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PEDN Team!

PEDN's Programmes!

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START EARLY, SUCCEED YOUNG!

Experience from the PEDN Advocacy Team!

Our Schools hold end of year School events!

A number of our schools have been busy with their school Speech days.

Kikajjo SDA, Nansana Islamic, Gombe-Kayunga, Mivule and Treeshade Primary Schools had school days where children demonstrated their abilities and talents through Music, Dance, Drama and other displays.

PEDN was excited to see that in all the displays, there was a big representation of children involved in Aflatoun and NiE programmes.

In a typical case, there was excitement and glamour as the Wakiso District Inspector of Schools [Busiro County] made a moving appreciation to PEDN for their workable programmes that have boosted the confidence of children and enhanced their reading and saving culture. Mr. Lwanga Ssempijja said what PEDN has done is good. In his own words he said;

“I have witnessed that their [PEDN] intervention is good and it works, the members I have been with here have informed me that it’s because of NiE and Aflatoun that these kids are this confident and vibrant, and I thank them for that”.

The Headteacher of Kikajjo summoned Mr. Ssempijja to continue permitting NGOs like PEDN that have enabled their children to acquire a culture of reading and saving.

Mr. Andrew Magunda-PEDN M&E Team leader was delighted that children are benefiting from PEDN’s programmes. He thanked the district, school administration, parents and the management committee for embracing PEDN’s programmes. He said;

“Parents need to strike a balance between children’s rights and responsibilities. The world is celebrating the UN day, marking 20 years since the declaration of Children’s rights [UNCRC]; this will only make sense if everyone fully embraces the convention”.

The PEDN Aflatoun Programme Officer-Mr. Lukwago Julius thanked the school fraternity for accepting PEDN programmes in the school and for their cooperation in the programmes.



Field Experience from the Literacy and Creative Arts Team!

NiE SEED 5 SCHOOLS TERM ENDS!

The NiE term for our Seed 5 schools came to an end during the week of on 9th November 2009.

The exciting project "A world of Wonder" had lots of fun activities that also engaged kids in the driving sit of learning, children were engaged into a fantastic journey of discovery, with wonderful activities on News Clubs, People-Places-Events, Window on the world, family, beginnings and Endings, World news report, lets go travelling, living history, picture stories and so many others.

With support from Citibank and in partnership with Monitor Publications Limited, this term NiE moved into 13 schools in Kampala and Wakiso districts and directly benefited over 3000 children and 30 teachers.

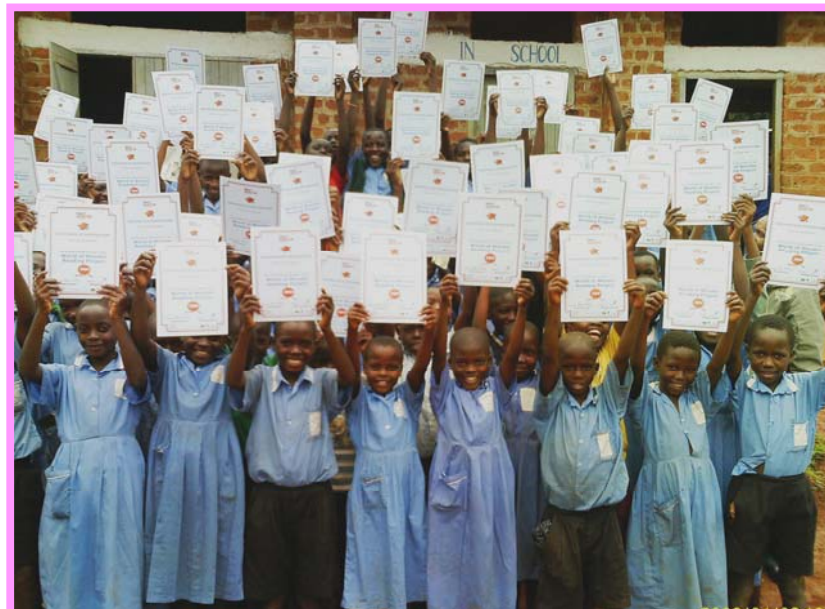
Quite exciting was the opportunity pupils had to win NiE T-shirts put up for grabs by Daily Monitors' Young readers Section. The competition involved writing articles and captioning photographs. Three [3] pupils did not disappoint and for this they won themselves T-shirts, they were;

1. Fahad Tamale - Gombe Kayunga PS
2. Shubrah Naiga - Real Quality Junior
3. Frank Ayesiga – Wakiso Integrated PS

In the end, children were all smiles on receiving their certificates of participation in the programme this term.

We look forward to the next journey in 2010 as we continue to build a generation of sensational young readers and writers.

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**Field Experience from the Entrepreneurship
and Business Skills Development Team!**

THE 1ST SAVING PAY-OUT FOR YEP CLUBS!

On Friday 13th and Wednesday 18th November 2009, students of Ggaba Mixed and St.Dennis Ssebuggwawo Secondary schools, organized their savings pay out days where they received back their savings.

A total of 24 students [16 girls, 8 boys] at St.Dennis Ggaba withdrew their savings totaling to 237,750/= [Approx. 121 US Dollars] with the highest saver withdrawing 62,000/= [Approx. 32 US Dollars], while at Ggaba Mixed, a total of 23 students [11 girls, 12 boys] withdrew their savings adding up to 47,300/=.

In previous months, YEP students of Ggaba mixed had been practicing their right to withdraw and had withdrawn a total of 10,100/=.

At St.Dennis, students planted the YEP Freedom tree as a symbol to remind them of what they stand for as YEP Alumni, and to remind them to always work hard. The best savers led this exercise in the company of the Executive Director of PEDN-Ms. Irene Mutumba, YEP Programme Team leader-Mrs. Nalubega Mildred Kkulumba, PEDN M&E Team Leader-Mr. Andrew Magunda, Club liaison teacher, and the Director of Studies of the School-Ms. Harriet Nanteza.

**YEP is made possible by the generous
hands of Irene Mutumba**





Field Experience from the SUPER SAVERS Team!

Super Savers moving into two [2] new districts

This month, the super savers programme commenced initial activities in new districts in Eastern Uganda. By initiating sensitisation meetings with Scale-up schools in Mayuge and Iganga districts, PEDN has brought its implementing districts population to six [6].

Under the auspices of IPA, PEDN has increased its visibility from four [4] districts to 2 more districts of Uganda.

This expansion will see PEDN enter seventy eight [78] schools in the next year in the 3 districts of Jinja, Mayuge and Iganga. This growth means a lot to PEDN, as more and more children will be able to make contact with meaningful saving for the first time.

The 3rd Savings Pay Out for Jinja Schools

On 6th November, the eight [8] super savers schools had their 3rd savings pay out and a total 185 children [86 boys, 99 girls] were involved in the withdraw exercise, withdrawing a total of 571,800/= [293 US Dollars].

Children were able to use their savings to buy school requirements like books, pens, and others.

School Stakeholder Sensitisations in Mayuge, Jinja and Iganga begin!

The Super savers team started activities in Mayuge and Iganga districts by holding sensitisations with representatives of members of School management committees, Parents Teachers Associations, Headteachers, and teachers, the same activities were done in Jinja district. Over 295 members from 77 schools in the 3 districts participated and were sensitised on the super savers programme.

Super Savers is sponsored by Innovations for Poverty Action



Experience from the AFLATOUN Team!

The Aflatoun Regional Master Training comes to Uganda!

This November PEDN was privileged to host the Aflatoun Regional Master training from 2nd – 11th

Held at the Arch Apartments in Ntinda, Kampala the workshop spanned 10 days bringing together 18 Master trainers from Africa, 2 Trainers of Master trainers from Aflatoun Child Savings International.

The training was to create a pull of Regional Master Trainers (RMTs) that can inform & inspire local trainers and teachers to facilitate Aflatoun sessions with children in a child-centred, participatory and activity-based way.

For three days, the Master Trainers trained teachers and local trainers from 18 Aflatoun Schools in Uganda with 21 teachers from 9 Kampala Schools, 1 trainer from Joyce Fertility Support Center, 13 teachers from 6 Wakiso schools and 4 teachers from 4 Kamuli schools.

The teachers were awarded certificates of participation.

After the 10 days, Master trainers were certified as Regional Master Trainers.

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



Field Experience from AFLATOUN-Kamuli Team!

The Savings Pay out in Aflatoun Kamuli Schools!

This month, Aflatoun Kamuli schools had a pay-out exercise done in the ten [10] schools of PLAN-Kamuli Aflatoun programme. In this pay-out, each child received back money saved for the past eight [8] months, for purposes of satisfying the goal for which they have been saving.

A total of 2,510 children [Boys-859, Girls-1651] were involved in the pay out and they withdrew a total of 1,890,000/= [Approx.970 US Dollars] with the highest saver having a total of 68700/= [Approx.35 US Dollars]

Before the pay out exercise, each child made a simple plan and budget suggesting how they intended to invest their savings after receiving it back. Each child stated the goal of his/her proposed micro enterprise.

Most of the savings by children withdrawn was either to start a home project (start-up capital) or for boosting an existing project (capital injection).

PEDN plans to visit each child with a home project to offer them technical support at their homes.

It was interesting to also learn that most children indicated buying more Aflatoun chicken and drugs for vaccinating them, while a good number of them planned to buy School uniforms or pay part of their school-fees and a few of them, all girls, spend it on a X-mas party.

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**Field Experience from the
AFLATOUN-Kampala Wakiso
Team!**

**Aflatoun Children excited by
Philipsson Foundation Visit!**

During the month of November, the Projects Coordinator of Philipsson Foundation, Ms. Amelié De Le Court visited Aflatoun Schools in Kampala.

With an intention of learning how PEDN has implemented Aflatoun in Uganda, Amelie was able to visit five [5] schools and interacted with the teachers and children.

Children had fun interacting with Amelié and asked lots of questions as she did the same.

Amelié also visited super savers schools in Jinja district.

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Aflatoun Child Savings International.**



PEDN Feature!

Mathias Mulumba Kaweesa [Team Leader-Financial Education-PEDN]

If we are to seek practicality for Entrepreneurship qualities like Persistence, Risk taking, and creativity and Innovation, then Mathias Mulumba Kaweesa would be our paradigm!

Mathias is the team leader for financial Education at PEDN. A man who has spanned over a year at PEDN, Mathias has seen the department and PEDN in general grow. The man at the helm of Aflatoun at PEDN, Mathias has been an icon of success for Aflatoun through his hard work. Given his exemplary nature, he has made PEDN stand out by providing technical support, designing, co-coordinating and implementing Aflatoun. He has also demonstrated rigorous proficiency in resource mobilization.

A holder of an honors Degree from Makerere University – Kampala and a Diploma in Co-operative and Business, Mathias has over 10 years of experience in Business organization and administration, Business modeling and policy development. He has worked on sound International Agencies' programs, and national and district policies on economic empowerment to vulnerable groups. Mathias has strong passion for small business modeling with a view to improving the livelihood of rural and urban poor, and its no coincidence that this has been transferred to PEDN programme beneficiaries.

For four years, while in the service of Financial Sector Deepening Unit (FSDU) as a trainer, he particularly worked on developing training programs and aids to training communities in Income generating Activities and this has enabled the financial Education Stream at PEDN revitalize this important element of its work. Mathias' expertise in this area has also seen the Aflatoun programme acquire the support it deserved especially with the core element of Child Social and Financial Enterprises.

A no-nonsense when it comes to financial literacy, Mathias has strong enthusiasm for saving and has been an anchor of savings models at PEDN. He has advanced this area by organizing and facilitating trainings.

Mathias' experience however extends beyond PEDN. At Central Finance Coop. Savings and Credit Society Ltd-FSCU, he was a backbone behind the development of training packages for trainers, supervisors and field staff. He provided technical support by designing and facilitating the training of trainers (T.O.T) in various regions in Uganda and developing suitable tool kits for local council leaders, training management teams and local communities.

Mathias also served at CARITAS, assisting the Archdiocese of Kampala develop a suitable program for the alleviation of poverty among the rural poor, through the introduction of co-operatives and Village Savings and Loan Associations-VSLAs.

As a Field Research Associate at Aikan Uganda Ltd, Mathias was part of the team of consultants – that undertook market surveys on Linkage of banking interventions, increasing outreach and economic activity research for banks.

Mathias has expant experience in community interventions and has supported and facilitated the growth of rural associations like the famous Mwangwe Rural Development Association, Kawuku Savings and Loan Association, Ggaba Mission Savings and Loan Association, and Hill Preparatory School Teachers Savings and Loan Association. These are just part of groups he has supported to grow. He has also helped form 12 groups in rural districts in the same interventions.

In all these associations and groups, Mathias has rendered skills development services to community leaders and members on governance and management of VSLAs. Mathias has conducted massive trainings on group formation, savings mobilization, loan procedures, basic record keeping and organizational management. In all this, Mathias has guided the groups through the various stages of development up to maturity level.

Before PEDN, Mathias worked as a School Director for 8 years and as a Marketing Coordinator for Kamuli Industrial Estates Ltd for 11 years. Here, he helped the company develop a strategic planning framework and handled credit transactions in form of; crop finance, loan/credit control, debt management; and ensuring quality, timely and well coordinated marketing standards. He also worked for East Mengo Growers Co-operative Union Ltd for 10 years as a marketing and Production Supervisor. Mathias helped the institute develop and review strategic marketing plans in a very dynamic and competitive environment and developed new marketable products. On his way to PEDN, Mathias served as teaching Assistant at Makerere University, teaching Development Finance. That's Mathias world! Seeds of Success and PEDN are privileged to have this salient resource.

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