

## RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT USA Programme Brief 2017/18

**"Youth have proven they can be agents of change in their community. I am one of those young leaders."**

- Richard Dziku, Youth Advocate



Restless Development USA engages US donors and decision-makers with the importance of supporting young people to lead change, acting as a 'catalyst hub' for Restless Development globally.

The US hub leverages opportunities, resources and power centers based in the US to bridge the divide between international development systems and people's lives to support young people to demand and deliver a just and sustainable world for all. To achieve this, the hub:

1. **INFLUENCES AND INFORMS:** Global and US policy and development institutions to meaningfully engage youth and build best practices, capacity and evidence for youth-led development.
2. **CREATES MOMENTUM FOR CHANGE:** Facilitating opportunities for youth, youth-led organizations and development partners to deliver change through the Youth Collective.
3. **INVESTS IN YOUNG PEOPLE'S GOALS:** Raising and distributing funds to support youth-led development and young people's Voices, Living, Sexual and Leadership Rights through the Restless Model for transformative change.

**PROGRAMMES:** Restless Development USA balances a global remit with a steady build of a programme portfolio driven by and across other Restless Development hubs.

### Voice:

Restless Development USA is working to ensure that the voices of young people are better heard, and that development agencies are more aware of, accommodating of and responsive to their needs and aspirations. For example, a bespoke training package has been designed and delivered to USAID and its implementing partners in 5 countries, supporting them to meaningfully engage young people in all areas of their work. This work came through an umbrella contract Restless Development USA holds with USAID, giving us semi-competitive access to a large pool of funding allocated for youth programming over a five year period (now in year two).

### Sexual Rights:

Having secured funding from the NoVo foundation for gender-programming in Tanzania and the US, Restless Development USA has established, and is driving forward work through a global Gender Committee, promoting robust sharing and learning on gender-focused work across Restless Development to improve the impact of the agency on the sexual rights of women and girls. The funding ensures that a portion of US staff time can be spent focusing on: i) active sharing and learning via the gender committee; ii) the establishment and dissemination of stronger programmatic and organizational policies on gender; and iii) growing and improving Restless Development's gender focused partnerships and investments globally - seeking both policy and resource related outcomes. The hub is also working to ensure gender considerations are built into HLPF and UNGA events hosted by Restless Development later in 2017.

### Living:

The MasterCard Foundation's Youth Think Tank (YTT) is a great example of innovation and a radical new way of working. This programme is led by Restless Development Uganda, drawing on its expertise and experience of working with youth and communities, working across 7 countries in East Africa. Restless Development USA brings its youth engagement experience and connections to influential partners, events and processes to this programme; facilitating and amplifying thought leadership through the YTT and beyond. Restless Development USA has also led on planning and executing a youth engagement strategy for the RTI Ideathon event, to ensure youth perspectives are included in the actions that result. One aim of this is to demonstrate the power and leadership of young people to the partners involved in the event (including the Ford Foundation).

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