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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The day was a great day, a success full day, a peaceful day. With the organization having started its preparation close to a month ago, it had no other way of panning out than to pan out great. The celebrations were held at Hill School where all the organizations and groups taking part congregated to celebrate and deliberate the progress of this Peace that should be sought after by all human beings of all casts, tribes or genders alike.

The day had been organized by the District Commissioners' office with conjunction with (COPA) Coalition of Peace in Africa. It was attended by the DC's and DO's of Wareng, Eldoret East and West Districts, being flagged with close to 20 Chiefs from the three districts. This covered the Administrative structure and to top it all up, the Guest of Honor was the Deputy Provincial Commissioner Mr. Musiambo Wanyama.

From the local organizations that attended, the list was almost endless, A-STEP, RWPL, WYIPD, Wareng DPC, KNCCT (Business community), Christian Representatives, Rift Valley Peace Ambassadors, North Rift Theatre group, Salvation Army, Danish Refugee Council and IOM among others.

The organization was able to present the use of the Peace Curriculum to the whole community and involve them a little on how it is done by the youths of Uasin Gishu in their teams.

### **Activity Description**

To give a detailed description of the day, and the involvement of the youths, we should start from the beginning, close to a month prior to the World Peace Day Celebrations. The organization had selected a new batch of trainees to be trained on the Peace curriculum and they had been brought together at the A-STEP offices and taken through a two day training session, between the dates of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

The organization got 40 youths to train from all around the county, comprising of coaches and captains, men and women. These youthsh were trained by the A-STEP trainers, 6 of them as follows:

- Aggrey Mashetti
- Andret Makhanu
- David Mukwe
- Dickson Asiele
- Emanuel Komen
- Iddi Rotino

The 6 trainers took the youths through the Peace curriculum covering every component in the two day training that had its topics covered both theoretically and practically. The topics covered are:

- The BE's of a coach

- Introduction to LEAP Sport
- Competition and collaboration
- Communication
- Common Interests
- Brainstorming and making Choices
- Conflict
- Managing Emotions
- Pressure
- Reconciliation, Trust and Forgiveness
- Mediation
- Building Consensus

The trained youths were then required to go back and train their teams on the same and as well train any other team in their localities. These trained youths are on call for the organization when need be to expand its reach to new territories and it can use them to train any new- bees in the organization.

On the 21<sup>st</sup>, World Peace Day itself for A-STEP and its teams, the day started very early, with the teams arriving at the venue as early as 8:30 am to start with the semi and quarter finals. The plan was to see which teams will go home with the trophies, both for the men teams and for women teams.

While this was going on at Hill School, the procession was getting ready at the Eldoret Municipal Town Hall to take the great walk for peace. This procession was to move from the meeting point- Town Hall through the town, across River Sosiani and up to Hill school. This was to draw people to the fact that this is a walk for peace; and this is a tradition done every year on the World Peace Day.

The Hill school ground was made ready with tents erected and seats ready for the coming peace ambassadors of Uasin Gishu. The tables were laid with white sheets to symbolize peace as all the tents and seats too were in white. To top it all up, the great flag of our Peace loving country was placed high up on its mast to be seen by all passersby.

When the procession reached the venue, the youths and community members present welcomed them and the whole crowd was cheerful with the calls for celebration of peace that they all had come to participate in. The guest of honor -Deputy PC- and the DC's were given the opportunity to plant trees to commemorate the celebration.

Through the speeches, the welcomed guests were all skewed towards the passing of the message that the community had to put down the armor of insecurity out of fear and pick up the flag of peace and preach it to the whole community to propagate it.

On this great day, very many people were present and mingled with some of the bog leaders of the community. Some of these dignitaries present were the DO's of the three districts, the DC's, the Christian representatives, the KNCCT, the Eldoret Municipality and Wareng County Council, Burnt Forest Town Council R.Valley Peace Ambassadors, Wareng DPC, Rural Women and their youth representatives, IOM and the Danish Refugee Council, and the North Rift theatre group. The Salvation Army Band was the lead, for the procession from Town Hall.

The Guest of Honor was then welcomed by the DC- Wareng, he went ahead to acknowledge the presence of the elders of the Kalenjin and Kikuyu communities who have been promoting peace among the community people. The leaders of these two groups were then given the chance to introduce the elders that they had come with for all to see them.

After that introduction, the Deputy PC went ahead to give his speech. Some of what he was addressing was the need of creating a peaceful coexistence of all tribes, genders and ages in the society. He went ahead to urge the youths to keep away from drug abuse especially illicit alcohol and other controlled substances as they are major contributors to peace disruption at the community level.

He then gave thanks to the Peace Committee for their initiative and the strength they have shown in preaching peace. He proposed for the empowerment and higher training for the group so as to increase their effectiveness in the promotion of peace.

The guest of honor then reminded the attending that as people of Rift Valley, as a body, it is time to push more for peace; *"We are forging ahead as people of Rift Valley to promote Peace and Development"*.

After the speech, the guest of Honor; Deputy Provincial Commissioner was introduced to the teams that had reached the final round of the World Peace Day Tournament and he was even involved in a try-out of the Peace Curriculum with the youths and a few other dignitaries like the DC's and some DO's and some prominent figures from Eldoret.

After the session, he was given the chance to give the youths the go ahead with the finals of the football match. With this, the guest of Honor was presented with the certificates for the TOT trainers to hand the certificates to the trainers. The trainers were 5 in total and the organization had made the Certificates to acknowledge their skills in any future trainings.

The final matches went on and the winners were as follows:

After the finals, the winners were presented with their trophies and jerseys by the DC- of Wareng District as the day came to an end at 6:00 pm in the evening

### Challenges

Funds were low for the organization to be able to involve more teams



A theory training session on the Peace Curriculum at the A-STEP board room



The trainees brainstorming on the lessons they have learnt from the different practicals that they have been through



One of the Trainers explaining the steps from the Peace Curriculum to the Trainees



The TOT's being trained on the Peace Curriculum at the A-STEP field



A practical Training session for the Peace Curriculum on the field



The banner that was carried before the Peace Walk on the World Peace Day March

World Peace Day, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011



Youths arriving at the World Peace Day function held at Hill School



The Deputy PC and the elders at the high table all sited together



The Nike materials that were provided by Mercy Corps and A-STEP to be given to the winners and the guests of honor



Young women from A-STEP's teams listening to the proceedings at the Peace function



The women from RWPL and the District Peace Committee singing peace songs



The trophies and boots that were handed to the winning teams



Youths from Uasin Gishu chanting and dancing to show tier solidarity and peace



The Deputy PC addresses the crowds on the need of upholding peace in their communities and their daily lives



All the youths present standing before the guests of honor and proclaiming peace as their drive to prosperity



The elders present addressing the youths and the community at large that took time to participate in the celebrations



A youth Thespian group performing a skit on the causes of conflict in our communities



One of the Peace Curriculum Trainers, Mr. Komen with his girls team before they played



Ms. Nancy the MC Program Coordinator addressing the Deputy PC before giving him a gift package



The organizations members taking a stand on Peace together



The Deputy PC handing over the gifts to one of the Trainers of the Peace Curriculum



The Deputy PC and some other guests taking part in the Peace Curriculum exercise

