



## ENCISS Programme Activity

<b>Activity Title</b>	Leadership training for Youth Leaders and the formation of the Koinadugu District Youth Committee
<b>Location</b>	Kabala
<b>Date</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> .-24 <sup>th</sup> .August 2009
<b>No. of Participants- Gender analysis</b>	Fifty-five ; (44 Males ,Eleven (11) Females
<b>Brief Description of Activity</b>	<p>The establishment of Chiefdom Youth Committees (CYC) in the eleven chiefdoms of Koinadugu District was concluded in November 2009. These structures were created in fulfillment of one of the strategies of the National Youth Policy; to enhance increased participation of Youths in the coordination of their activities at all levels.</p> <p>This level is preceded by the formation of the District Youth Committee (DYC). This Central Youth body will be charged with the responsibility of coordinating all Chiefdom Youth Committees.</p> <p>The DYC provides a unique opportunity for developing potential leaders among our young men and women at Chiefdom and District levels to participate in Governance and Democratic processes. The District Youth Committee (DYC) will also play a Peace Consolidating role by channeling the energies of youth towards livelihood activities, choosing good leaders using persuasion instead of coercion, learning how to cope with losing and living with the winner, how to behave while holding public office and recognizing Gender.</p> <p>ENCISS provided some support for the Youth Division of the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports in collaboration with the Koinadugu District Council to implement Capacity Building training for Chiefdom Youth leaders and facilitated the formation of the Koinadugu District Youth Committee.</p>

	<p>The Youth Committee formed will provide a pro poor advocacy campaign structure for the youths as well as a reliable structure for dialogue and fruitful collaboration among the youths, Local Authorities and the District Council.</p> <p>The training was facilitated by partners from the Community Action for Human Security (CAHSec), the Koinadugu Human Right Officer; a Nurse from the Kabala Government Hospital, the Sierra Leone Police and others.</p> <p>The method used was training and discussion. Fifty-Five (55) Chiefdom Youth Committee members were invited; five respectively from the eleven chiefdoms constituting the District.</p> <p>Participants received training in the areas of Youth Work and Leadership, HIV and AIDS, Conflict Mediation, Community Policing, Project Writing and Reporting, Democracy, Human Right, Advocacy and lobbying and Good Governance.</p> <p>On the fifth and final day, all fifty- five Youth representatives voted by secret ballot for the elected positions of the District Youth Committee, which is made up of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Project Officer, Financial Secretary and Public Relation Officer.</p>
<b>Outcome</b>	<p>Participants at the end of the training resolved that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Youth Development officer makes follows up visit to Koinadugu to develop activity plans with the District Youth Committee.</li> <li>• A Dialogue session between the Council and the youth executives especially in Sengbeh and Warawara Chiefdoms to strengthen their relationship be conducted</li> <li>• Institutional Support be provided by the Youth Division of the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports to enhance its performance.</li> <li>• ENCISS to support the DYC to advocate for an increase in budget allocation to the District Council to address Youth Concerns.</li> <li>• ENCISS to support the DYC to facilitate Community Police training for youths in collaboration with the Sierra Leone Police (SLP) at Chiefdom level.</li> </ul>
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