

Prevention from sexual abuse, Unwanted pregnancies, Drug abuse, Domestic violence, School dropout & Malnutrition



Youth and Children's Talent Detection and Development Project

NEXT GENERATION CUP COMPETITION

Season 2, 2024



Sports: A Powerful Tool for Teaching Youth about Social Issues

If you want to speak to anyone you speak and teach in the language that he/she understands easily.

So sports are one of the best languages to speak to children and youth. Let's use it to teach them to stop and consistently report domestic violence, drug use, malnutrition and many others.



HACORWA and Gahanga Sector collaborate for Youth Development

In an exciting collaboration, **Hands of Compassion Rwanda (HACORWA)** joined forces with Gahanga Sector to unveil the long-awaited Next Generation Cup Competition Season 2, 2024. This initiative is part of the broader endeavor called "Children and Youth Talents Detection & Development," aiming to foster the holistic growth of young people.

The competition kicked off on Saturday, February 10, 2024, with 450 enthusiastic players ready to showcase their talents over the course of a month.

The grand finale, where the deserving winners were bestowed with prizes, took place on March 23, 2024. Beyond the sports arena, HACORWA and Gahanga Sector are committed to making a lasting impact on the lives of the youth. Every Saturday throughout the competition, the organizers conducted education and mobilization campaigns addressing crucial issues that impact adolescents.

These campaigns are designed to raise awareness and provide valuable insights on topics such as the prevention of sexual abuse, unwanted pregnancies, drug use, alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and school dropouts. The decision to integrate these campaigns into the sporting event highlights the organizers' holistic approach to youth development.

By addressing not only physical prowess but also societal challenges, HACORWA and Gahanga Sector aim to create a well-rounded support system for the participants.

Through these campaigns, the organizers hope to empower the youth with knowledge and resources, ensuring they are equipped to navigate the complexities of adolescence. In a statement, the organizers expressed their commitment to leaving no one behind in their pursuit of holistic youth development.

By fostering a community that prioritizes the well-being and development of its youth, HACORWA and Gahanga Sector are shaping a brighter future for Rwanda's next generation.

By combining the thrill of sports competitions with education and awareness initiatives, the Next Generation Cup Competition Season 2, 2024, emerges not only as a platform for athletic excellence but also as a beacon of hope and guidance for the future generation. The organizers encouraged the community to actively participate in the mobilization campaigns and support the young talents competing for victory on the sports field.

Youth Empowerment Unleashed

The organizers of the Next Generation Cup Competition Season 2, 2024, have articulated their unwavering commitment to inclusive and comprehensive youth development. Their approach goes beyond just sports competitions, encompassing educational and awareness initiatives. This multifaceted strategy aims to create an environment that nurtures not only athletic excellence but also the overall personal growth.

To benefit from the Next Generation Cup Competition Season 2, the organizers actively encouraged community participation in mobilization campaigns. These campaigns have aimed to garner support for the young talents competing on the sports field. The call to action extends beyond mere attendance at events; it urges the community to become actively involved in championing the holistic development of the youth involved.

The organizers believe that by nurturing a community that prioritizes the well-being and development of its youth, they are contributing to shaping a brighter future for Rwanda's next generation. This vision aligns with the broader goals of the organizers, namely HACORWA and Gahanga Sector, indicating a collective effort to create a positive and empowering environment for the youth.



Be Ambassadors of Change

The Inspector of Police in Gahanga Sector delivered a compelling and impactful message to the youth, addressing the pressing issue of drug use and distribution within the community. The Inspector's no-nonsense tone underscored the seriousness of the situation, emphasizing the gravity of laws related to drug offenses..

Furthermore, the Inspector challenged individuals involved in competitive activities to use their platforms as opportunities to promote positive change. By encouraging competitors to be role models and advocates for a drug-free lifestyle, the Inspector sought to leverage the influence of these individuals in creating a broader impact within the community. In conclusion, the Inspector issued a powerful call to action, urging everyone to join hands in building a brighter, drug-free future for Rwanda. By emphasizing individual responsibility, community engagement, and the need for positive role models, the Inspector aimed to mobilize a collective effort to address the challenges posed by drug abuse and contribute to the well-being of the community as a whole.

In his address, the Inspector highlighted the imperative of combating the drug epidemic that has potentially harmful effects on the well-being of individuals and the overall health of the community. By taking a firm stance, the Inspector aimed to instill a sense of responsibility and awareness among the youth, emphasizing the role they play in creating a safer and healthier environment. Acknowledging the influential power of the youth, the Inspector called on them to become ambassadors for change. By doing so, they could inspire their peers and community members to reject alcohol abuse and drug use and actively work towards a drug-free legacy.



Empowering Youth: Gahanga Sector Officer delivering training to youth on job creation and entrepreneurship

In a proactive move to address the alarming rates of school dropout, alcohol abuse and drug use among youth in Gahanga sector, the Cooperative Leader spearheaded a transformative initiative on March 17, 2024. Recognizing the pivotal role entrepreneurship plays in steering young minds towards a brighter future, the leader orchestrated a workshop aimed at equipping youth with knowledge and skills necessary to kickstart their own businesses.



With a vision to empower and uplift the community, the Cooperative Leader engaged the youth in comprehensive training sessions, emphasizing the fundamentals of business establishment and management. From crafting business plans to understanding market dynamics, the workshop provided invaluable insights to foster entrepreneurial spirit among the participants.

Beyond economic empowerment, the initiative also sought to address social challenges prevalent among the youth. By instilling a sense of purpose and offering viable alternatives to negative influences, such as alcohol abuse and drug use, the workshop aimed to create a conducive environment for personal growth and development.

Through this collaborative effort, the Cooperative Leader not only championed entrepreneurship but also fostered a sense of community solidarity. By investing in the future of the youth, Gahanga sector takes a proactive stance in combating societal issues, paving the way for a brighter present and tomorrow.



witness a positive transformation, where dreams flourish and aspirations thrive. Together, let us applaud the visionary leadership and unwavering commitment of the cooperative leader in shaping a better tomorrow for generations to come.



Empowering youth conference: life skills mentoring for training for the next generation.



HACORWA embarked on a transformative journey on 19 March, 2024, initiating a comprehensive training program aimed at nurturing life skills among the youth. With unwavering commitment, the founder of HACORWA illuminated the profound purpose behind this endeavor and underscored the critical significance of empowering children and young adults. The ethos guiding our efforts is rooted in the belief that empowering the younger generation is not only a moral obligation but also a strategic investment in shaping their futures: *“At HACORWA, we recognize that by unlocking the inherent potential within each individual, we pave the way for a brighter tomorrow”*.

Through the tailored training programs, HACORWA endeavors to instill a sense of self-assurance and fortitude in our participants, enabling them to navigate life’s challenges with resilience and grace.

By nurturing their abilities and fostering a growth mindset, HACORWA empowers the youth to realize their full potential and emerge as confident, resilient individuals ready to seize every opportunity that comes their way: *“At HACORWA, we are committed to empowering the leaders of present and tomorrow, equipping them with the skills and mindset needed to thrive in an ever-changing world”*.

In the vibrant community of Gahanga Sector, a remarkable young leader is emerging, poised to catalyze change and opportunity for the next generation. As a beacon of hope and inspiration, this youth leader has recognized a crucial avenue for growth: life skills mentoring.





Empowering Youth through Mentorship: Insights from Dr. Mia's Session in Gahanga

In a small community center in Gahanga, a group of eager young individuals gathers around Dr. Mia, a passionate mentor from the United States. With a mission to empower youth through mentorship, Dr. Mia dives into a discussion about the common challenges faced by young people, not only in Gahanga but also around the world.

Among the myriad of issues discussed, Dr. Mia highlights unemployment, drug use, family conflicts, violence, and school dropout rates as prevalent challenges. These obstacles resonate deeply with the gathered youth, reflecting the universal struggles shared by adolescents worldwide.

However, Dr. Mia doesn't stop at identifying the problems; she delves into the essence of mentorship by sharing insights on how to tackle these challenges. Drawing from her experiences in the United States, she sheds light on three significant issues prevalent among American youth: depression, embarrassment, and harassment.

1. **Depression:** Dr. Mia emphasizes the importance of addressing mental health concerns, particularly depression, which affects countless young people globally. By creating a supportive environment and encouraging open dialogue, mentors can help individuals navigate through feelings of sadness and hopelessness.
2. **Embarrassment:** In a world driven by social media and peer pressure, feelings of embarrassment can be overwhelming for many youths. Dr. Mia underscores the significance of building resilience and self-confidence, enabling young individuals to overcome moments of embarrassment and embrace their authentic selves.
3. **Harassment:** Whether it's in-person or online, harassment remains a pervasive issue impacting the lives of youth. Dr. Mia advocates for fostering a culture of respect and empathy, empowering both mentors and mentees to stand up against all forms of harassment and discrimination.

Moreover, Dr. Mia draws inspiration from biblical teachings, showcasing the timeless mentorship relationship between Moses and Joshua. Through this biblical example, she illustrates the transformative power of mentorship in guiding and nurturing the next generation of leaders.

As Dr. Mia concludes her session, the atmosphere in the room is filled with hope and determination. The youth of Gahanga are inspired to embark on their journey of personal growth and resilience, armed with newfound knowledge and guidance from Dr. Mia's mentorship session.



The Art of Listening in mentorship: Rev Dr. Xiaoli from Australia

In a serene corner of Australia, amidst the rustling leaves and gentle whispers of nature, Rev Dr. Xiaoli engages in a transformative mentorship session with a group of eager youth. With a profound understanding of the power of listening, she embarks on a journey to impart the invaluable skill of attentive listening in mentorship.



Through reflective exercises and role-playing scenarios, she illustrates the transformative impact of genuine listening in fostering trust, empathy, and mutual understanding.



Derrick: The Power of Mentorship

In a dynamic workshop setting, Derrick, a seasoned mentor, recently embarked on a mission to inspire and uplift young minds through the power of mentorship. With passion in his eyes and wisdom in his words, Derrick shared invaluable insights into the transformative potential of mentorship.

Throughout the session, Derrick illuminated the pathway to personal and professional growth, emphasizing the profound impact that mentorship can have on shaping individuals' lives. Drawing from his own experiences and successes, he underscored the importance of seeking guidance, wisdom, and support from mentors who have walked the path before.

Derrick's message resonated deeply with the youth, as he articulated how mentorship transcends mere guidance—it instills confidence, fosters resilience, and unlocks untapped potential. Through anecdotes and real-life examples, he illustrated how mentorship cultivates a supportive environment where dreams are nurtured, challenges are conquered, and aspirations are turned into reality.

Impactful HACORWA: Empowering Youth in Gahanga Sector

With gratitude in their hearts and determination in their spirits, the youth of Gahanga express sincere appreciation for this transformative opportunity.

Under the guidance of HACORWA, the youth have embarked on a journey of self-discovery, growth, and empowerment. Through life skills mentorship sessions, they have gained invaluable insights, honed essential skills, and cultivated a mindset of resilience and determination.

But HACORWA's impact extends far beyond the confines of the workshop walls. With a pledge to pay it forward, the youth vow to share the knowledge and skills they have acquired with their peers and communities. Inspired by HACORWA's example, they aspire to become agents of positive change, uplifting others and fostering a culture of collaboration and support.



Last stand competition

Under HACORWA coordination, on Saturday, the 23rd of March 2023, the vibrant energy of youth filled the air as the games got concluded.



Hosted in the Gahanga Sector, the event served as a platform to nurture the talents of more than 450 young individuals, fostering their growth in various sports, notably football among others. However, beyond the athletic arena, the games embodied a deeper purpose - to empower the youth through holistic development.

HACORWA, standing for hope for African/Rwanda children, spearheaded this initiative as part of its ongoing project to nurture young talents while simultaneously addressing pertinent issues facing today's youth. The tournament not only showcased athletic prowess but also served as a forum for education and empowerment on crucial life matters. Throughout the duration of the competition, participants engaged in workshops and seminars covering a spectrum of topics essential for personal development.

From combating drug use and preventing unplanned pregnancies to promoting civic education and fostering a culture of non-violence, the youth were equipped with knowledge and skills vital for navigating the challenges of adolescence and young adulthood.



In Gahanga's embrace, a community stands, holding the future in their hands. Together, they'll shape life's demanding sands, empowering youth to conquer lands.

Moreover, emphasis was placed on instilling values of cleanliness, entrepreneurship, and the importance of education. Recognizing the multifaceted nature of youth empowerment, HACORWA ensured that participants received comprehensive training, preparing them to become responsible and productive members of society.

At the heart of the event was the spirit of community engagement and collaboration. Ms. Sereine Nterinziza, the Community Leader of HACORWA, expressed gratitude to all stakeholders involved, including the government of Rwanda entities of Gahanga Sector and Kicukiro District, for their unwavering support in ensuring the success of the games. Their collective efforts underscored the importance of partnerships in driving positive change and uplifting youth as the next generation.



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In a poignant moment, Ms. Nterinziza announced the selection of two teams comprising both boys and girls who would receive continued support and mentorship in preparation for the next year's competition. This gesture not only affirmed HACORWA's dedication to long-term youth development but also instilled a sense of hope and aspiration among the selected individuals.



In essence, the conclusion of the Competition marked not just the end of a sporting event but the beginning of a journey towards a brighter future for the youth of Gahanga Sector. Through the collaborative efforts of HACORWA and the local community, these young individuals are empowered with the knowledge and tools to overcome obstacles, pursue their passions, and strive for excellence in all aspects of life. As they embark on this journey, they carry with them the spirit of unity, resilience, and determination, embodying the transformative power of sports in shaping the leaders of the present and tomorrow.

Hand in hand, the community unites, In nurturing talents, and empowering rights. Through cooperative spirit, a future unfurls, In Gahanga's embrace, hope twirls and swirls.



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