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CONCEPT PAPER

Back ground.

Youth for a Child in Christ is a youth led founded in August 1998 as response to the increase in the numbers of young people being affected and infected by HIV/AIDS. The effect of HIV/AIDS concerned YOCIC was the issue of children being house hold headers at a tender age after the passing on of both parents.

Though YOCIC was founded on Christian values it has never discriminated against those of different faiths in its programs.

YOCIC Governance.

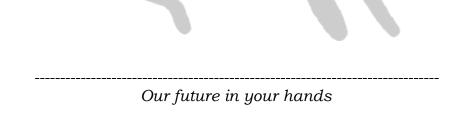
YOCIC from its inception has been an organisation of youth for youth, so within its governance it established a management board consisting of young people that has adult advisors that are called upon when needed. At community level YOCIC is led by youth through kids' club sub committees who are supported by patrons.

Project Vision.

YOCIC provides psychosocial support and offers lifeskills to children and youth affected and infected by HIV/AIDS; however its programs and activities are not exclusively meant to meet the needs directly related to HIV/AIDS but YOCIC provides care and support to the wider social and emotional concerns of children plus issues relating to poverty.

YOCIC in its programs assists children and youth aged six (6) to twenty four (24) years. Children aged 0-5 years indirectly benefit from YOCIC activities.

The vision of YOCIC is to see young people and children equipped with the information and skills they need so as to fully address issue that affect them.







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Projects Objectives

- 1. To reduce poverty among young people.
- 2. To lessen HIV/AIDS prevalence among young people.
- 3. To improve the psychosocial well being of children and youth.

Program activities.

- ➤ Peer education on HIV/AIDS
- Leadership training skills
- > Narrative therapy
- > Interactive theatre
- > Participatory learning and action tools
- Memory work
- > Art therapy

Project achievements.

YOCIC has been featured in UNAIDS Best Practices Book along with being part of a Regional Youth Programme comprising of organisations from Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

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