

ICT Trainings

We recruited our last intake for this year ICT trainings. The classes started in earnest with 20 students enrolling.

We are glad to introduce another set of training with a new partner dubbed “Reach Up” program. This is an entrepreneurship training embedded with ICT.

The colourful graduation ceremony was held at St. Teresa’s Catholic Church where 25 youth were awarded certificates.

HIV Awareness

In the month of September 2011, we held three (3) peer education trainings (PET) targeting the youth and children living with HIV and AIDS and/or are drug addicts in Mukuru and Dandora. We started by identifying the peers to be trained as peer educators through our partner youth groups and stakeholders, we mapped the venues for the training sessions and worked with Women Fighting AIDS in Kenya (WOFAK) trainers who facilitated the trainings.

Community Empowerment to Access and Demand Justice forum

This month YIKE held a sensitization seminar together with Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) on community empowerment and access to justice. Under the Community Empowerment to Access and Demand Justice Project (CEADJ), 70 youth from various youth groups

were sensitized on issues dealing with City Council of Nairobi By-laws, human rights and economic rights for small traders and major policy issues affecting the livelihoods and well being of the urban poor and petty traders in Nairobi. The sensitization was facilitated by Patrick Kariuki of KEPSA and Paul from Umande Trust. The event was held at Kariobangi Catholic Church on 29th September 2011.

The CEADJ project has also held sensitisation forums in Mukuru, Kibera and Korogocho. The project tried to address challenges in right of participation in decision making, economic injustices (restrictive and unresponsive urban economic and trading policies), social injustices (such as ethnic polarisation among Kenyan citizens and increased crime manifestation of social inequalities) and political and policy injustice.

YELK (Youth Entrepreneurs of Light, Kenya) Project Launch

YIKE, with Child at Venture, has a brand new project, YELK. The project, which pilots in Nairobi and Meru involves empowering young to sell Solar Lamps.

The project kicked off with an eight (8) day training at Gitoro Conference Center in Meru, where 14 young people, 5 from Nairobi and 9 from Meru participated in a TEASE training which was done by trainers from Child at Venture and Relief foundation.

On graduating, the youth signed loan agreements and were given the first instalments of *20 lamps per group*. They are expected to have sold 100 lamps per group by March 2012. By this time they will be able to

order some lamps for themselves, the number of which YIKE will match in form of a loan i.e. if a group has enough money to order 30 lamps, YIKE will advance cash to order 30 more lamps.