



Youth Advocacy Network (YAN), world Youth Skills day (WYSD) activity report 2023.

Youth advocacy network have successfully undertake world youth skills day activity, which was to commence on the 15th July, 2023 which we want to postpone to 17th July, 2023 because the 15 July was a weekend for some key vocational institutes.

This activity was different from other past activities, instead of calling skill teachers and trainers in our office to celebrate WYSD as usual, we therefore plan to move and meet with teachers and some trainers in their workshops and institutions.

These movements comprise of members of YAN, a media person and some influential girls of skills that have improved in life who share their experience with trainers to serve as motivating messages.

The chair person is Gibrila Kargbo and the following items were discussed and implemented:

- (1) Individual prayers
- (2) Individual Introduction
- (3) The purpose of the program

After individual prayers, the introduction was done successfully in all skill centers and institutions. All institutions warmly welcome Youth Advocacy Network in their premises "it's amazing to have such a young, fresh, and talented youth organization, the office welcome you with open arms to be a part of our strong skill promotion in our district" from Government Technically Institute (GTI).

On the purpose of the program the president (Lamin Mansaray) tell the audience what this day is about, he said world Youth skills day was first celebrated in 2014 by the United Nations (UN), it's not an overstatement that YAN, is the first organization to celebrate WYSD in Koinadugu District, and we are the first CBO to sponsor young people to technical institutions like FAWE, Library, Koinadugu District Council and Government Technical institute (GTI). We YAN want to strictly follow the theme and relate issues in our localities as the theme implies for 2023 "Skilling teachers, trainers and youth for transformative future" we YAN see that it highlights the essential role that teachers, trainers and other

educators play in providing skills for youth to transition to the labour market and to actively engage in their communities and societies. So we are here to create awareness about skill teachers, trainer's rights and responsibilities in their work shop garage or institution's, also to involve themselves in technology and innovation in our societies. We have questions here that we are expecting you the head to answer, we also want your work shop, garage or institution to tell your experiences since it's foundation, also to explain your challenges, success and recommendations on how to influence youth's to do job skill training in our beloved land of powerful mixture.

Statement from Med's and son's tailoring center. Mohamed Sesay explain a story about his foundation as a Tailor, Can you tell us little bit about your story how you began? He congratulate the Youth Advocacy Network (YAN) for giving him a opportunity, he said once upon a time I was living in the village without any job skills, his family decided to send him to school unfortunately he continues the school but there was no helper to further his education, he decided to learn skill job, they were many skill jobs but he decided to learn tailoring. He said he went through different challenges while learning the skill such as lake of capital, insufficient materials, my boss have only one machine by then, stigmatisation from friends and relatives that I am a dropout from school, lack of food and poor shelter. He breaflly explain some of his achievement during this tailoring. Thank you very much YAN, this organization contribute allot in my success, first of all through this tailoring I got big contract from your organization to show uniforms for your beneficiaries since 2020, this contract has been renewed for several years which exposed me to work for other organizations and school's like CRS, Cause Canada, CRC, KSS and many more. Now I am a responsible Man I take care of my family and also my needs and some of my wants now I can proudly say that I have a big Land in Kabala that makes me fill proud to be a skilled Man. He advised all the youth's to make skill their priorities it's the key to success not only formal education, but please youth's make sure you learn important skill and love the skill you are doin, please my brother and sisters skilled job is important if you know that your background is not financially good learn skills job you will create a quick change. Not everyone will be educated formally. It ended with smile and we took some pictures of Med's and son's tailoring center.

As usual we went to Santus Youth Center.

Mr Santous Mansaray start explain since 1986 when he came to attend school to on of his relative there's no money to continue the school and he decided to learn skill job he precisely choose carpentry after many years i started having some trainers, at around 2000 he have 62 trainers with "Car Center" and he continue the work there with no problems, but if you want to learn a skill job you most have a good character. He explain his challenges as a skill learner over population in the carpentry center, lack of tools, stigmatisation, lack of capital and no access to advanced tool's. He encourage skill trainer's to have a good character, always came on time to the campantery center. He explain some achievement in his skill carrie He is a happy man, he is responsible for his needs and some of his wants and his family, he have House's in kabala, He is the one doing all the furniture work for CRS, Street Child and different schools in Koinadugu and Falaba for long periods of time. It ended with smile and happiness and we took group pictures.

We also move to SIL Bro's GARAGE as usual.

We were unable to meet the real owner of the garage by the name of Mr Moseray who have lots of investment in Kabala such as Garage, Shops and a water Company. The second boss by the name of Chernor, he said he started his school without any problems, but really he love skill job more than formal education and he decided to leave school and learn (automechanic) when he have understand very well now, they have many learners under his watch. He is a responsible boy but he's not willing to explain about his personal life. His message to YAN and the youth's, he is very happy with this kind of program, because it teaches us how we can achieve in life, he encourage everyone youth's out there to learn important skills it helps us to make fast money It ended with smile and happiness with some pictures.

Finally we moved to the fountain of Job skill in Koinadugu and Falaba district, by the name of Government Technical Institute (GTI). The principal of GTI Mr Kargbo highly welcome and congratulate YAN for their continues penetration in skill promotion as YAN is the second organization after GIZ to bring beneficiaries in this institution to learn skill, he clapped for YAN and STA. This structure's were built by former president Kabba since 2001 but it was abandoned after change of governance in bloody 11 years some properties were stolen while someone were destroyed by rats and bock's the building was a home to bird's and reptiles, but fortunately it was renovated in 2019 before the establishment of GTI it's I am the first principal to inherent a vacant building as a technical institution's I advocated to many organization and government bodies, they successfully get aids from the government and world bank after one year serving as principal with no salary, now as you can see we have all what it takes to run a vocational institution. We we offered someny course here such as Electrical installation, Tailoring, Catering, Computing, Agriculture, Agro business, Hairdressing, Been Farming and many more, now we have many graduates from different skilled we have two among you here by the name of Lamin Mansaray and Gibrilla Kargbo. He highlights some challenges such as Insufficient land, lack of advanced tool's, Unqualified teachers. The program ended with closing remarks and we took pictures.

Success.

\* Trainer's vow's to learn important skills in their communities.

\* Teachers and trainer's promise to work on their rights and responsibilities.

\*Both radio station in kabala played the record as jingle.

\*By the way Some YAN members got interest in job skill, and promise to enroll in vocational institution after wasce to acquire important skill.

\*YAN encourage trainer's to combine critical thinking, teamwork, professionalism and work ethic, and communication skills, you can become a great leader in your workplace.

Challenges.

\*High cost of transportation.

\*Insufficient t-shirt.