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YOUTH EMANCIPATION THROUGH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT"

- Skills for Holiday Makers
- Preparing youth for a better future
- “ I do not like it to-day but tomorrow” syndrome.

Holidaymakers have for long spent holidays inactive, save for loitering on the streets of cities and mainly Kampala.

Holidaymakers have not at all engaged in productive work for their future or something positive to keep them update. In the end they have gained nothing out of the holidays. They mistake holiday season for leisure and time wasting. They engage in immorality, sometimes end up breaking the law and consequently detained in police cells. This practically affects their future lives.



Despite relying entirely on academics they would also be engaged in extra activities like cookery, home economics, embroidery, computer training and the like. These activities empower the youth into productivity. They become active in developing the society.

On the other hand most youth are not introduced to social work like looking after the aged and disabled. These groups are despised so much!

NVIWODA introduces holidaymakers in computer skills to explore their potential.

Therefore introducing the youth to social activities would rejuvenate social responsibility, which at the moment is becoming a rare commodity.

Ntulume Village Women Development Association (NVIWODA) has sought to solve the problem of the youth. Initially the association has started with six holiday - makers mainly students on vacation.



Do it yourself: Holidaymakers on vacation train in bead making at NVIWODA Centre.

The association trains the female students in life skills that would enable build self-confidence, know their role in society, responsible living, rejuvenate the lost social values and responsibility. This aims at exploring younger girls human potentials for a sustainable livelihoods.

At the headquarter in Ntulume village; the young girls on vacation have trained in computer skills, beadwork, handicrafts, cookery and bakery.

The curriculum is designed to fit the free time of the students and at the same time allow them to relax, with the interest to return to the center the following day - besides enticing others to come to the center in future holidays.

The Rural women and NVIWODA's

ICT's /Entrepreneurship outreach capacity building.

For any development of a nation and its people, information is a vital tool towards achieving this goal. Information flow, exchange and sharing have reduced the once vast expanse of the world into a small village.

The world is getting smaller. In Africa, it is unfortunate that the natives have not fully or at all exploited this resource. Africa has lagged behind due to high levels of illiteracy, and ignorance, which have contributed to poverty. But it is surprising that the rest of the world of which Africa forms part is advancing. Nevertheless, business is booming elsewhere.



Florence Omara and Margaret Odongo enrich in email messaging and Internet surfing at ASDI in Apac during the training.

In the event of training Women in the two districts of Mpigi and Apac - NVIWODA discovered that, lack of information, and entrepreneurial skills has hindered the development of the rural woman.

The entrepreneur would need not to produce if there were no markets. Africa has been producing mainly for domestic consumption until of recent when a need to acquire essential resources arose.

The local markets limited. The middlemen deprive the local producer of a better profit margin. The local producer may either decide to sell at low prices or opt out of production.

The adoption of ICT's/ Entrepreneurship skills therefore exposes the local producer of which the majority are women to an expanse of knowledge and information about the availability of markets for their produce. These markets can be exploited locally and internationally.

But to access these markets, the rural women whose literacy is not at best need to learn and access the knowledge and information to this effect.

Think of educating a rural woman in ICT's skills the ideology will be accelerated.



NVIWODA trains Baropobo Women Group in Apac District in ICT/ Entrepreneurship skills

In January NVIWODA, reached out to two groups in Mpigi District namely *Abataka Abagalana* and *Kyerima Mbirontono* Women Groups and *Baropobo* Women Group in Apac District.

Fifty-One (51) participants including 20 women and 11 men have trained in ICT's / Entrepreneurship capacity building for one week

The participants were introduced to selection of Business opportunity, resource mobilization enterprise implementation and financial management.

The women were trained to utilize new and existing technologies that can effectively enable them access information to improve on their communication skills for example the use of Radio and computer.

Participants in Apac had ‘a hand’ on skills on the computer. They learned to open up E-mail addresses and surf the Internet. One of the participants speaking in excitement commented, “ This is my first time to sit on the computer and at the same time get connected to e-mail, I am going to ring my daughter and tell her that I have an e-mail address.”

It was interesting to hear of the comments the participants were making. “I thought the computer was a very complicated machine,” another participant hinted. “I have now found the computer easy to handle, the mouse can guide you all through, I will endeavor to learn how to effectively use it.”



However, the rural woman needs further training. At least US\$ One thousand (1000) can enable Ntulume Village Women Development Association (NVIWODA), train a group of twenty rural women in ICT’s application, to enable them improve on communication skills in their businesses. This is the only tool to poverty eradication. So why not lend your support for a just cause.

Abataka Abagalana and Kyerima Mbirontono Women’s Group in Mpigi District learn how to seek market information for their products on the Internet.

NVIWODA Development Enterprise Update

NDE Capital

Micro credit for Poverty eradication

“Small Loans Big changes”

By end of the year 2006, NVIWODA Entrepreneurs resolved to fight poverty and invest in a viable venture by pulling financial resources together. Self- help efforts can create

lasting impact. The NDE Capital Base is established with the purpose of helping women get small loan. These funds would generate increased incomes for survival and growth of their enterprises.



Margaret Ssaku (middle) NVIWODA member shares business information with women at food stalls in Mpigi. A minimal loan would boost their incomes

Fighting poverty is a wide program but giving loans would accelerate this process. US\$ 200 is enough for a mother to increase a market stall stock, for income NVIWODA installments. For four (4 months) a mother would be able to repay the loan and at the same time replenish her stock.

With this magic at work individuals would start and expand their businesses.

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