

*Msimamo newsletter is Vijana Amani Pamoja's quarterly bulletin that contains in-depth news, stories and activities that take place within VAP and the community that it serves. The newsletter gives a clear picture of WHO we ARE and WHAT we do. Msimamo means""MY STAND."*

## Editor's Message.

### *"New Resolutions"*

New Year, new beginnings! Welcome to volume 1.2012 of the Vijana Amani Pamoja monthly newsletter. The New Year all starts with most of us making resolutions for what we want to achieve in the year. As VAP, we are starting on an exciting note and there is a lot of energy that we hope will be infectious to us and the community that we serve. Early months are busy as we deeply intensify our work both in scaling our quality program delivery and monitoring and evaluations. The work will entail capacity building refresher training workshops for our peer educators and as well conducting and collecting pre and post surveys. VAP media team which is expected to graduate in the month of May will also be carrying the task of creating program documentaries, filming, interviews thus supplementing the entire program.

## YDF HIV/AIDS workshop

### *"Capacity Building."*

20 participants from different organizations including: MYSA, CFK, SEP, VAP, community coaches and teachers from various schools took part in the workshop that was held at Jericho social hall as from 20<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The workshop included both theoretical and practical lessons of HIV/AIDS based on the YDF module. The practical lessons engulfed on how football can be used to fight HIV/AIDS. The workshop was facilitated by Charles Otieno, Elizabeth Okinda, Bonface Kwasi and Robert Mukora. Elizabeth

Okinda who attended the YDF training in South Africa led other facilitators in conducting the YDF modules and how it can be used.



## Sfw East Africa Network

As a follow up to the last strategic plan for sfw East Africa Network members that was organized on 21<sup>st</sup>-23 Aug 2011, the same network gathered again for a 2 day workshop in Nairobi starting from Jan 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> to discuss and develop a strategic plan for the sfw East Africa Network. The network brought on board 13 sfw organizations including VAP from across East Africa that are active in development through football. The meeting ended with a clear framework

of the new strategic plan document for sfw East Africa network that will be developed and absorbed by the entire group. The plan will also provide unique opportunity to exchange and develop key expertise and capacities that are vital for effective program delivery and overall operations

*“School  
Graduations!”*

## Skillz Kenya Graduations



## GRS/VAP Training

As part of the continuous programmatic and technical support from GRS, the two organizations conducted a refresher training course of the Skillz Kenya program with VAP coaches focusing on strengthening M&E as well as capacity building. The training was done at vap's office and led by Jamilson, GRS, curriculum and development officer.



## MREMBO PROGRAMS JOINS Kenya Adolescent Girls' Brain Trust

From 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February 2011, VAP was invited by, Centre for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW) to attend a workshop in Naivasha. The workshop which was organized under the auspices of Kenya Adolescent Girls' Brain Trust was meant to bring together adolescent girls' program providers and experts to share learning, develop program guidelines, and strengthen programming for adolescent girls in Kenya's urban. VAP's Mrembo program was represented by Nancy Waweru, the Project Director who also did a power point presentation of Mrembo program.. In partnership with other organizations that have girls programs, Population Council has been hosting the Kenya Adolescent Girls' Learning Network (also called the "Brain Trust"). The goal of this project is to bring together adolescent girls' program providers and experts to share learning, develop program guidelines, and strengthen programming for adolescent girls in Kenya's urban areas.

## VAP launches its football club



### VAP players who double as skillz coaches Outstanding Skillz Coach

As a former graduate of Skillz Kenya program and despite being new as VAP skillz coach, 19 year old Zephaniah Andefwa is a clear indicator of VAP's success story. Zephaniah has been on the forefront and always on time when on the line of duty. He always report to his assigned centres with all the needed materials: M&E, book, pen, whistle, stop watch, playbook, etc and not forgetting his bag which he usually term it as "tool box".



Skillz Coach Zephaniah

## Adidas Donation

As part of its CSR and strengthening organizations that are affiliated to FIFA through streetfootballworld, www.streetfootballworld.org, VAP received Adidas equipments from Adidas who are also partners of FIFA and streetfootballworld. The equipments which included bags, t/shirts etc have been of great value and impact to the coaches and the entire program.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Batch of Students graduate from Anti-Corruption program

Since the inception of Kick-Out corruption program last year, students from Grasam high became the first graduates of VAP's new program. The program uses football to teach anti-corruption values to youth aged 12-20 years and it's being implemented by VAP's Anti corruption crusaders (ACC).



Graduation ceremony

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