



Youth and Advocacy Network
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Youth Advocacy Network, Kabala Sierra Leone

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In August 2017 a group of 20 young people between the age of 14 and 23 from Kabala and the villages around Kabala started the Youth Advocacy Network (YAN). Kabala, is the capital city of Koinadugu District, a large district in the north of Sierra Leone. Koinadugu district is one of the poorest and least developed districts in the country. Because of the almost impossible situation people live their lives to survive, it is not surprising that corruption is more become common than exception. And because more than half of the population in Sierra Leone is below the age of 18, these young people got the idea that they themselves have to take action to improve their situation and the situation of their peers to get a better, meaningful and safe life. YAN wanted to advocate for their peers on child marriage, teenage pregnancy and to promote education. Education is the key to success. To get finance they started a partnership with Stichting Taiama-Andreas (STA) in the Netherlands, a foundation they met in February 2017 when members of Stichting Taiama-Andreas visited a large NGO in Sierra Leone.

First YAN and STA looked at YAN-members who needed support for education: you cannot advocate for others if you yourself cannot afford your own education. 13 members were selected and the sub project SCHOOL FEES was born.

ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES started on October 11 the international day of the girl with a visit to Kondembaia village inside the mining district. The goal was to raise awareness on issues affecting girls.

After the first activity, Yan made a Constitution, created a logo and a motto and arranged the registration as a CBO.

In January two members of STA visited YAN to meet and listen to their challenges and needs. The most important conclusions were that YAN needed an office for themselves because till now they used the office of social welfare or had meetings in the open air and that it was good to start working on the sustainability of YAN. Therefore the idea of exploring a farm and start tailoring of pads for girls to sell were born.

YAN continued their advocacy activities especially during the elections in March. In May the opening of the office was a fact and in June the farming started on a field at the compound of Kabala Secondary School. In July STA found a donor for the sewing machine.

YAN is standing at the beginning of something great. The limit of 35 members has been reached and there is a lot of interest of stakeholders in YAN activities. In the first year a lot of investments were made in the sense of money but the most important was the women- and men power of the YAN members. Without their efforts and enthusiasm these huge progress has not been possible.

Activity	Date	Aims and objectives	Resources	Success/ achievements	Challenges
Schoolfees project	17 Aug-18 June	Empowerment through education	13 members made a request and all of them got school fees and uniforms, 2 phones were provided for the advisers (teachers of secondary schools) of YAN to monitor	13 members were able to attend basic education'. 2 members did follow a computer course	Insufficient funding not all members that have attended their secondary education got benefits. Lack of mobility to monitor the beneficiaries in various schools. One teacher went to a village to start a new school and couldn't fulfil his advising role anymore.
International Day of the Girl, visit to Kondembaia village	Oct 11	Raise awareness on issues affecting girls and put mechanism in place in order to stop the issues	Drama and songs created and performed by YAN members on the issues. Distribution of exercise books and pens, food for participants, bus and motorbikes hired for transport	Girls learned about gender equality, girls learned about the referral pathways	Poor road network, lack of mobility for implementation of activities at community levels

International Day of persons with disability, Visit to the school for the blind	Dec 3	Raise awareness by members on issues affecting people with disabilities	Transport, food and drinks to have a meal together, gifts that were needed like pads and toothpaste	Through a shared meal and talks YAN found out what is needed for the blind. Heard that it was the first time on this Memorial Day that an organization visited the school for the blind. The minibus was broken and through talk with a fortunate man afterwards the bus got repaired.(new tyres)	There are many challenges that were brought up by the blind in which Yan and STA cannot address
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Campaigning on nonviolence elections especially to the youth	Febr/ March	Peaceful elections before, during and after	We bought radio time for 4 radio talks with Yan members and political youth leaders. Street campaign to the ghetto's	Peaceful election time	Insufficient to reach most ghettos and communities
Field monitoring schools at Semamaya/ Kondembaia village	April/ May	To know the number of pupils that is going to school, to know whether former visit create change	Food for participants, motorbikes , minibus, gifts like pens and exercise books	Increase in school enrolment of pupils in various communities	Poor road network Lack of school furniture at the primary school Yan and STA are unable to address the issues raised in the schools like on FGM
Opening of the YAN office	May	To create a own place for YAN to meet and study, official opening for more publicity	Food, furniture, computer, school books, phone for the secretary general, inviting stakeholders	Members now using the office for: Learning, meetings, conference meetings and storage facilities	Lack of sign board for identification. Lack of electricity

Day of the African Child	June 16	Addressing challenges of the youth to authorities	Transport for children from the villages to attend DAC, money for food, hall rental, PA system rental	Presentation of a position paper about the challenges to the authorities	Insufficient funding for children from different communities to participate in kabala, lack of mobility
Farming project	June	To build a sustainable organization, to obtain job skill	Tools, seeds and fertilizer, food	YAN has learned about members who are active	Insufficient funding, poor participation from members
Tailoring project (pads)	July	To build a sustainable organization, to obtain job skills, to provide pads to girls so the are able to go to school during their period.	Fabrics, needles, scissors, sewing machine	Still under construction	Till now only one girl who has tailoring experience

Financieel overzicht YAN 2017

Activiteit	Ontvangen	Kosten	Over
			€ -
			€ -
Telefoon leraren	€ 210,00	€ -210,00	€ -
School fees	€ 930,00	€ -930,00	€ -
Computerles Sajor en Amadu	€ 80,00	€ -80,00	€ -
International Day of the Girl	€ 680,00	€ -460,00	€ 220,00
International Day of people with disability	€ 325,00	€ -325,00	€ -
End of the year	€ 150,00	€ -150,00	€ -
Stoffen voor pads (gekocht in Nederland)		€ -110,00	
Registratie 1		€ -23,00	€ -23,00
Registratie 2		€ -14,00	€ -14,00
Schooltalks, cleaning en andere activiteiten		€ -110,00	€ -110,00
	€ 2.375,00	€ -2.412,00	€ 73,00
	Le 21,760,000	Le 21,120,000	Le 640.500

Dit is een globale benadering omdat de wisselkoers erg fluctueert en ook de bankkosten zijn inbegrepen. Dat betekent dat het werkelijk bedrag ontvangen in Leone lager ligt. De wisselkoers waarmee is gerekend is 1 euro = 8774 leone.

Financieel overzicht YAN 2018				
Datum	Activiteit	Kosten	Ontvangen Le	Ontvangen €
2/2/2018	School fees Foday B	750.000	750.000	80
2/2/2018	School boeken	1.800.000	1.800.000	192
2/2/2018	Verkiezingsactiviteiten	1.800.000	1.800.000	192
	Huur 2017 01-04/ 2018 01-04	4.500.000	4.500.000	480
3/1/2018	Huur 2018 01-04/ 2019 01-04	4.500.000	4.500.000	480
3/2/2018	Meubels	2.300.000	4.500.000	480
4/16/2018	Telefoon Amadu	888.000	888.000	115
5/7/2018	Telefoon Owen Jones	850.000	850.000	110
5/17/2018	Semamaya	2.020.000	2.020.000	234
5/21/2018	Kondembaia	3.130.000	3.130.000	363
11/16/2018	Day of the African Child	4.200.000	4.200.000	510
6/22/2018	Fertilizer	1.000.000	1.000.000	130
6/22/2018	Farming	3.500.000	3.276.000	400
7/6/2018	Naaimachine en wortels	1.000.000	1.300.000	172
Totaal		32.238.000	34.514.000	3.938

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