

**THE NEEDY TODAY –SIERRA LEONE**

**Concept Note**

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### OVERVIEW

Considering the persistent violence mostly perpetuated by youths during political activities in Sierra Leone, potentially, rubrics of this project will gear towards bringing youths together through medium of organized outdoor **inter-community SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** (games/sports etc.) where they will have opportunity to interact with one another since social activities are easy means of bringing people together more especially youths. In the process, we will use that medium to preach and campaign a message on **“NO VIOLENCE BY YOUTHS IN POLITICS”** more especially during and after electioneering activities. And owing to the fact that social activities more especially sports are faster means of bringing youths together and creating easy medium for interaction, we intend to organize social activities for youths in all headquarter/major towns in Sierra Leone, and in the interim sensitize them on the effects of youth violence and emphasize to them the potentials they carry if they stay away from violence and work very hard- they will be sensitized on how to be politically tolerant and stay away from violence and respect other people’s view. During the awareness raising process, key in our message will be to tell youths and stakeholders involved that youths are also major partners in development and their participation is relevant in harmonizing lasting peace and stability. The process will include huge participation from stakeholders and political parties who will also be actively involved to orientate youths about their roles in politics and highlight to them the potentials they have within and around them.

Further on, youth networks/hubs will be formed in all major headquarter towns and executive members in the networks will be trained in leadership, governance and peace building- the rationale creating youth networks / hubs is to extend awareness raising through peer-to-peer engagement which is easier, and to affirm and establish sustainability in ending youth violence in politics and other activities.

Community engagement will be a major activity in the implementation of the project where non-governmental youth organizations, government youth agencies/ministries, political parties and other stakeholders will be closely involved in all community engagement activities.

To flare the entire process and add tremendous momentum, medals/trophies will be awarded for excellence in the different categories of sports/games etc. This is to encourage and motivate youths to stay away from violence – all strategies embedded are to harness a none violent platform come next general elections in Sierra Leone 2018. And now that election campaigns will soon start and voting is next door, implementation of this project will be a perfect fit to

minimize or even eradicated heightened violence mostly orchestrated by angered youths during election processes.

### **PROJECT PURPOSE**

As planned, based on pilot information serving as basis for action, triggering efforts of this project will address incidences of prevalent youth violence in politics more especially during electioneering activities. From experience referencing past election activities within the country, youths have been the center of concern causing absolute unrest during and post-election activities within the country. And what is more worrying is that youths hold greater percentage of the country's population and are mostly uneducated through the formal sector- thus have always been easily prevailed upon by selfish self-centered politicians for their own purpose at their own expense which has lethally set the country at risk. Therefore, reverting this towards the hope of a new day, we will want to embark on massive education on youth tolerance to end youth violence mostly burning from political practices, whiles using recreational activities as a mainstream medium to establish the course among the country's youth population.

### **INTENDED PROJECT DELIVERABLES/OJECTIVES**

Main objectives of the project will include the following:

- Organize social activities for youth participation( games/sports etc.), and use that medium to sensitize youths on political tolerance with their roles defined
- To embark on proactive youth education on political tolerance in target communities
- Embark on community engagement involving non-governmental youth networks, line ministry department agencies, political parties and other community stakeholders to foster campaigns on ending youth violence
- Establish youth networks/hubs to further strengthen and cascade campaigns on ending youth violence
- Provide training in leadership, governance and peace building for youth network leaders/executive members
- Ensure political parties become part of the process and include in their campaign a message to“ **END YOUTH VIOLENCE**”

## **POTENTIAL PROJECT BENEFICIARIES/COMMUNITIES**

The direct beneficiaries for this project will be **200,000** youths living across Western and Rural districts, Southern, Northern and Eastern provinces of Sierra Leone (**Males- 150,000 and Females – 50,000**)

And **2,000,000** indirect beneficiaries will be our target

## **INTENDED METHODOLOGIES/STRATEGIES**

- Meet with relevant stakeholders/partners to discuss project implementation plans (line ministries, community stakeholders, political parties, Sierra Leone Athletic Association, youth leaders/associations and other relevant partners etc.)
- Mapping of target communities
- Project visibility and community engagement
- Coordinate with Ministry of Sports and The Sierra Leone Athletic Association to identify outdoor recreational activities to be organized for youths
- Embark on massive awareness raising activities to end youth violence in politics
- Organize social activities for youths, strategically throughout all headquarter towns
- Progressive monitoring and evaluation of youth participation in politics
- Monitoring and evaluation of entire project activities
- Develop reports on project activities
- Conduct post monitoring assessment on project activities

## **PROJECT EXPECTED OUTCOMES/RESULTS**

- That even before project ends, majority of youths within the country would have become fully aware about the effects of political violence and violence in general
- And that the rate of violence perpetuated by youths during and post-political activities would have reduced drastically
- Also, Political parties would have taken the full mantle of responsibility to guide and caution their party youth supporters from all forms of political violence
- Through social activities that will be organized, youths would have got a network of communication, forming themselves into peer educators across the country to coordinate and caution each other to refrain from violence of any kind
- By their inclusion in project activities, MDA's dealing with youth activities would have now incorporated into their mainstream activities "a message on youth political tolerance to end youth violence"

## **MONITORING & EVALUATION MECHANISMS**

Throughout the implementation of this project, we intend to employ routine monitoring to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in all project activities. We will use correlation and observational study experiments to progressively measure and evaluate behavior change of our target group.

## **PROJECT DURATION**

As planned, this project will run for **1 year**

## **BUDGET REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

<b>PROJECT ACTIVITY/ITEM</b>	<b>AMOUNT( Leones)</b>
Overheads ( NPA, Generator, fuel, Maintenance)	29,100,000
Administrative cost( stationery, office space, internet)	75,400,000
Salaries ( indirect staff)	111,000,000
Salaries ( direct staff)	393,000,000
Stipends & Allowances	56,000,000
Transportation	123,900,000
Communication( Mobile phones & recharge cards)	37,000,000
Community meetings and beneficiary/community mapping	73,311,000
Community engagement- awareness raising activities (focus group, radio & television discussions, Newspapers.	81,503,000
Organize social activities for youths	481,000,000
Monitoring & Evaluation	102,000,000
<b>Miscellaneous( 7% of entire project cost)</b>	109,397,008
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,672,211,408</b>