

On the 24th of June 2011, YIKE held a Kenya Action Network on Small Arms event at the Huruma sport grounds. The Officer Commanding Station (OCS) of the Huruma Police Station, Mr. Timothy Wanjala attended the event. During this event, youth engaged in discussion and listened to presentations on the dangers small arms possession.

Since the last newsletter, the capacity-building programme of YIKE trained a number of youth groups. Of note were the Unicorns Youth group of Huruma, the Bidii Yetu Youth Group of Korogocho, Vision Youth Group of Huruma and Family based youth group of Jericho. They received training on team building, team cohesion, and peace building.

In the same month, YIKE secured a contract with the Umande Trust for the WASH Programme for the Korogocho Highridge Development Youth Group. This programme will provide people of Korogocho with safe drinking water, proper sanitation

As part of the National Urban development initiative, a member of the YIKE training department participated in an urban policy development training in Sweden for policymaking oriented towards local leadership.

Youth Desk

From 2nd to 5th of June, youth supported by YIKE participated in the Small and Medium Business Fair and Conference at the Kenyan International Conference Centre (KICC). In attendance were the Victorious Youth Group from Kibera, which cuts and polishes bones and uses them use to make artefacts and jewellery before putting them

in the market for selling. The other group that attended was the B-smart group that has a tailoring business. They make jeans (denim) trousers, shirts, and bags.

Resource centre

On the 17th of June, this course had their graduation at the Saint Teresa church in Eastleigh. Thirty-five (35) students graduated with certification in basic ICT skills.

On Saturday the 24th, GBS television in collaboration with LG sponsored youths from groups that work with YIKE in order to attend the Kenya vs. Southern Sudan game at the Nyayo stadium. 300 youths from YIKE were supplied with T-shirts, caps and transport to the event to support their national team.

On the 30th of June, the resource centre also began recruiting new 1st year students to undergo training. Among the 50 students interviewed, 30 students managed to pass (15male and 15 females).

HIV/AIDS & BCC Project

In the month of June 2011, the YIKE HIV and AIDS prevention program engaged three (3) youth groups in carrying out community outreach activities in Mukuru and Kariobangi/Korogocho (KK). Community outreach events used participatory methodologies such as drama, skits, and puppetry to create awareness for the youth and the communities and also held peer education trainings in Dandora and Mukuru. A total of 5 community outreach events were held, with 3 in Mukuru, and 2 in Kariobangi/Korogocho. The two peer education

trainings yielded peer-to-peer sessions with 510 youth participating.

In addition, there was distribution of condoms & IEC materials and referrals for VCT and STI treatments. Topics of discussion in the month during the community outreach events included: HIV and AIDS; how it is spread and how to prevent, drug and substance abuse in relation to HIV and AIDS, youth abstinence, safer sex and how to coexist with people living with HIV and AIDS. The challenges faced in the month were inadequate client referral books, inadequate condoms, and IEC materials to meet the demand and inadequate youth friendly services. The most useful lesson learned during the month is that the HIV and AIDS program need to strengthen the livelihood component of the program for it to effectively achieve the desired results in the informal settlements.

To implement the activities effectively, YIKE worked closely with the community health workers (CHWs) in all the three regions and networked with Fikiria Jamii-Huruma, Comboni sisters in Korogocho, Hope Worldwide & Provide International in Kariobangi. In Mukuru, YIKE networked with the Reuben Centre, Medical Massive Missionaries, Fortress of Hope in Africa while in Dandora, the networking organizations were: SOS, Dandora 1 and 2 health centres and Samaritan Health & VCT centre. These organizations were instrumental in acting as referral points for further services such as VCT and STI treatment. In conclusion, the June program reached 226 (79 females and 147 males) against expected 200 youths and MARPs. YIKE together with the participating youth groups worked well with support from the local administration, community HIV, AIDS stakeholders, and religious leaders who helped in mobilizing the

participants.