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Youth and Citizens' Participation Project (YCP)

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Milestone 2, 3, 4 & 5 Report

Community Micro-Grants Launches

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List of Acronyms

AI	Appreciative Inquiry
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
CBO	Community Based Organization
CSO	Civil Society Organization
GNYC	Guyana National Youth Council
H&S	Help and Shelter
LGBTI	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual and Intersex
LGE	Local Government Elections
NDC	Neighborhood Democratic Councils
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OD	Organizational Development
PMEP	Project Monitoring and Evaluation Plan
TOT	Training of Trainers
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development
YCP	Youth and Citizens' Participation project

Summary

The launching of the 5 community-based cohesion projects was a reflection of the individual target community's commitment to the process of sustainable action in pursuit of affirmative action. Most of the proposals submitted were birthed in an atmosphere of community self-assessment and reflections, followed by a prudent and relevant plan of action with the final focus on influencing a social fabric which embraces inclusivity and social participation.

At the brief launch of all the project the denizens were encouraged to build on the process by steps and continue to share and take ownership of its concept of 'oneness' via constructive engagements which foster dialogue and development and fuels participation of all groups and individuals.

Prudent management was also encouraged for the communities which had an income generating component of their project.

Launching Activities

Milestone 1

Community Belle West

Title of Project: Weeding & Landscaping Service

Launch Venue: The Belle West Community Centre

Main Project Activities:

1. Offer weeding services for private and public properties
2. Maintain lawn and parapets
3. General Landscaping

Participation

The persons who witness the launch included community leaders, a member of the Community Policing Group, a member of the youth group and others.

In reflections the community member explained that many of the persons that were expected to be present did not turn up because most of the social activities associated with the Christmas holidays were being conducted on the day of the launch. The Wales estate which also provided employment for many persons from the community had closed and many residents were in a very pensive mood as they expected many challenges ahead in terms of employment.

Feedback from Residents:

- Our choice of project will foster youth involvement

- We will be able to do something, which we have been speaking about for a long time
- We are grateful for these tools and gears
- We will be able now to offer a service which many persons need access to

No. of persons who attended: 11

List Attached



Milestone 2

Community: Good Hope

Title of Project: Community Intervention Via Skills and Production

Launch Venue: Norma's Residence, Good Hope Main Road

Main Project Activities:

1. Floral Decoration
2. Computer skills and phonics
3. Pastries making
4. Life and social skills sessions

Participation

The persons who participated in the Launch were women and youths who have benefited from the training and social cohesion dialogue session conducted during the implementation of the community-based action of the YCP project in the Good hope Community. Just as in the case of other target communities the ideas for the proposal were put forward during the restorative circle activity, when participant were encouraged to identify challenges and explore how everyone can contribute to solutions. The women and youths were also highlighted as being the most vulnerable to issue which negatively affect community relations and cohesion at the community level .Raising the skill level and providing an opportunity for "voices" from every section of the community was highlighted in the many discussion which took place during the community action. The group also represented religious diversity with member for the three major faith-based groups present and giving their full commitment to support the sustenance of the project.

Feedback from Residents:

- This is a good opportunity for us to start meeting again and planning activities
- I will get an opportunity to share my skills with my friends and others
- Adults will once again be able to teach youths and children
- We will be networking and sharing valuable information to the youths and also our adult peers

No. of persons who attended: 11

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Milestone 3

Community: Sophia

Title of Project: "Clean in Teams"

Launch Venue: Pattensen Community Centre - Sophia

Main Project Activities:

1. Placement of Solid waste receptacles within community
2. Acquisition of tools and safety accessories (cutlasses, Waders, Bags, Gloves, rakes, Weeding machine, Long boots,
3. Teams identified and formed in all the sections
4. A work plan of access to the tools by the Project Managers
5. Launch of the first campaign
6. Publishing of the impact via pictures and social media platforms
7. Continued adverts for other Teams to get organized and get involved

Participation

The persons who participated in this Launch came from 3 sections of the community. Due to the nature of the activities planned for the launching the participation was meant to set an example of how persons can come from different section and support the activities which impacts the environment, in another section. The concept of the "Clean in Teams" was driven by a focus on setting a programmatic approach to reaching youths and having them cultivate a sense of community participation while having a positive impact on the environment and contributing to healthy private and public properties and reserves within the community. Youths, business owners and community representatives all participated in the launch even though there was inclement weather at the time.

Garbage bags were distributed to several residents and also the Solid Waste Management Unit coincided the launch of a holiday solid waste disposal project by placing large bins in strategic position for residents to dispose of larger waste items. The team also weeded the parapets, applied weedicide and shared information of how the "Clean in Teams" programme will operate and continue to be sustained within the community.

Feedback from Residents:

- This will help me to keep my place clean and also contribute to the cleaning of other parapets and , drains and public reserves
- I will make sure my son joins one of the teams
- This is a good opportunity for us to start a tree planting programme
- Having access to the tools will make a difference

- It's a good thing to make tools available to all the sections within the community, that is really good

No. of persons who attended: 14

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Milestone 4

Community: Stewartville

Title of Project: Training for Women in Soft skills and Vocational Skills

Launch Venue: Stewartville Primary School

1. Main Project Activities:
2. Cooking,
3. Knitting,
4. Baking,
5. Embroidery
6. Social issues empowerment sessions

Participation

Many of the persons who attended the Project launch had participated in the project activities within the community and the workshops. This group included students, teachers, community representatives and volunteers

This project addressed a core issue which had been identified in the house to house survey conducted at the beginning of the project, where several persons had stated that there were not many programmes for young girls or women.

Feedback from Residents:

- This project will provide our youths and adults with an opportunity to be empowered
- I was not part of any of the community dialogue sessions but I will certainly be a part of these programmes
- I know we will reach our target and even grow from this stage to include more areas of training
- This is a good way to establish a good network for our youths especially girls
- We are very thankful for these equipment and items and we will make good use of them.

No. of persons who attended: 15

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Milestone 5

Community: Uitvlugt

Title of Project: Sewing /Training & Garment construction Enterprise

Launch Venue: The CDC Office - Uitvlugt

1. Purchase Machines and accessories
2. Identifying the space for use
3. Invite youths/persons to sign on for the first course
4. Advertising among the villagers
5. Engage potential clients

Participation

Participation for the project launch consisted of members of the CDC, teachers, the sewing trainer, potential students for the training course, community mobiliser and other residents.

This project has a strong income generating component. Also because of the village's rich cultural heritage and ethnic diversity garment construction is of importance due to the nature of the festivals celebrated in the village where dress and apparel is highlighted in cultural practice.

Feedback from Residents:

- We know we can sustain this project because there will be support from the community at large.
- We will have a good buy-in when person understand that we will be molding young persons with skills and opportunities for earning.
- We will expand this into a small industry
- I'm excited to see the products of this village. This project will make us proud of our selves
- This village is very thankful for this type of support
- This project could help us to build the bus shed again, so we will manage it properly

No. of persons who attended: 13

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