

Projects progress

Welcome to another edition of the Youth Visioning newsletter.

The HIV/AIDS Awareness for School-Going Youth project in **Zanzibar** held film viewing and discussion groups at nine schools to students aged 12–20 years old. They were conducted by members of AidNet Zanzibar who have specific skills on running such activities. The students were very eager to learn about the issues highlighted in the films.

The students also participated in HIV/AIDS related role-plays focusing on themes such as prevention, care and support. [[Progress report](#)]

In **Haiti**, the Environmental Awareness Raising project led by Davidson Dubois has been busy preparing seedlings for their nursery and tree plantation exercise. This includes plants such as lemons, a variety of mangoes, coconut palm,

Chinese almond, papaya, sea grape and Haitian grapefruit.

Their biggest difficulty seems to be the customary habit of the Luloise population, inhabitants of the main fishing village in the Luly area, to freely pick from the land where their nursery is located. It is a challenge to overcome but they are starting to educate the population. The group is also preparing meetings for their clean-up and pollution prevention campaign. [[Progress report](#)]

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Sincerely,
Youth Visioning Committee



FEATURED PROJECTS

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Paget Farm/RIPPLES Folkways of Bequia, St. Vincent & Grenadines

Qadir Mahamoodally HIV/AIDS Awareness Workshop, Mauritius

Ben Makoya Anelcauhat Waste Management YES Project, Vanuatu

Above: Discussion session after viewing a film at Kizimkazi School, Zanzibar.
(Photo: courtesy of Ameir M. Ussi)

Folkways of Bequia

St. Vincent & Grenadines



Traditional methods of cassava production
(Photos courtesy of Paget Farm)

The youth of Paget Farm Sports Cultural and Environmental Organization and the R.I.P.P.L.E.S group in **St. Vincent and Grenadines** are leading a project to document for future generations, the oral history and traditional practices of Bequia.

The group recently filmed the traditional production methods of the cassava plant as well as performing a cheer-giving exercise to strengthen their ties with Bequia elders. The latter, consisted of a drama/musical performance that aimed to cheer the elders who in turn recited a local story.

The activities of this project (**December 2006 - October 2007**) includes:

- Recording various local traditions such as farine production, corn grinding, salting and drying fish and whale;
- Promoting interaction between Bequia elders and young people as well as documenting their knowledge on local folklore and traditional herbal medicines;
- Organizing a viewing of the recordings made on video for the elderly and general community of Bequia;
- Publicizing the project through local radio, television and newspapers, and air some of the interviews with the elderly on Bequia Community Radio.

For more information visit the project page, [Folkways of Bequia](#)

YOUTH SAID IT!

“So far we have taken footage from 2 of the cassava production sites. We are working with the Agency for Public Information for training and consultation. We have also done a cheer-giving exercise and the project is taking shape. Here are some digital photos from the Friendship cassava producers and the Jellizeau producers.” [[Click here for photos](#)]”

- *Kenora Bynoe*
Paget Farm Sports Cultural and Environmental Organization

Workshop activities including a roleplay (left).
(Photos courtesy of Qadir Mahamoodally)



Qadir Mahamoodally of the Savanne Regional Youth Council successfully implemented an HIV/AIDS awareness residential workshop in Mauritius. Young leaders from several communities came together for three days at Point aux Sables, 16-18 March 2007, to discuss HIV/AIDS issues and to plan follow-up activities in their own region.

The activities of this project (**November 2006 - July 2007**) included:

- Inviting professionals from various associations to sensitize the participants on

HIV/AIDS;

- Discussion sessions and project implementation advice for youth leaders on how to tackle HIV/AIDS in their region;
- A cultural evening with HIV/AIDS related performances by participants;
- Supporting post-workshop HIV/AIDS activities undertaken by the participants. Examples, included distributing pamphlets at a youth concert and a football tournament.

For more information visit the project page, [HIV/AIDS Awareness Workshop](#)



YOUTH SAID IT!

“This project has given us the chance to learn lots of new things regarding HIV/AIDS. It’s rare to get such a type of workshop here in Mauritius where you get so many youngsters interested in participating. Normally, such workshops are organized by big organizations dealing directly with HIV/AIDS but it’s the first time that a youth organization has organized it. Even the Minister of Youth and Sports, the Honorable Sylvio Tang, was very satisfied with this workshop and made an appeal to other youth organizations to follow this good initiative.

As organizers, we the members of the Savanne regional youth council got the chance to learn lots of new things concerning HIV/AIDS and also it was a new experience for us as organizers to show our leadership skills and to manage around 85 youngsters from different regions of Mauritius for 3 days.”

- *Qadir Mahamoodally*

Anelcauhat Waste Management YES Project, Vanuatu

Youth Environmental Services(YES)

On the island of Aneityum in South Vanuatu, **Ben Makoya** is leading a project to encourage young people to get involved in environmental conservation through activities such as coastal clean up campaigns.

The marine environment is a vital source of livelihood in Anelcauhat and participants of a workshop in 2006 identified that poor waste management in the village was threatening the marine environment. They attributed this to the habit that people continue to use the sea as their dumping site. The project will focus on the control of waste in the village through best practices upon the expert advice of the Environment Unit and other relevant authorities in Vanuatu.

The long term objective of the project is to stimulate wise waste management in Anelcauhat and to encourage nearby communities to adopt similar best practices.

The activities of this project (**September 2006 – June 2007**) includes:

- Creating awareness in the residents of Anelcauhat on improper waste management practices and the need for a

rubbish pit.

- Specific activities include: 2 village meetings; posters to be made and displayed around the village; house to house visits;
- Hold a 3-day workshop with all stakeholders to identify key rubbish management problems and identify solutions with experts; taking into account best areas for the pits, how to use them, recycling and how to dispose of non-biodegradable objects;
- Dig rubbish pits with the assistance of local experts and authorities;
- Monitor the use of rubbish pit; identify challenges and successes as relates to the community's use of the facility;
- Conduct a one-day workshop with all stakeholders to address the challenges identified during the monitoring process and investigate and report on ways of increasing the use of the rubbish pit in the future.

For more information visit the project page, [Anelcauhat Waste Management YES Project](#)