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Restless Development girls group singing during the International Women's Day event at Charambe

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UPDATES FROM THE YOUTH-LED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP SEMINAR



Restless Development participated in a youth entrepreneurship seminar held on March 21. The aim of the seminar was to highlight and discuss the challenges and opportunities facing young entrepreneurs and to feed recommendations into the Big Results Now initiative of the government of Tanzania. The seminar convened on the occasion of the visit of Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Victoria and the Minister for Trade Dr. Ewa Björling from the Swedish government. The panel featured our own Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship Assistant Coordinator Mr. Lawrence Ambokile. All the suggestions and opinions were presented in front of the Swedish Crown Princess and submitted to Mr. Omari Issa, the Chief Executive Officer of the Tanzanian President's Big Results Now.

-girls' groups (sensitizing the risks of HIV transmission to young girls).

The event managed to reach 272 out of school girls in three regions. There was also a lively group discussion and the Police Gender Desk educated the community the importance of reporting gender based violence.

THE BIG IDEA CONSULTATION

Restless Development is testing a Big Idea: Mobilize young people, equip them with knowledge and data, and they can play a leading role in bringing forward marginalized voices to ensure the real accountability of decision-makers as well as progress against global development targets. In March we hosted a consultation workshop which brought together youth, data experts, researchers and decision makers from Ghana, Nepal and Tanzania to develop the Big Idea pilot initiative. The workshop aimed to grow a shared understanding of the project, prepare project plans and well as strengthen cross-country collaborations and networks between stakeholders. Watch this space for more news on the Big Idea!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The celebration of International Women's Day March 8th was conducted through several activities including Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT), drama and songs prepared by the MTH-



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HIGH PROFILE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

In July 2012 the Government of Tanzania launched an 18-month-long constitution review process to give all citizens the opportunity to feed into their new constitution. However, a study conducted by Restless Development in 2013 highlighted that only 26% of young people have contributed to the constitution review process so far, and even fewer (16%) had taken part in forums organised by the constitution review commission. The Kijana Wajibika project aims to change this by amplifying the voice of young people in this process across the nation. In March this year we convened a roundtable event in Dodoma with young people, volunteers, and six constitutional Members of Parliament to give young people the chance to share their feedback, in particular on the missing youth perspective in the draft. The youth members of the constituent parliament agreed to present the issues and concerns to the constituent assembly and committed to representing the views of young people at parliament. The process is expected to last until July 2014 when the country will vote in the referendum, a milestone event for Tanzania.



Hon. David Silinde (MP and Member of Constituent Assembly) speaking on involvement of young people in the constituent assembly.

CASE STUDY: AGATHA'S STORY



"I thought that the constitution is only concerned with politics and politicians. I knew that there is a constitutional review process going on in our country, but frankly speaking I never participated in any of its' processes in the beginning. I met with Yusufu Shaban, a Restless Development volunteer in the Kijana Wajibika project in Dodoma and got a chance to attend a two days training by the network. After the training I realized that the constitution carries national thoughts, hence the participation of each person is important so that everybody's opinions are considered". Through the received training, Agatha learned how to make presentations. "I had never presented in front of other people before and I feel so happy to have had the chance to present crucial matters such as that of the constitutional review. Now I have a reason to talk and I will encourage my age mates to participate fully in the remaining process", she says. Agatha is part of the Kijana Wajibika volunteer network in Dodoma that works to educate young people of the importance of participating in the writing of the new constitution in Tanzania.

DANCE4LIFE WORKSHOP

Restless Development are working with Dance4life (D4L) to inspire young people to take action to stop the worldwide spread of HIV and AIDS by empowering young people with the skills to make the right choices. In March we hosted the D4L Southern Regions workshop in collaboration with other D4L partners from; Zambia, South Africa and the Netherlands. The workshop brought together partners and stakeholders to share learning on how it inspires and educates youth and how youth are activating what they have been taught. The participants brought their collective expertise to develop an exciting new strategy to build on the success of the current Dance4Life programme.



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