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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To start the program off, the organization was working on the objective Zero where the program required the mobilization of youths all over the counties to take part in it. The youths were originally being mobilized by the YYC staff, YDC's, Location Coordinators and mobilizers from the ground.

Village Bunge's	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
New Bunge's	<b>442</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>741</b>
Trained	<b>277</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>431</b>
Registered	<b>174</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>299</b>
Outreaches	0	0	0
TOTAL	893	563	1471

## **ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION**

The first month of ground work was May 2011 and working on the youth structures was through elections from the sub location level, to have been followed by the location level, then the constituency, then the county and finally it was to go to the national level.

To realize this achievement, the organization sourced from the location leaders (totaling- 52) as per the locations in Uasin- Gishu County- to organize youths to come together, working with the already existing youth groups to bring together all the youths at the sub- location level.

In Uasin- Gishu County, the work started with elections of youths at the ground level. These elections were held at the same day, for all sub locations and locations. The location coordinators organizing the sub location elections to come up with 4 representatives to move to the location level out of the chosen 6, while the remaining 2 were to be the sub location level representatives and to form the quorum for the Sub location youth representatives.

All the sub location elections and location elections were very successful giving the desired results and witnessing no violence at any point in the elections processes. Secret voting was exercised at all elections.

On 20<sup>th</sup> of May, Eldoret East held its constituency elections 2011 at the TAC's Centre. The turnout was 43 against the 80 expected delegates giving a 53.75% turnout. The youths did their elections and came up with their 6 delegates as they had planned.

The second constituency youths delegate's elections for Eldoret North was held in the same month on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The constituency has 17 locations and 29 sub locations. The elections were held at Dream land Hotel next to West Market. The expected delegates were 36 (with 100% attendance) with a total attendance of 71 persons (women- 18, men- 53).

The elections went well except for some disruptions from some attending youths but this was sorted out agreeably.

In this month, the organization had two outreach campaigns, one done in Eldoret North and the other done in Eldoret East. For Eldoret North, this was done in Kiplombe location and that for Eldoret East, Chepkoilel junction with a turnout of 200 and 1000 youths attending respectively.

In the month of June, the organization started its work thoroughly in Elgeiyo Marakwet the focus being the same as that for Uasin Gishu, to mobilize youths to form structures from the sub location- up. In this month also the organization took part in the second objective of the program, to economically empower youths, by starting in with developing tools for the employer survey and Focus Group Discussions. This was in turn used to inform the curriculum to now being used in training youths to increase their employability, productivity and earning

### **NEWLY REGISTERED VILLAGE BUNGE'S**

### **NEWLY FORMED VILLAGE BUNGE'S**

### **VILLAGES TRAINED BY BRIGHT SPOTS**

### **PROGRESS AGAINST PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS AND INDICATORS**

- The county forums are done and for the organization, they have the offices in place
- Total Villages reached are 49 (new)
- 18 newly registered Village Bunge's

- The economic empowerment TOT's have trained 44 more villages, 431 youths in total for the month
- Village Bunge's are getting the entrepreneurship trainings
- Many Village Bunge's are forming and getting registered all over Uasin Gishu and Elgeiyo Marakwet Counties
- The County Constitution has been amend and is to be used
- More women are taking part in the program and at leadership roles

### **CHALLENGES**

- Low turnout at some trainings
- The DSDO's still not ready to register groups in the name of "villages" and "Bunge"
- Some youths are misguiding others as in the case of Boaz from Elgeiyo Marakwet who called his youths to the county forum promising them financial incentives.
- Some opinion leaders are still not on board with the program and pose a challenge in not knowing the running of the program
- In the initial stages of the exercise, youths could not differentiate YYC from NYC
- Illiteracy
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### **LESSONS LEARNT**

- When faced with a challenge, it is prudent to keep a level headed mind
- Challenges are always coming but it is how one handles them that defines the individual
- The tools make it easy for the youths trained to understand the concepts
- Drive to success can bring feuding communities to the same table and listen together to great news
- Teamwork makes work easy as seen in Elgeiyo Marakwet and Pokot county youth forums
- The youths in Uasin- Gishu and Elgeiyo Marakwet counties are getting their acts right, as they are eager to get trainings on skills that they could use to better their lives
- Many youths had nothing to depend on concerning matters of development. Through the program, youths will not need something or someone to depend on but themselves, as they are acquiring skills to develop themselves socially, economically and politically.
- The youths are now able to raise their issues and address them with the local administration like chiefs and this is building on their relationship

### **Way forward**

- To continue mobilization for the program
- To facilitate the economic empowerment TOT's to do trainings

- Assist more Village Bunge's be formed
- Push for the registration of more formed Village Bunge's
- Continue with the other objective of the program
- Devise a monitoring plan for the entrepreneurship trainings



The TOT working her way down to the village to train the village bung's of Katiency and Kobil in Mokoro location



Youths from Katiency and Kobil Village Bunge's display their value chain cards in a practical to rearrange them in order from producer to consumer. This would help them come up with projects that can fit in different value chains.

