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Restless Development's Oscar Kimaro moderating a debate at Sweden's 50th anniversary event

INVISIBLE IN TANZANIA

UPDATES FROM THE YOUTH-LED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

THE STATE OF THE YOUTH IN TANZANIA

We are coming to the end of a busy year for Restless Development Tanzania! In September we launched our new State of the Youth report 2012/13 and in collaboration with Policy Forum hosted a lively debate about issues facing young people in Tanzania based on the findings. The debate helped to raise awareness at the national level and create a broader dialogue within policy processes and youth issues.

We were lucky to have over 60 representatives from the government, private sector and NGOs attend the meeting to hear about key findings and the government perspective on the efforts to support youth development beyond 2015.

It is our approach to share and learn from stakeholders, as we believe genuine transformative change will happen through building a strong youth sector and shaping policies and practices which reflect what young people are saying from in our consultation studies.



Our staff during the State of Youth breakfast debate

CELEBRATING SUCCESS WITH OUR PARTNERS

In December 2013, the Swedish and Tanzanian governments celebrated 50 years of cooperation and development achievements. As a youth-led agency in Tanzania with a longstanding partnership with Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) we joined the celebration showcasing the impact of our work and commitment to youth development in Tanzania. Our participation ranged from a market place where we showcased our work, to connecting with youth and leading the debate 'Youth as Agents of Change' as moderators and participants.

The youth-to-youth delivery model in action



CARRYING THE YOUTH BANNER

We have been showcasing the organisation at events throughout the year including:

- ◆ The International Volunteers Day coordinated by Ministry of Youth
- ◆ The ILO National Youth Employment Forum

THE REPORT: [State of the Youth 2012/13 - English version](#)
[State of the Youth 2012/13 - Swahili version](#)

WOMEN & GIRLS PROJECT IN RUVUMA



"I thank Restless Development for making us aware what we can do through our own initiatives as girls. Now I have the skills to identify different economic opportunities surrounding me and my community. I am working in a group restaurant where I manage to make some money every day. I am very proud of participating in this program because now I have started to contribute some money to my family. I am no longer a burden to my family like I was before."

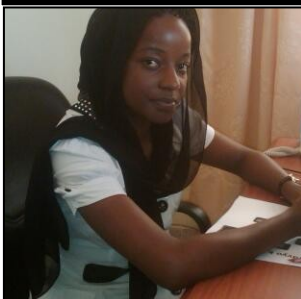
Fatina Nyoni, Secretary of the Ushirikiano girls group, Msindo community in Namtumbo District.

Restless Development's Women and Girls' Leadership programme is empowering young women and girls in the Ruvuma region with the skills, resources and platforms to lead community development and that of their peers to lead healthy and productive lives.

Our network of community peer educators provide structured support for in and out of school girls and their communities in SRHR, livelihoods, employment and civic participation. Nine months ago Restless Development Peer Educator, Ashura Issa started working in Msindo Community in Namtumbo District. She found that girls lacked livelihood opportunities and many girls were in the street with nothing to do. As a result some turned to sex work to make money. Most communities in Ruvuma region are heavily dependent on agriculture. "If you want to be understood in the communities you need to show them how their agricultural activities can help them" says Ashura.

At first mobilising young people in the community was a challenge but she started by identifying 15 girls to form Ushirikiano group. She showed them how to organise their resources and they assigned themselves roles and responsibilities. She showed them how to set up gardening activities and harvest crops which they use for household consumption, and how to sell the surplus to generate some capital to contribute towards the group. Each member agreed to contribute a little money for start up for their activities. Now they have a thriving tomato garden with 2,500 plants. Recently they have set up a small restaurant using their own produce and use their profits to buy pesticides for the garden.

INTERN PROFILE



Ashura Issa is currently an Intern Assistant Programme Coordinator for the Mercury Girls Project in our Ruvuma Office. She first started as a volunteer in 2008 in Ilongo Ward, Mbarali District, Mbeya.

She was courageous in taking up her role as a volunteer placed in a community in which she had no background. In 2010 she started to work as a professional volunteer in Namabengo ward, Namtumbo district, Ruvuma. She later joined our staff team as an intern from 2012 after pursuing her first degree.

If you ask her what have been the benefits of her volunteerism, she will point out self-motivation, building experience and career development. She feels very proud of her work changing the lives of young girls as a volunteer and intern.

Ashura has formed girls group by mobilizing them to engage in livelihoods to improve their individual and community income generation in Ruvuma. She has advocated for policies that support and build the capacity of girls in different ways.

"I have much enjoyed the changes I have seen in the groups. I am observing behavioural change which I dreamed to start with. It gives me hope to see that girls can do better!"

**Ashura Issa, (25 years)
Intern APC-Ruvuma**

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