



YOUTH ADVOCACY NETWORK KOINADUGU DISTRICT ACTIVITY REPORT,
WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY.

On the 15th July 2025, the youth advocacy network (YAN) successfully undertook an activity which is world youth skills day which took place at Yan office. We collaborated with diverse technical institute and organization like the children forum network (CFN), Mamaye advocacy network, Koinadugu ollege, fashion designer, (Tailoring shop) auto mechanic workers, (engineers) wood workers (carpenters) and many more. The world youth skills day celebration is how best we can to recognize the significance of skills job and create a room where in everyone from various territories to share their views on skills job and it provide an opportunity to network with others, it can also foster social chosion and togetherness through this, we can be able to raise awareness about important of skills job.

We prepared an agenda that guide us throughout the program.

- 1, Call to order, which was done by Musa Jalloh Yan public relation office.
- 2, Opening prayers, it was done both in Islam aspect and in Christian way.
- 3, welcome address, Abu Dabor did it, he greet and welcome everyone for leaving their busy schedule to attend our program and we are super excited for seen them, they are highly welcome to the youth advocacy network conference table celebrating the world youth skills day he continued to encouraged them to feel free, feel safe and feel belong.
- 5, introduction for the chair person, it was done by Ramatulai bah from the children forum network, she said the person that will be driving our veacle today, she not less than any other people but the current deputy head girl for the great Ahmadiyya Muslim Agriculture Secondary School kabala town, and she also and energetic member of the youth advocacy network, not only that she has being working tireless

to prevent all forms of abuse and violence against women and girls. She brilliant, bold, cleaver, out speaking, outstanding and articulate. She concluded by saying that ladies and gentlemen let's us stand up and help me welcome and put hands together for madam FEREMUSU S MARAH. As the chairperson for today program.

6, purpose of the program, Lamin mansaray greet and welcome everybody for coming. He said before he proceeds let us introduce ourselves for better understanding which we did. He further said, we are here to celebrate the world youth skills day, not only to celebrate it rather to learn and add value to the skills job. He said, he will like to pronounce the 2025 world youth skills day theme.

THEME: YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH AI AND DIGITAL SKILLS.

After telling us the theme, he said this will help us to know more about the activity, as we have hear the theme in this case youth are very much critical in terms of skills job but drugs have become the order of the day which is hindering the ability of young people today.

He said let us try to analyze the THEME. Which is YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH AI AND DIGITAL SKILLS. And the are the response from the participants.

YOUTH : A person within the age of 15-35 year with a high expectations to be very much active in intern of workforce.

EMPOWERMENT: To support/ foster and strengthen someone to achieve something.

AI: Artificial intelligence. Things that are not natural, but made by human being.

He continued to asked what do we understand by the word Education, one of our participant respond, Education is the process of acquiring a knowledge. Lamin mansaray continued by saying that there are certain things we are lack of in school, school is meant to build your career but even some of the teachers are not serving as good example in school. He proceeded by saying that, we want to get a very good experience from the skills workers, challenges, and recommendations. He also continued to tell people how imperative it is for being part of youth advocacy network it has a lot of opportunities to render to the needy. He mentioned the Free scholarship Yan is offering to up grade your skills. Just be part of youth advocacy network and write a official letter. If there is chance We want to have a special session to discuss about skills job he encouraged them to join Youth advocacy network.

Youth advocacy network is teaching people about good communication skills that is one of the major reason why most of the business man and skills workers are losing costumes because they lack effective communication so let us focus on our talent and add more value to it.

And these are the ways to value to them, the ways of calling them.

Tailoring: fashion designer

Filter: auto mechanic

Carpentry: wood workers.

Welding: metal workers.

He continued by encouraging them to join the youth advocacy network to create more impact in the lives of others. After explaining the purpose of people, then they started to tell their success stories.

According to Ibrahim Sorie Motor bike mechanic he said, he only learned Quran and motor bike mechanic but by the time he was learning it he is not Welly but now he is praying for the people that was forcing him, he Said he is ready to learn anyone who wants to learn motor bike mechanic.

According to foday Koroma a wood worker (carpenter) he come from one of the interior village to learn a skills job which is carpentry, he was struggling at the beginning but now praise God for everything because he can provide many things for himself.

Ramatulai bah from children's Forum network CFN she is a fashion designer, and she is currently learning the job and she is doing extremely well but at the first time when her parents sent her to learn she will not go, later she changed her mind to focus on her skills job and now she is earnings money out of that without her parents giving to her.

7, Question and answer section (Group Work)

We divided the participants into four (4) and after the group work they served the refreshments, food, water, and drink. After the refreshment we then move to.

8, Group presentation:

Group one (1) presenter was Mabinty F Mansaray from Mamaye advocacy network.

Possible question for the world youth skills day.

QUESTION 1, How did you start and overcome challenges on your path to success? Ans, Time management. - Patient - Humbleness - Focus.

QUESTION 2, What skills helped you succeed, and how did you acquire or improve them? Ans, Continuous practice (skills) building, carpentry and tailoring .

QUESTION 3, Were there any important moments that shaped your career, and how did you handle them? Ans, Lost & parents. Carpathy Training Makes me to concentrate more as I have no man to help me.

QUESTION 4, What advice do you have for people who want to succeed in your field? Which skills should they focus on? ANSWER, Share the best practice & benefit that you have gain your goal skill.
Example: Carpentry.

QUESTION 5, Can you share a significant project or achievement in your career? What did you learn from it? ANSWER: Building my father's house. It has lesser my expenditure to pay a carpenter.

QUESTION 6, How do you keep learning and growing in your profession? Any valuable resources or strategies? Ans, Participation and monitoring Example: Carpenter should participate and monitor work going on.

QUESTION 7, How important is networking in your industry, and how has it influenced your career? ANSWER: It is important bias if having the work to be done quickly.** It has influence my career by many other girl still unclear.

QUESTION 8, How has mentorship or guidance played a role in your journey? Have you sought mentors or mentored others. ANSWER: By not participate as a membering wastage of materials will happen. Replacement of materials I learn that participation will reduce shortage of materials.

QUESTION 9, mentorship or guidance played a role in your journey? Have you sought mentors or mentored others? ANSWER: Mentorship or guidance played a great role on me because I achieved all my goals.**

QUESTION 10, How do you balance work and personal life? What strategies do you use for overall well-being while pursuing success? ANSWER: Pairs group influences. Avoid obstacles.*

Group Two (2) Presenter Tamba Kargbo.

Q 1, How did you start and overcome challenges on your path to success?

Answer, Determination: if you determine to learn any skills job you should be patient and focus on your work. And also be confident enough because you might expect challenges along the way and back up it with commitment, being committed also help to achieve your goals.

Q 2, What skills help you succeed and how did you acquired or improve them ?

Answer, Informal Education Skills. engineering is more important to learn both formal and informal education than focusing on only one aspect. How to improve them is through learning, formal and informal education.

Q 3, where there any important moments that shape your career, and how did you handle them?

Answer, For example being a student is not just about wearing the uniform that can differentiate you from those that are not going to school but rather study and focus on your academic excellence.

Q 4, what advice do you have for people who want to succeed in your field? Which skills should they focus on?

Answer, In any field of work, there must be a rules and regulations concerning that particular institutions or organization that helps the worker to improve their standard and succeed in life.

Q 5, Can share a significant project or achievement in your career? What did you learn from it?

Answer, Project title: world youth skills day.

Theme: YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH AI AND DIGITAL SKILLS. Analyzing in detail.

YOUTH; A person within the age of fifteen 15 -35 years.

EMPOWERMENT: is by supporting, sustaining, and strengthen yourself or others to excell and succeed in life.

AI: It means Artificial intelligence. Things made by man they are not naturally made by God.

DIGITAL: this mean numberty, is the ability and knowledge needed to use digital device, communication to access, manage, critical and share information effectively.

Q 6, How do you keep learning and growing in your profession? Any valuable reason or strategies?

Answer, we learned that not only school going pupil's are the most successful people in life but also learning skills Jobs help us succeed in life.

Q 7, How important is networking in your industry, and how has it influenced your career?

Answer, it helps us to communicate with each other effectively. And also help us to share information from one point to another.

Q 8, Did you experience any setback or failure? How did you overcome them, and what did you learned?

Answer: Yes, I overcome it by knowing the truth and learning skills and that played a crucial roles for me to become who I am today.

Q 9, How has mentorship or guidance played a role in your journey? Have you South mentors or mentioned others?

Answer, mentoring/ guiding me has played a significant role into my journey, first I thought is

GROUP THREE 3, presenter was Hassan Turay from Yan.

Question 1, How did you start and overcome challenges on your path to success?

QUESTION 2. What skills helped you succeed, and how did you acquire or improve them?

ANSWER : for we the students we get lunch and lunch help us to pass to the next class .we get lunch through the showing of trousers and clothes or any other thing.

QUESTION 3 where there any important moments that shape your career and how did you handle them?

ANSWER: Yes there was an important moment that shaped my career like I remember when I burn a cloth that has already prepared by my boss. But because of I burned that I recently learned that their should be less charcoal and less fire. One carpenter apprentice mentioned that : for me I mistakenly

put my feet in a drum of paint from that I learned that time and focus is needed when working and I was forgiven because it was my first time

QUESTION 4. What advice do you have for people who want to succeed in your field? Which skills should they focus on?

ANSWER, This was from a student. She says our boss always advice us to be ready for any problem coming on the way. "he even give a proverb that state no life without history "So no matter the toughness and roughness of the road bear and for surely you might make it

QUESTION 6, How do you keep learning and growing in your profession? Any valuable resources or strategies?ANSWER Also from a student. For us our boss ask us to take cement bag to learn how to show and that is our practical.So this way we learn and grow of our profession. QUESTION 7, How important is networking in your industry, and how has it influenced your career?

ANSWER Networking relate us with good work the more you work good the more you get connections and connections help us to advance

QUESTION 9, How has mentorship or guidance played a role in your journey? Have you sought mentors or mentored others?ANSWER A student state that our boss man sometimes ask us to wrapper just to have chance to learn how to show in term of Mentorship he really mentored me and I like him because of the way he works and other things

QUESTION 10 How do you balance work and personal life? What strategies do you use for overall well-being while pursuing success?

Answer, As for me I always try to create chance between my personal life and my work.Like for creating leasure time in one aspect for overall wel-being while pursuing success I try and learn how to reserve my resources

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GROUP FOUR 4, Presenter was Fasalie B kamara Yan member.

Q, 1 How did you start and overcome challenges on your path to success?

Answer, by striving and patient.

Q 3, where there any important moments that shaped your career, and how did you handle them?

Answer, Sometimes hardship arises but I try and look back to my family and Force myself to achieve.

Q 4, what advice do you have for people who want to succeed in your field? Which skills should they focus on?

Answer, let them patient, committed, and also have passion for the skills they want to learn.

Q 5, Can you share a significant project or achievement in your career? What did you learned from it?

Answer, I learned that audience is more than anything.

Q 6, How do you keep learning and growing in your profession? Any valuable resources or strategies?

Answer, by learning from most experience people and doing research on internet.

Q 7, How important is networking in your industry, and how has it influenced your career?

Answer, it is necessary because it keeps us connecting with different costumers.

Statement from the following,

CFN,

Esther I Samura from CFN greet and said she is glad for you youth advocacy network for their inclusive and tireless efforts towards the youth in Koinadugu district and she cheerful for been part of such imperative program, Yan have being working collective with CFN she pray that the bond continue she concerned by saying that she will share the lessons she has learned during the program.

MED AND SON'S TAILORING SHOP,

They said the program have thought them a lot of experience and they are ready to inform others that is crucial to learn skills job.

MAMAYE ADVOCACY NETWORK,

Mabinty F Mansaray, from Mamaye advocacy network, said on behalf of Mamaye, she will use this opportunity to inform people about the disease that is hindering young people in Sierra Leone right now, which is monkey pox (MP) people are going round to give the vaccine and it is free, it is vital for people to aware about it.

YAN

Fasalie B kamara from Yan greet and welcome everybody for attending our program. He continued by saying that if they ask him what you want to become in the future he will say is engineer building and construction.

Abu Dabor from Yan greet and welcome all the participants, he said Yan have contributed to him life greatly and his is ready to make Yan proud.

Hassan Turay also from Yan said he is excited for the learning that have took place here today and he encouraged all participant to learn skills job.

AOB

Mabinty F Mansaray from Mamaye advocacy network, she started by advising young people to stay away from DRUG ABUSE. And she wants us to serve as Ambassadors to spread the message because she is very much passionate about the well-being of young. She also emphasized on MP which is monkey pox is very dangerous it can be transferred through touching and body contact, the signs and symptoms are headache and body pain.

VOTE OF THANKS, was done by wusanutu Jalloh she thanks everyone for leaving their busy schedule to attend our program we really appreciated thanks for coming.

SUCCESES,

1. Increased awareness and collaboration of the importance of youth skills job.
2. Increased participation and engagement of youth people in skills building activities.
3. Creation of new opportunities for youth to gain skills and access employment.
4. THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSISTENCY AND TIME MANAGEMENT.

Through the presentation of various groups, participants realized that time mostly matters and consistency shaped our path and career.

5. MEDIA IMPORTANT IN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Through speakers, various workshops participants learned that one can develop their creativity through materials in media and by doing so they may be connected with up to date patterns of work style.

6. Numerous stories were shared and they motivated many people to stand strong to achieve their goal, especially those that want to give up in life.

CHALLENGES

1. LIMITED EXPERIENCE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SKILLS JOB

Many people thought that the most successful people in life are those that learn formal education, so it was complex to change their mentality that not only formal education is important but also skills job.

- 2, limited access to quality training program especially for marginalized and vulnerable youth.
- 3, insufficient funding for youth skills development initiative.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1, increased investment in equality skills training program that are responsive to the needs of jobs market.
- 2, provide targeted support for marginalized and vulnerable youth to access skills training program.

3, maintain and continue to raise awareness about the importance of skills job development beyond world youth skills day celebration.

4, strengthen collaboration and coordinator amount government private sector and civil society.

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WORLD YOUTH SKILL DAY CELEBRATION.

Best regards,

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YOUTH ADVOCACY NETWORK.