

Ending a successful year

Welcome to the last edition of the Youth Visioning newsletter for 2006. We would first like to congratulate all the project leaders for their hard work in contributing to a successful year. Ten projects were completed during this time and we have initiated a further fifteen, three of which have recently started.

In the **Marshall Islands** Terry Mote and the Alele Youth Club are collecting handicrafts from different atolls for a museum exhibition. Through interacting with elders, the goal is for the youth to preserve the skills and knowledge of the handicrafts for future generations.

Qadir Mahamoodally and the Savanne Regional Council are organizing a 3-day residential workshop for 50 youth leaders from different regions of **Mauritius** to discuss HIV/AIDS, to create awareness among Mauritian youth and to plan follow-up activities.

In **San Andres**, the Star Teen youth group is organizing a series of activities to create awareness among native islanders of the non-monetary value of their island home. The aim is to teach the youth to critically look at the impacts of development on their islands and community.

For further information please visit www.youthvisioning.org. We welcome any feedback or questions you may have. You can reach us by emailing m.tran@unesco.org.

In closing, we would like to wish you a joyous festive season and we look forward to sharing with you more news on some exciting projects that will be starting in 2007.

Sincerely,
Youth Visioning Committee



Sample photos from some projects completed in 2006.



FEATURED PROJECTS

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(Jan-Feb '07)

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Preparing the water inlet from the main river for the fish ponds (Photo courtesy of Titus Kuman)



Kolgpeng fish farming Papua New Guinea

Titus Kuman from Youths for Sustainability is tackling the youth unemployment problem in his rural community of Kolgpeng by initiating a fish-farming project.

The local youth will be trained in new skills and have formed their own group, Kum Youth Focus, to manage the operations. The aim is to enable them to be self-reliant with some money in their pockets so that they can contribute to their communities in a positive manner.

Their business plan involves the initial purchase of 2000 fish fingerlings, the majority of which will be raised and sold to local buyers and markets. A small portion of these fingerlings will be put in a separate pond for reproduction purposes so that the next round of fingerlings will not need to be purchased.

The whole process will be repeated continuously with improvements and hopefully be sustainable in the long-term.

Other activities (November 2006 - June 2007) for this project include:

- Designing, building and monitoring the fish ponds in accordance with Government standards;
- Organizing two community meetings to promote awareness of the initiative and to attract more buyers;
- Designing and displaying a billboard with project information to be placed by the entrance to the fish ponds.

For more information visit the project page, [Kolgpeng Fish Farming](#)



YOUTH SAID IT!

“The aim of this project is to give a chance to unemployed and uneducated youths to realize the basics of living a better life by keeping them busy doing something worthwhile.”

– *Titus Kuman*



The Ailao Club led by **Lene and Clare Leota** are organizing a series of workshops in the outer island of Savai'i as part of their activities to preserve and promote the Samoan art of fire-knife dancing.

The club raises money to send teams to competitions in American Samoa and the US where they have won many awards in recent years.

They have also gained a reputation for working with underprivileged children and developing the pride and self-esteem through knowledge of the Samoan performing arts. It is also a good opportunity for young people from Apia to form friendships with young people living in rural villages as the villages

welcome the club members with traditional ceremonies.

The activities (**September 2006 - January 2007**) of the project include:

In each village:

- education on the history of the fire-knife dance, distribution of t-shirts and posters;
- workshop teaching all young people who want to participate the basic moves, progress depending on ability;
- performance in the evening featuring club members and workshop participants.

For more information visit the project page, [Teaching and promoting the fire-knife dance](#)

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“In Falealupo nearly 60 kids attended the workshops and in Salailua there were more than 100, so it was a really successful weekend.”

- Clare Leota, Project leader



Environmental awareness raising, Haiti

Davidson Dubois in collaboration with the Centre de Recherche pour l'Education et la Protection de l'Environnement (CREPE) is leading a project to encourage youth to engage in environmental awareness raising and pollution prevention activities.

The activities will take place in the Luly, Arcahaie and Williamson area of Haiti and one of the more challenging tasks will be the creation of a tree/vetiver nursery. The youth will be trained in the care of the plants to assist them in planting 1,000 of them.

Activities (**July 2006 - June 2007**) of this project include:

- Holding 5 environmental awareness raising classes for 100 youth;
- Organizing a tree planting competition and a prize ceremony for the teams with the most trees planted;
- Arrange a clean-up competition and award prizes for the teams with the most debris collected;
- Prepare and print environmental education materials for distribution at the awareness raising activities.

For more information visit the project page, [Environmental Awareness Raising](#)

YOUTH SAID IT!

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“For the moment, our group CREPE (Centre of Research for Education and the Protection of the Environment) is going very well, little by little, bringing changes to a poor situation in which our country finds itself.”

- Davidson Dubois