

## **Youth Camp**

In the month of August, 2011 we held a life skills training camp targeting the youth and children in Dandora. We started by carrying out a needs assessment to deeply understand the needs of the youths and children using the existing data approach, we designed a training framework, identified the venue and the coordinators, and mobilized the youth and children to attend the training camp. During the training, we administered a pre and post test questionnaire to the participants to help us gauge the level of knowledge before and after the training and also gave the participants pledge cards at the end of the training camp.

## **Launch of Portable Solar Product Micro Loans**

In August the Youth Desk launched the Portable Solar project together with IFC (International Finance Corporation). IFC is working on the Lighting Africa initiative where it brings on board various companies which make portable solar products. These products are then tested for quality by IFC's lab then approved for sale and distribution across Africa. YIKE was referred to two resellers i.e. Green Energy Options and Renewable Energy Africa. At the moment the Youth Desk is able to provide the solar portable solar products the Youth Desk's micro loans. The solar lamps have advantage of providing bright household lighting as well as being able to charge all mobile phones. Most of the youth are anticipating to get the products for retailing and also for hire-by-night (as well as mobile charging during the day).

## **International Youth Day**

The International Youth Day was celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> August. The colourful event was marked by attendance from invited guest and youth. This year's theme was "Wasia wetu ni wajibu wetu, vijana tusemezane". The caravan procession started from Kibera and ended at Korogocho's St. Johns Catholic Church. There were performances, speeches from guests after which there were awards to 12 youth groups and 2 outstanding individuals (best male and female).