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**CAPACITY BUILDING OF WCY
(EMPOWERMENT OF GIRLS)**

The world is experiencing upheavals in all areas with social inequalities and socio-political, economic and health crises. A situation that deserves to be rethought, taking into account all social strata and everything that can facilitate or play an important role in its long-awaited evolution. The AMWCY is already contributing to the construction of this world by developing actions to promote the rights of the child, education and training of children and youth, listening, and solidarity and the culture of peace.

For me, a member of the Monitoring and Evaluation team of the African Movement of Working Children and Youth, capacity building of communities including WCY has proved effective as it results in success of implemented activities.

Capacity building of WCY, especially girls in development processes happening at local, national and regional level has proved effective in advancing the rights of girls and women who have been marginalized for a very long time. Capacity building of girls on rights, finance, and provision of spaces for them to air out their views have proved effective resulting in vulnerable girls taking spaces in developmental issues, some becoming powerful business people and some being advocates for Gender inclusiveness in local, national and international structures. Capacity building of girls have emancipated them to take up spaces in portfolios that were once known to be controlled by boys. Through continued engagements on girl child empowerment, we have witnessed girls taking up positions in social, economic, political, and innovative spaces.

These skills are being used to seek funding for innovative ideas, start Income Generating Activities (IGAs) and being able to engage local and national leaders in advocacy and dialoguing in a non confrontational way.

In Zimbabwe, capacity building of WCY, especially girls, has seen an increase in WCY led start up businesses, negotiation of better wages, reasonable allocation of work towards WCY who work as maids, knowledge of sexual and reproductive health rights by girls who assert them through their interventions, including the reporting of cases of abuse.

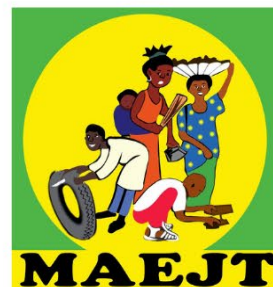
Thus, through capacity building initiatives, WCY are now able to stand on their own and defend their rights. They now have a voice through awareness raising and capacity building sessions on their 12 rights.

For me, continued support to WCY in capacity building and trainings on various aspects of development at local, national and international will ensure that there is uniformity amongst WCY in knowledge through attainment of transferable skills that can be used later on in life to advocate for themselves or on behalf of their peers

Marvelous Kudakwashe Magune, Programme Officer (Zimbabwe National coordination) and M&E personnel for MAEJT

AMYCY:

**SURVEY ON THE EFFECTS OF COST OF LIVING
AND INFLATION ON CHILDREN**



**"The Effects of Cost of Living and
Economic Inflation on Children and
Youth in Africa"**

October 2022



A study conducted by the
children of the MAEJT
accompanied by:
ENDA JEUNESSE ACTION

Children are exposed to all kinds of risks, including violence and exploitation, their rights are violated, especially in times of crisis or conflict. This observation led the AMWCY in collaboration with its support structure Enda Jeunesse Action, to a survey from June to September 2022 on the theme: ***"The effects of the cost of living and economic inflation on children and youth in Africa"***. The survey interviewed 335 working children, including 193 girls and 142 boys ranging in age from 9 to 18 years with an average age of 15 years in 63 locations in 22 African countries. The results of this survey highlighted the degrading situation that children in Africa face in the face of health and economic crises, socio-political conflicts and the demographic explosion.

FOR EXAMPLE :

in the face of inflation, 35.2% of the girls surveyed wanted to change their activity, while 73% of the children declare that they are experiencing a reduction in the quantity and quality of family meals and note a disruption in the frequency of those meals.

In order to play its part in the protection of children in this vulnerable situation, the AMWCY & Enda Jeunesse Action duo has established multi-partner collaborations with organizations such as Save the Children, Plan International, DDC and Ignite. These partners have common denominator in their interventions "the protection of children" against all forms of violence, particularly sexual violence (Ignite) or the protection of migrant children and youth (DDC). The projects with AMWCY & Enda Jeunesse Action foresee making the voice of children heard in conflict-affected localities in the Sahel (Save Danida), capacity building of children and youth in the process of reporting and accountability processes (Plan International) and strengthening children's participation and advocacy campaign to influence public decisions (Save the Children Sida).

Link to the report of the "Life Cost Survey":

<https://www.maejt.org/fr/publications/elementor-3304/>



**GIRLS ALSO HAVE
THEIR RIGHTS**



BENIN :

EMPOWERMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH



A total of 624 children including 326 girls and 298 boys members of the Association of Working Children and Youth (AWCY) of Benin have benefited from training during the year 2022. These trainings are part of the AWCY's will to help its members, especially children, to acquire knowledge/skills in certain profitable fields of activity or to access to certain trades. It is for this reason that the AWCY organized a series of training sessions in different cities of the country where it is established. This was done with a view to equipping the children and contributing to their empowerment. For example, in Djougou, children who are welders, carpenters and glaziers were trained in safety techniques. In Allada, children apprenticed in sewing, hairdressing and street vendors took literacy courses. In Ketou, children were trained in the artisanal preparation of gari. As for the children of kpomasse, they received training in snail breeding, while those of Kinto were trained in the cultivation of corn and chilli pepper. All these trainings have equipped the beneficiary WCY and empowered some of them, especially those who have received training in income generating activities such as catering, animal husbandry, fishing, ...).



BURKINA
FASO :

PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO CHILD ABUSE



In Burkina Faso, 45 initiatives of educational talks, capacity building, mass sensitization, referral to services and structures reached 90,4179 people, including 146,349 children (72,975 boys and 73,374 girls) in 2022. For example, in the context of the implementation of the project « Protection of children and youth against violence and the worst forms of child labor in times of humanitarian crisis in the Centre-North region », 15 Community Child Protection Units (CCPE) were set up from August to October 2022, in the villages and sectors of the intervention communes (Kaya, Tougouri and Nagbingou) by the National Coordination of Associations of Working Children and Youth of Burkina Faso with the technical and financial support of Terre des Hommes Switzerland and in collaboration with the communal social services of the ministry in charge of humanitarian action.

The members of the offices of the various CCPEs have been trained on the risks of child protection and are able to prevent and respond to violence. As community-based mechanisms close to the population in certain villages that are inaccessible due to insecurity, these CCPEs are relays for child protection. Close to the population, the CCPEs have observed, detected, identified and referred more than 45 vulnerable children at risk or victims of violence, child marriage, the worst forms of child labor, and lost/unaccompanied and separated children to the protection services (social action) in the communes of intervention.



RISK MANAGEMENT AND CHILD PROTECTION



In order to make each child feel protected and to provide for his or her needs, the NCWCYAs has, with the support of the AMWCY, supported 08 new groups of working children who evolve mainly in fishing, carpentry and trade. It has also strengthened their capacities in areas such as risk management and protection. With this support, beneficiary groups have been able to create employment opportunities and, in turn, sustainable solutions to their problems by developing IGAs, such as setting up chicken coops, selling doughnuts.

These groups have also received material support. Hammers, saws, nails and some boards were given to the apprentice carpenters after they were identified and listened to. These children expressed themselves freely and discussed the problems they face on a daily basis.



CAMEROON:

COMMUNITY MEDIATIONS AND PROMOTION OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



191 children benefit from protection against violence and corporal punishment, promotion of children's rights, children's participation, the fight against exploitation and abuse. As a result of 34 group discussion initiatives, mass sensitizations and mediations between adults and children that reached a total of 283 parents, employers and community leaders in the cities of Abong-Mbang, Akonolinga, Bertoua, Maroua, Ngomedzap, Okola, Sangmelima, Soa, and Yaoundé members of the national coordination of the AWCYs of Cameroon. For example, on November 20, International Children's Rights Day, the WCYs organized a talk in Yaoundé with children who make pots, collect scrap metal and girls on the move on the children's rights. It was in the presence of parents and authorities and community leaders, including the chief of the ELIG-DZOA neighborhood who is committed to ensuring that the protection of children becomes a reality in his neighborhood.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



It is on the theme: ***"Train more leaders to protect more children"*** that 60 members of different AWCYs in The Gambia were trained in leadership during a camp held in Jarra Soma, from 25 to 30 August 2022. This theme sums up the commitment of the National Coordination of Working Children and Youth Associations (NCWCYAs) of The Gambia to build the capacities of its members on the concepts of the AMWCY, group management and child protection for protection of children in grassroots groups and in the community at large. Moreover, during the celebration of the Day of the African Child, 50 WCYs including 39 children received their certificates from the hands of the Governor of the Upper River Region of the Gambia following a leadership training they received. Being well equipped, the WCYs played a role that enabled some associations to be more functional and effective in terms of mobilizing members and organizing meetings. They have also contributed to the establishment of groups and in facilitating the groups.



PERSONAL HYGIENE EDUCATION FOR ADOLESCENTS



Adolescents are well-informed about wearing pads and making their own. They have an idea of what to do during their period and are encouraged to take their education seriously.

Indeed, many young teenagers are unaware of the precautions to take when they see their periods, especially when they are in or attending school. In fact, they are not fully aware of how to put on sanitary pads and some also have difficulties in obtaining them. Thus, on May 27, 2022, Adaklu District marked the celebration of Menstrual Hygiene Day at Ablornu E.P. Primary School. AWCY Ghana commonly known as the Welfare of Children and Youth Association, represented

by Mr. Ivan Nyamasekpor, participated in the program, promoting the organization to the community and encouraging the girls to have dreams for the future and work hard to achieve them.

Recognizing the importance of sanitary pads for teenage girls to stay in school and achieve their educational goals, the association also supported the donation campaign by distributing a quantity of sanitary pads to the girls. The school children came from four major communities in Adaklu Municipality, namely Ablornu, Avedzi, Sofa and Kpeleho.



CHILD SAFETY AT WORK



As part of its support for groups of working children, the National Coordination of Associations of Working Children and Youth (CNAEJT) of Guinea has taken 28 initiatives in 2022. These initiatives are based on communication and advocacy, child participation and child protection. They reached a total of 4145 people, including children.

For example, 200 children, including 75 girls, were supported with 50 kits for protection against the elements of nature (hot sun, rain). They have had sheds installed as rest areas negotiated with the authorities who have made a commitment to accompany them to resolve the difficulties identified.

These responses are part of the identification of groups of working children and their difficulties. The needs expressed by the groups of children were prioritized, analyzed and budgeted according to the capacities and means (financial, technical and material) available to the AWCYs. On this basis, the CNAEJT has developed follow-up activities for support in the cities of Conakry, Coyah, Dubréka, Kindia and Mamou.



LIBERIA :

BEST PRACTICES FOR ACTIVE CHILDREN'S GROUPS



Twenty (20) newly formed grassroots groups within the associations of the cities of Tubmanburg, Monrovia, Robertsports and Brewerville received a technical support visit from May 16 to 20, 2022 from the technical support from the coordination team of the National Coordination of Working Children and Youth Associations (NCWCYA) of Liberia. To this end, the structures of the groups were evaluated as well as the progress made in the implementation of the rights of the child and the understanding of the scope of the Mapping Project. At the end of the visit, participants received a two-day capacity-building training. They shared best practices of active grassroots groups, learned about the implementation and realization of the 12 rights of the AMWCY through activities, and took stock of the progress and challenges in the implementation of the project.

Through this visit, the children and youth acquired practical knowledge and were equipped to monitor the impact of the project. The visit ended with the distribution of materials (work and advocacy materials) to the different groups. In total, 206 members including 148 children and 58 youth benefited from it. This was done with the aim of supporting the children and alleviating their difficulties in the workplace, especially in manual and other work depending on the trade they are learning. Example: welding equipment, cables and tools, protective glasses for children working in welding workshops, bathing suits and fences for children working in the sea (fishing for hunting on site), sewing machines and tools to equip the apprentice seamstresses.



MALI:

COMMUNITARIAN JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN



The AWCY has now registered two hundred and thirteen (213) children and youth affected by the crisis of 2012. These children and youths participate in educational talks; some even participated in the open-heart day. In total, 960 talks were conducted by 60 facilitators on several themes, including transitional justice, children's rights, risks related to migration, and entrepreneurship. These talks took place in the families of the beneficiaries as well as in the community. Through this mechanism, communities have spaces for learning, exchange, and orientation. It is thanks to the PROPJER project {promotion of youth participation in reconciliation} for their social reintegration and inclusion that the Association of Working Children and Youth (AWCY) of Mali initiated talk-debates with youth in the regions of Gao and Timbuktu in 2022.



Of the 4 young bidders, 01 had the opportunity to receive funding for the opening of a bakery. This funding is part of the national program to fight unemployment in Mauritania "My project, My Future". The recipient has created an employment by employing 2 people. Indeed, they were a total of 28 young people including 17 girls who received training in personal development and how to succeed in an IGA (income generating activity). Among these trained youth, 4 (3 girls and 1 boy) were accompanied to write and submit calls for expressions of interest to obtain funding for the development of IGAs of their choice. This training is part of the implementation of the 2022 action plan of the association of working children and youth of Boghé, mainly its component relating to capacity building and support for young people in setting up activities.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION



Following the participatory listening of 1968 people including 1227 children (628 girls and 599 boys), parents were sensitized and invited to approach the authorities for the social reintegration of their children. A series of actions are part of a total of 39 initiatives taken by our AWCY of Niger during the year 2022. These initiatives include capacity building, mass sensitizations, talks and group discussions.

As an example, during one of our visits to Gotheye, we met displaced children and adolescents from the villages of Bossey Bongou and Tassia. Almost all of these vulnerable children and adolescents are begging and are unaccompanied. In short, they lack of food and hygiene kits, are not registered, suffer from malnutrition, and some live on the street/ are involved in drug consumption, others have become child heads of household and face economic problems and violence of all kinds. Our initiatives have made it possible to obtain the commitment of the assistants for a definitive change in this situation.



The AWCY of Nigeria is very much involved in the protection and empowerment of adolescent girls. It has made this its hobbyhorse and does not stop advocating on this subject. For example, at an advocacy and orientation seminar for adolescent girls on the empowerment of girls under the "Safe the Girl Child Project" held at Samuel-Tin International College, Gomajayi, Badagry, the facilitators advised the girls to learn a trade or take up a vocation in which they can become self-sufficient. Also, to be content with what their parents/guardians offer them so as not to be victimized by bad gangs/people and to be responsible girls who can be seen as ambassadors of their various communities. One of the participants, Miss Awobusuyi Christiana, said that parents and teachers should work together to help protect the young girl, adding that she subscribes to the teaching of contentment with whatever parents can afford for their children. In her opinion, girls should learn a profitable trade and help parents with their business, as this will make them self-sufficient after their formal education.



PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF COVID-19



The covid-19 pandemic has worsened the situation of WCYs due to the restrictive nature of standard operating procedures, which has seen a drastic increase in child marriages, child abuse and domestic violence.

To address this situation, the Uganda Working Children and Youth Movement (WCYMU) conducted a mapping of working children and youth groups from April to June 2022. A way of reinventing the "lost will" of WCY in their areas of work. The AWCY strengthened the capacities of its members, improved the working environment of WCYs and created synergies between WCYs and the authorities.

In this way, 110 WCYs (54 boys and 56 girls) benefited from start-up material inputs, work tools and had their work shelters improved and their skills strengthened. Some of the results/impacts achieved could contribute to the overall improvement of the WCYs' living conditions. These include, among others:

- ◆ Strengthened leadership capacities to mobilize resources and strengthen their relationships with communities and local authorities
- ◆ Enhanced skills and talents
- ◆ Improved livelihoods through the development of income-generating activities
- ◆ Engage with local leaders on the pricing aspect of product sales
- ◆ Strengthen the capacity of WCYs to demand better services from service providers and to offer them to their clients



CAR:

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN POST-CONFLICT SITUATIONS



More than 300 parents were sensitized through door-to-door sensitization by the WCY. Organized with the aim of sensitizing children and parents on the importance of children's return to school, this awareness campaign was carried out just before the start of the school year. The sensitizations were conducted by the WCY in partnership with the town hall and the Boda Academic Inspectorate and reached more than 400 children and youth, boys and girls. It should be noted that the town of Boda is one of the towns in the Central African Republic that have experienced the negative effects of the military-political crisis.







DRC:

INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES PATHWAY TO SOLVING CHILDREN'S PROBLEM



A total of 7050 people, including 3389 children (2227 boys and 1662 girls), 2269 youth (1193 boys, 1076 girls) and 892 adults over 25-year-old (491 men and 401 women) benefited from the second phase of the mapping of children in difficult situations in 26 AWCY of the DRC, in the period from March 15 to June 30, 2022. These are the AWCY of following towns: ***Baraka fizi, Beni, Bugarula, Bukavu, Butembo, Goma, Equateur, Idjwi, Kalonge, Kamanyola, kibabi, Kinshasa, Kalemie, Matadi, Mbanzangungu, Minova, Mwenga, Nyakalengwa, Nyiragongo, Lubumbashi, Sake, Shabunda and Uvira,Shabunda, Uvira, Bunyakiri, Moba and Kamituga***

The implementation of this second phase has not only made it possible to understand the real problems, such as the lack of materials to increase their IGAs, which the children's groups are facing, but also to look for possible solutions. Seventeen (17) AWCY received a grant for the perpetuation of their achievements and others received various trainings including the identification of vulnerable communities, the preparation and conservation of tomatoes, making improved stoves, cutting and sewing, welding and fitting, carpentry, weeding, etc.



CHILDREN, KEY ACTORS OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION



The climate crisis that is disrupting our world is also a crisis of children's rights, affecting children first and foremost, deepening inequalities across borders and generations. In response to this situation, CVT has strengthened the integration of climate change and environmental protection into child participation.

Children have understood the issue of climate change as a threat to their rights. To this regard, they have launched environmental protection initiatives as a way of reducing climate change, conducting awareness-raising on climate change and environmental protection in communities and schools, and planting trees (including fruit trees) in homes and public places in three districts. In 2022, the children sensitized 344 children and planted 333 trees in Burera, Nyarugen and Ruhango districts.

CVT also developed a plan to further integrate the issue of climate change and environmental protection into its program and shared it with the children in the grassroots groups to be implemented, with the following key activities: Raising awareness of Community including children through community meetings and events, empowering and supporting children, child-led advocacy, developing, training and awareness on environmental protection and climate change policy; planting of trees and flowers in homes and public places; training of children on environmental protection and climate change; and adopting the use of ICT in all CVT activities.



SENEGAL : WCY PROMOTE THE RIGHT OF CHILDREN TO EDUCATION



In October 2022, a total of 650 primary and middle school children from poor families received school kits (teaching materials) from the associations of working children and youth of Guédiawaye, Pikine and Rufisque, in collaboration with the organization "Fond des Femmes du Sénégal". The distribution of these school kits took place in the three cities mentioned above. The goal is to help and encourage these children to education and support parents in the costs related to the opening of classes. These school kits were used as tools and basic materials to start the school year. Since each new school year is an ordeal for parents, especially those with low incomes or without jobs who have difficulty combining school fees and the purchase of stationary, especially since the prices are high.



In Sierra Leone, the WCY encouraged children to approach the relevant authorities to deal with cases of gender-based violence and child abuse so that justice is done to the victims. It is in its role as a child protection actor that the Sierra Leone Association of Working Children and Youth (AWCY-SL) organized a campaign against gender-based violence. These activities registered the presence of civil society activists and partners in the fight against these scourges. Plays conveying the messages and speeches were made to the audience of 35 girls and 15 boys representing the various grassroots groups of the AWCY. The aim was to encourage the children to report /denounce any case of violence/abuse, to give them a sense of security and to assure them of the existence of mechanisms to give justice to the victims. Especially since parents and communities are accustomed to remaining silent on issues of child abuse, such as rape, violence in all its forms, ...



CHAD :

ACTIONS FOR WELL-PREPARED MOBILITY



In addition to the 2,491 people, including 789 children (371 girls and 418 boys) who benefited from awareness raising, advocacy and capacity building activities carried out by the national coordination of the AWCY of Chad in the towns of Bere, Bongor, Guelendeng, Kelo, Koumra Moundou and Ndiamena, the Association of Working Children and Youth (AWCY) of Koumra focused on the empowerment of young girls.

Thus, it has equipped 25 girls from the Bégué grassroots group in shea oil production techniques. The aim was to help this grassroots group of girls to: raise their level and quality of shea oil production, intensify their Income Generating Activities (IGAs), and continue the fight against the rural exodus of young girls from this locality, which has become very recurrent in recent years.

At the end of this training, which was conducted in two phases: theoretical and practical, several sales points were set up to increase the sale of oil. It should be noted that this training was very much appreciated by the members as well as by the population who used to travel long distances to look for shea oil.



INFLUENCING CHILD RIGHTS SENSITIVE BUDGET DECISIONS



In order to better play their role in supporting the state in realizing children's rights, children and youth organizations (CYOs) have been trained on advocacy and influence. They now have the skills to influence decisions made at the governmental, communal and community levels.

This advocacy is beginning to yield results, especially at the communal level, such as in Sotouboua, Blitta, Niamtougou and Kpalimé, where children and youth's organizations are invited to the meetings of local elected officials and give their opinions on decisions. These CYOs have also advocated for and obtained budget lines dedicated to children in some communes. For example, in Sotouboua and Blitta, the construction of a school building and two ramps in two other schools was initiated by children and youth.

It should be noted that these actions are part of the activity program (2019-2024) of the AEJT-DE on the participation and involvement of children and youth in the decision-making process concerning them. The AEJT-DE encourages other children and youth organizations to propose innovative activities that contribute to the respect of their rights and equality for girls. This program is developed on the basis of the project financed by Sida/Plan International on strengthening civil society for the governance of children's rights in Togo (CRG).



ZAMBIA :

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH



The mapping exercise allowed 349 working children and youth to better understand their situation and to propose corresponding actions. Indeed, during the year 2022, the National Coordination of the AWCY of Zambia took a total of 24 initiatives including mass sensitizations, intergenerational dialogue, capacity building of children's groups, discussions with the authorities. These initiatives have reached many people, mostly children. Twenty-six (26) grassroots groups were formed as result of the mapping exercise. The involvement of children in different activities supported their personal development. They contacted parents, shopkeepers and local authorities.



YOUTH DEVELOP PROJECTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY AND CRIME



The WCY can develop project proposals and will soon apply for youth loans from the Bank, which will enable the WCY to obtain sustainable livelihoods and contribute to the growth of the nation through job creation, infrastructure development and improved service delivery to the population.

This is in response to the persistent crime, rising poverty levels, economic hardship that Zimbabwe is suffering from, and which has been compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Zimbabwe Coordination trained 50 WCY including 32 children (15 girls and 17 boys) and 18 youth (10 girls and 08 boys) in financial literacy using Money toolkit from Old Mutual . The training was graced by staff members from the Zimbabwe Empower Bank, a youth focused bank which is aimed at empowering youth to engage in projects that help them to be self-sustaining and contribute to the country's GDP. The WCYs were also trained on how to access loans and what makes up a winning proposal that's most likely to receive funding for projects.

POEMS AND TESTIMONIES



EXPLOITATION OF CHILD LABOUR

Chores, chores, chores, Not again!
When will this nightmare end?
With Mom and Dad gone, no one to turn to, sadness is the order of the day.
Sleep knocks
All I need is a nap, yes just a nap, even 10 minutes is enough to bring a smile on my face.
I sit by my window and watch children play, shouting and singing,
All I hear is clean here, wash this, cook this, wash this,
Rest, rest, rest, how I long for you.
Community leaders, stake holders, and fellow youth, every child has a right to rest, a right to play, a right to be listened to, a right to light or limited work, together, let's say NO" to child exploitation!

WCYM Uganda

POEM:

I AM A CHILD

Don't involve me in your social conflicts!
Do not involve me in your political conflicts!
Yes, don't involve me in your conflicts because I am a child!
I am a child and not a housewife.
I am a child and not a child soldier.
I am a child, yes a child, tomorrow's future.
I demand a training to learn a trade;
I claim my right to light and limited work;
I claim my right to health care;
I claim my right to learn to read and write;
I claim my right to have fun, to play.
Yes, I am a child like any other child in the world.

According to Fidèle Gad NDOMALET (CAR)



TESTIMONIES

Uganda Testimony



My name is Ayesiga Derrick, 15-year-old, from Ntungamo district, Western Uganda, born in a family of 05 children, me as the eldest. My father and mother being peasants did not earn enough money to cater for our basic needs for Education, I had no choice but to drop out of school.

I decided to move to Kampala city to search for a job to help my family. I worked as a casual laborer, we used to carry foodstuff from the trucks. However, it was quite challenging because some goods were too heavy and with little pay. So I decided to start my own business selling vegetables. I was going door to door (selling). I got to know about the Working Children and Youth Movement from one of my colleagues who is also a vegetable seller. He explained me more about the Movement, so I decided to join. Being a member of the AWCY, it increased my knowledge on business responsibility and record keeping, children's rights and the African Charter. It gave me a sense of belonging and security; we were recognized in society.

Testimony Rwanda



Jeannette, a member of Umurava grassroot group, from Mageragere Sector in Nyarugenge District., commented after planting trees.

"CVT has helped children to understand more about climate change and protecting the environmental through different awareness and assessment sessions on environment. The children have made commitments on what they should start, continue and stop doing regards protecting the environment. That is why we are here with children in this village today to plant trees as our role in addressing the issue of climate change and environmental protection to save the future".

SAFE CLIMATE, BETTER ENVIRONMENT

Cartoon



Cutting of trees is the main cause of land degradation and push its inhabitants to seek refuge in safe areas.



Landslide and others devastation are direct impact of irresponsible cutting of trees.



Sensitize community to plant trees regularly is the best solution to reduce landslide and other shocking consequences caused by trees cutting.



It's each and everyone responsibility to mobilize community to understand that mankind is also part of environment and cutting trees is irresponsibly, is to destroy life in general.

Artiste : Mutiganda Ramdhan, CVT Rwanda

STATISTICS OF THE AFRICAN MOVEMENT OF WORKING CHILDREN AND YOUTH (AMWCY)

