

CREATING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: IMPACTING LIVES!

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SYNOPSIS

- Our hopes and aspirations for our young people
- Challenges facing youth development in St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Government Response
- Need for forming community partnerships
- Civil Society response
- Plans and Programmes

THE BEST CASE SCENARIO

Our young people would:

- be highly motivated and determined to succeed.
- access opportunities for their development.
- participate in extra-curricula activities geared towards service, and the promotion of positive attitudes and a positive lifestyle.
- Emerge from their experience with a better appreciation of their role as productive members of society.

OUR CHALLENGES

- High unemployment rate 15-40%
- High rate of illiteracy
- Apathy among youngsters
- organizations look outdated and boring
- Infiltration of foreign culture and values through internet and television.
- Youth CRIME
- Competing against non traditional “illegal” sources of employment - The Hills! Mission Get Rich or Die trying

Age Structure in St. Vincent

- *0-14 years: 26.7%* (male 16,007/female 15,426).
- *15-64 years: 66.9%* (male 40,676/female 38,155).
- *65 years and over: 6.4%* (male 3,315/female 4,269) (2006 est.)

Government Response

- YES Programme- Training and Employment for out of School Youth.
- Learning resource centers in communities.
- Scholarships.
- Universal Secondary Education.

RESPONSE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

- Through CYEN and GGA Partnership we hope to have 1200 youngsters involved in capacity building and youth empowerment initiatives which are promoted by both WAGGGS and CYEN.
- Joint initiatives with other community based organizations like JEMS, PLAY IT SAFE Sports Club and CAFRA.

PLANS AND PROGRAMMES

- Environmental programme for the Leeward Side of St. Vincent in conjunction with the Barrouallie Ranger Unit to reclaim the beaches
- Tourism/Environmental project in Layou
- HIV/AIDS project in conjunction with Play it Safe Sports Club
- Purple Ribbon Campaign- Violence against women
- Programme in conjunction with JEMS to promote sustainable rural development

WE CAN DO IT!

Great things are in store for our
membership.....

Watch this space!

Thank you!