

Inside Stories!

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START EARLY, SUCCEED YOUNG!

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LITERACY &
CREATIVE ARTS
DEPARTMENT



Field Experience from the Literacy and Creative Arts Team!

NiE Partners Schools Visits!

On 26th, June, 2009 PEDN and Monitor Publications Limited made a visit to new NiE schools in Wakiso. The main objective was to check on the progress of the program in the schools and address some of the challenges they are facing. Four [5] schools [Naluvule Rock, Nansana Church of Uganda, Nansana Catholic, Nansana Royal Primary School and Gombe Kayunga] were visited, interacting with over 400 children and 20 teachers.

It was exciting to see and hear the children narrate the benefits from the programme and challenges they face, like improving their English Vocabulary. In a unique way, some schools were happy that newspapers have reduced on the noise in the school since many children are always busy reading their papers.

PEDN implements NiE in partnership with Monitor Publications Limited, with support from CitiBank





The Entrepreneurship and Business Skills Development Team-Field Experience!

Gathering YEP testimonies at Kololo YEP Club

In partnership with Kololo YEP CLUB, PEDN organized a session to gather testimonies of YEP students on 21st May, 2009 at Kololo Secondary School. The purpose was to find out how YEP program has contributed to the well being of students. PEDN was privileged to witness the Paper Bags Project and Plastic Recycling with which students have been able to pay some of the school requirements.

PEDN managed to gather testimonies of eight [8] students. Students attested to having acquired book keeping, saving and marketing skills. Others had started enterprises at school level and in the community. It was also exciting to know that the students had sensitized communities on HIV/AIDS.

The highlight of the day was when Kololo YEP Club members trained over 20 primary School children from Wisdom Primary School, teaching them how to make Paper bags and managing a recycling project. PEDN is making documentation on the testimonies. phillip@pedn.org, OR mildred@pedn.org can be contacted for details.

Paper Beads Project and Elections at Ggaba Mixed Secondary School.

In Gabba Mixed, elections were conducted for YEP club leaders. A total of 49 students were involved [32 girls, 17 boys]. A female was ushered in as president and a male as treasurer.

Club members of Ggaba Mixed decided to collect some money to start beads making. This was agreed amongst themselves and promised to start in a week's time.

YEP appreciates the Financial muscle of Irene Mutumba [PEDN Founder & Executive Director], & Ashoka Fellow



**MONITORING
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EVALUATION
DEPARTMENT**



Field Experience from the M&E Team

Aflatoun-Kampala and Wakiso Pilot Schools get Certificates!

After racing through the marathon of the Aflatoun programme since 2006, Children in Aflatoun pilot school were certified during the month of June. Aflatoun officers trekked the schools, giving out the certificates of participation to Aflatoun children [Past and Present], teachers and the schools.

Children were very excited to be recognized. Most of them proudly shared with PEDN M&E team that they were to hang up their certificates at home.

We wish all the Aflatoun graduates a dazzling Social and Financial life!



FINANCIAL
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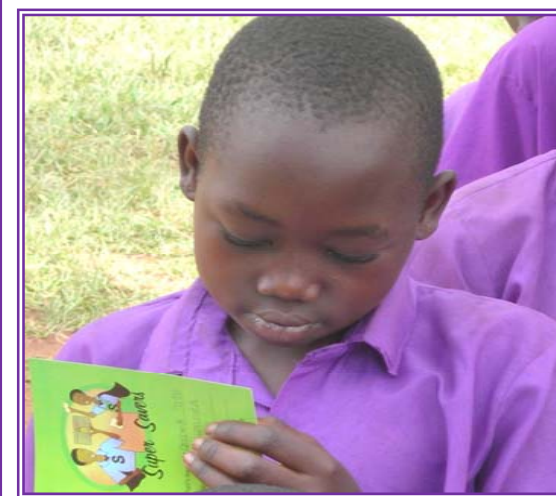
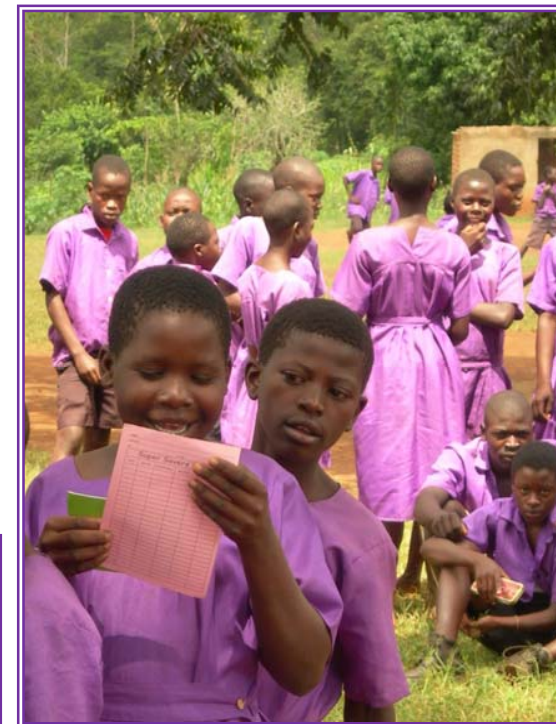
Field Experience from the SUPER SAVERS Jinja Team!

Retraining of Liaison teachers and Child leaders!

From the 18th to the 19th of June, 22 teachers and 61 child leaders from the 8 Super Savers schools were retrained in book keeping skills, Club formation and Management. Each school chose a Super Savers day when children would meet.

Children also discussed the child enterprises they would for the rest of the term. They were encouraged to choose from a wide range of activities including Sports, Agriculture, and Music, dance and drama.

PEDN Implements Super Savers in partnership with Innovations for Poverty Action



Field Experience from the AFLATOUN Team!

Aflatoun Sports Gala!

In partnership with Right to play and House of Eden, PEDN organized one-day Aflatoun sports gala on 13th June 2009 at Luzira Church of Uganda, bringing together four [4] Aflatoun Schools from Kampala bringing together over 120 children and teachers. Each Aflatoun School had the Boys and Girls team. St.James Bbiina emerged winners in the girls' category while Luzira Church of Uganda was crowned winners of the boys' category. It was a moment of merrymaking, fun making, with soccer commentary from boys and girls.

Sessions on Personal Understanding and Exploration!

PEDN had sessions on Person Understanding and Exploration in Kampala and Wakiso schools [Mivule, St.James Biina, Police Children School, Naguru Parents Primary School and BEUPA centers]. These helped children learn how to introduce themselves. Children had group discussions about child sacrifice and played games.

Planting Aflatoun Trees!

Aflatoun children in Kamuli are growing and skillfully looking after their Aflatoun trees. The fruit trees chosen are those with a lucrative market like orange and jackfruit which grow well in Kamuli district. Such trees are meant to provide long term income to rural poor children.

**PEDN implements Aflatoun in partnership with
Plan Uganda [Kamuli Programme Area] and Aflatoun Child Savings International.**



Field Experience from the AFLATOUN Team!

Rearing Aflatoun Chicks!

Throughout the month of June 2009, over 604 children who had saved 1000 Uganda Shillings bought an aflatoun chick with the money as a means of building assets. They were sensitized on killer diseases like Newcastle, fowl typhoid, biting lice, and worms.

All chicks have now been vaccinated against the diseases. Each child used the opportunity to administer the vaccine with their chicks. All aflatoun chicks received the mandatory two vaccines during June 2009 to ensure that Aflatoun chicks grow fast and healthy.

Children with aflatoun chicks now know local herbs, hygiene standards and veterinary drugs to give to their chicks as and when they show signs of disease.

Aflatoun chicken are meant to provide rural poor children with daily income through the sale of some eggs laid and other eggs are left to hatch into chicks. Some that mature are sold to provide potential income to the poor children. The other ones that are not sold are kept to ensure long term asset building projects.

Preparing for the Exhibition Event!

Aflatoun-Kamuli Children have been encouraged to prepare items to be exhibited on the aflatoun day-a child career development fair.

Children have been assisted to explore their born and learnt talents like mat and basket weaving, fine art pieces, poetry, Music, Dance and Drama, etc. This day will provide children with an opportunity to start developing their individual careers at an early age.

Children working on individual items will exhibit and sell their pieces to invited guests. They are currently undergoing marketing and selling skills.

We wish all the Aflatouners success as they deal a decisive blow to the poverty cycle!



VOLUNTEER INITIATIVES



Volunteers at PEDN!

Vanessa's Journey!

Vanessa Demas, the Volunteer from France has been Live in Schools. Vanessa spent three weeks here reaching out to a total of 205 children in week 1, 377 in week 2, and 403 in week 3.

She had a number of activities with the children like picture stories, games, teaching French [French counting and greeting], Letter writing, Imaginative stories, career guidance. The activities enabled children acquire knowledge about France; learn counting in French, compare different countries, imagining the future, listening and team working skills, among others.

In the end, Vanessa gave out special gifts to each school like games, teaching aides and clothes.

PEDN thanks Vanessa for her exceptional work with the children and wishes her well in her prospects!

PEDN implements Volunteer Initiatives in partnership with

Password-France and American Jewish World Service [United States of America]



Vanessa Speaks Out!

"Several months ago, I didn't know about PEDN and couldn't locate Uganda on the world map (I just knew it was in Africa). But now, for sure, I will never forget any of the two.

I came to Uganda to help out with children in Aflatoun Program, and to discover another culture. Through this Aflatoun program (in which I deeply believed as soon as I heard of it), I visited many schools in Kampala and Wakiso. There, I tried to build up interesting activities with children with always the same goals: to unlock their minds, and give them trust in a happy and loving atmosphere.

The children gave me back a lot. First, they were the first to help me understand their country (culture, habits, language, food, and ways of life...). They also gave me lots of love, much more than I expected.

Now, back home, I have two wishes-One is to share my experience with relatives and friends, and with French children. The second is to do my best so I don't forget a single second spent in this amazing and welcoming country".

Vanessa Demas [PEDN-Password Volunteer-France]

Upcoming Events!

Super Savers

- Ongoing Support Supervision and Monitoring Visits to Super Savers Schools [June-July 2009]
- Scaling up Super Savers programme to other Districts [September 2009]
- Super Savers stakeholders Review meeting to be held on 4th August 2009.

Aflatoun Programme

- Delivery Aflatoun Certificates [Month of July]

Young Entrepreneurs Programme

- Paper Beads Project-St.Dennis Secondary School-Ggaba July 8th 2009
- Monitoring and Support Supervision Visits-20th and 17th August 2009-Ggaba Mixed Secondary School.

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