2012.

Term One Review

The leaders were given an opportunity to review term one in schools as it was coming to an end and to look at the coming term.

The leaders only had one concern as they wanted to know if the facilitators/coordinators will be readily available in the coming term as it was the case in term one. They stressed how critical the term will be with elections being held for new leaders. The leaders of the clubs were pleased with facilitators/coordinators' performance and availability during the club meetings in term one something that is making more new members to join SWEZAM.

NATION YOUTH DAY COMMEMORATION IN THE CITY OF KITWE

Date of Activity: 12th March, 2011
Number of people reached: 6, 000
Budget Allocation: K 2,189,000
Actual Expenditure: K 2,189,000
Budget Reference No. 8.1

Introduction

With the change of government from the MMD to PF it was expected that this year's youth day would have a lot of changes such as; changing the Youth Day planning committee, the PF inclined youths being given a



platform to take the leading role and perhaps the speeches being made and read to simply appease the new regime! However, this was not the case, yes there were few changes but the SWEZAM project still had its firm influence in the committee and the overall preparations! This year, towards the run up to the event a lot of focus and coverage on radio and TV was to the SWEZAM project due the Developing Democratic Principles in Youths workshop. These were the words of the Youth Day organizing committee Chairperson on Zambia

National Television Copperbelt Focus programme during the youth week activities;

"... .. We have been working with various stakeholders to ensure that the youths are empowered with knowledge and skills so that they become a part of sustainable National development. The PF government is taking a leading role in ensuring this is done. And yesterday I was briefly part of a workshop for youths at Mindolo Ecumenical foundation, where there is a project called SWEZAM Youth Project. They brought youths together to look at developing democratic principles such indicatives are important and are helping in changing the mind sets of young people when it comes to democracy"

Youth Day Background

National Youth day is commemorated every **12th on March**. This is a day that allows youths from various organizations, Schools, Companies, political parties, churches and from the communities to come and show case their talents, skills and gifts through poems, dances, drama, drills, march pasts, speeches and exhibitions. It further allows them to build networks amongst themselves. The other interesting item is that; universities and college take time to explain to school going pupils (Grade 12s) on the various courses they offer. This year's Theme was: **Accelerating Youth Empowerment for Sustainable National Development.**"



The SWEZAM Project Participation during the event

The project took part in the following

- 1. Reading the Speech on behalf of all the youth in Kitwe**
- 2. Exhibition of the project's resource centre**
- 3. Citing of the poem**

Reading the Speech On Behalf Of All the Youth in Kitwe

The Speech Was Read by the Helen Kaunda High SWEZAM Youth Club Facilitator/ Coordinator - Idrissa K.Pilati. Find as attachment a copy of the speech.

Exhibition of the project's resource centre

The SWEZAM exhibition desk was just next to the high table where all the guests were seated including the guest of honor. This made the desk accessible to a lot of people keeping the SWEZAM members behind the desk busy explaining to people where the project is found



and what it is all about. When the time for visiting the exhibition desks came, the guests accompanied by the guest of honor started with The SWEZAM project before going to other desks. There, the youths explained to the them what the project does, how long its been in existence and where it is located.

Citing of the poem

It was unfortunate that the poem was not cited due to bad weather the rains kept coming and going the led to the cutting of some activities and sadly it included the SWEZAM poem. It was sad to see the SWEZAM youth leaders who to cite the poem not doing as they worked hard to prepare for that like always!

CONCLUSION

The SWEZAM Project has become a household name in a lot of youths in schools and communities and churches (requests for school leavers to become active members when they leave school are many). Therefore, now comes a time to ensure that the impact of the project's activities are seen the change of attitudes and behaviors in the lives of youths. And hopefully this year's (2012) activities will solemnly focus on that!

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