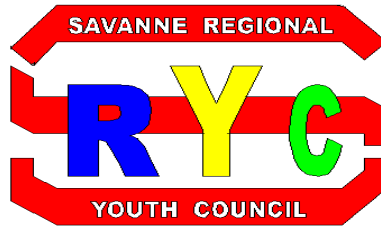


Beach / Fun games and prize giving ceremony for disabled youth

Organised by

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1- Introduction:

The beach/fun games and prize giving ceremony, organized by the Savanne Regional Youth Council (SRYC) in collaboration with UNESCO, is an offspring of the Small Islands Developing States Youth conference “Youth Visioning” held in January 2005 in Mauritius. The project's primary aim was to help integrate disabled youths into our society.

There were around 80 disabled youths who participated in this activity and also around 35 volunteer youths who came to help us to make this project a big success.

The beach/fun games were done on the 7th of February 2006 at the Flic en Flac outdoor centre and the prize-giving day was done on the 14th of February 2006 at the hall of the Municipality of Vacoas/Phoenix.

On the day of the activities, that is on the 7th of February, a delegation from the British council from England came to visit us and to see how the activities were going.

This report gives an overview of the activities the different types of games organized and a financial outline accompanied by photographs for the activities.

2-Aims and objectives:

Our aims and objectives for the activities were:

- To give disabled youths the chance to mix with other youngsters.
- To give them the chance to participate in different types of games.
- To give them the chance to develop their hidden talents.
- To make them feel that they also form a part of our society.
- To make them realize that they are also considered as the youths of our island and that they are not considered a burden.

3- Activities:

The activities were divided into two parts. The first one was the beach/fun games and the second one was the prize giving ceremony, the activities were done on two different days.

4-Beach/fun games:

The beach/fun games were done on Tuesday the 7th of February 2006 at the outdoor centre of the Ministry of Youth and Sports at Flic en Flac. The outdoor centre was chosen instead of the public beach just for the security of the participants and also because there were all the facilities available (toilets, bathroom, hall, electricity, chairs among others).

5- An overview of the planning of the activities of 7th of February:

09:30: Arrival of participants.

09:45: Welcoming address and opening of activities by the president of Savanne Regional Youth Council, Mr. Mahamoodally Qadir.

10:00: Start of activities.

12:00: Lunch time.

12:45: Animation by the participants.

13:15: Continuation of games.

13:30: Arrival of British Council delegations.

14:40: Ending of all games.

14:40: Token gifts given to the delegations of the British Council.

15:00: Packing and departure of participants.

6- Prize giving ceremony:

The prize giving ceremony was done one week after the beach/fun games, that is, on the 14th of February at the hall of the municipality of Vacoas/Phoenix, which is found in Vacoas. The function started at 13h00 with speeches by a representative of APEIM, Mr. Michel, by the president of the Savanne Regional Youth Council, Mr. Mahamoodally Qadir and by the senior youth officer of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Mr. Jugon Salim.

Then there were two youngsters who came to animate the program with some songs and we started the prize giving ceremony. In between, some participants presented some

dances according to their capacity. The program ended around 15h00 with the distribution of refreshments to everyone.

7- Conclusions:

This project has given us a new experience of how the disabled youths live and it has also given us the opportunities to share their happiness together. It is very rare that these children get these types of opportunities. Seeing the happiness on the face of the participants during both the beach/fun games and prize giving ceremony makes us confident that we have been able to achieve our goals. There has been a demand from the guardians of these disabled children to organize lots of others activities and programs for them in the future.

Together with the members of the Savanne Regional Youth Council, even all the youth volunteers have gotten great satisfaction and it is very encouraging to see these youths interested in working with the disabled youths again in the future.

8- Financial report:

The financial reports are in Mauritian rupees (Mur RS) and American dollars (USD).

<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Mur RS</i>	<i>USD</i>
Transports	5000	172
Banners	3200	110
Refreshments	10000	344
Prizes	9000	310
T-shirts for all participants and officials	10000	344
Video footage and photographs	6000	206
Other expenses	5000	174
<i>Total</i>	<i>48200</i>	<i>1663</i>

Rate: 1 \$ US = RS 29

From the total expenditure of \$UD 1663, \$1500 is from UNESCO and the other \$163 is from local sponsors.

9- Acknowledgements:

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- National Youth Council (NYC).
- Ministry of youth and sports.
- APEIM.
- Pepsi Cola co ltd.
- All participants and volunteers.
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