

## A good start 2007

Welcome to another edition of the Youth Visioning newsletter. Exciting new projects are starting up for 2007 whilst interesting project results are flowing in from activities initiated last year.

Ari Vololonarilalaina of **Madagascar** is leading a project to increase the awareness in school children of their actions and implications on the environment. She aims to change their attitudes and behaviours through making them take pride in beautifying their school.

In **St. Vincent and Grenadines**, the Paget Farm Sports Cultural and Environmental Organization is initiating the 'Folktales of Bequia' project to bring together young people and their elders. The aim is to document for future generations, the oral history and traditional practices of their island home.

In **Vanuatu**, the marine environment of the community of Anelcauhat is threatened as people continue to use the sea as their dumping site. As this forms a major part of their livelihood, Ben Makoya, is raising awareness of improper waste disposal and collaborating with local villages to build rubbish pits. The aim is to stimulate wise practices for waste management and to encourage nearby communities to adopt similar measures.

For further information please visit [www.youthvisioning.org](http://www.youthvisioning.org). We welcome any feedback or questions you may have. You can reach us by emailing [m.tran@unesco.org](mailto:m.tran@unesco.org).

Sincerely,  
**Youth Visioning Committee**



(Above: Construction of fish ponds, Papua New Guinea. Fish from Titus Kuman's [fish farm project](#) are expected to be big enough to be sold in April.

### FEATURED PROJECTS

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**Star Teen & The Rebels**  
**My Island Home**  
**San Andres**

**JUKEJIMA**  
**HIV/AIDS Awareness**  
**Zanzibar**

**Ebonie Fifita**  
**On the Spot radio show**  
**Tonga**

**Claricia Langley**  
**Camp Sanguine**  
**St. Kitts & Nevis**



(Photos courtesy of June-Marie Mow)

Young people from Star Teen and The Rebels youth group in San Andres are developing a role playing game, 'My Island Home', to create awareness among native islanders of the impact of development on their islands. The game forms part of a larger series of activities to encourage the community in taking action through 'Best Management Practices' to protect their island environment.

So far, the group has designed a programme that includes workshops to educate other youth on land tenure and economic development. This will allow them to understand the social, economic and environmental issues facing their island to help them create the game. Although it will be aimed at native islanders from Old Providence and Santa Catalina, it can also be played in other islands around the world.

For more information visit the project page, [Role Playing Game: My Island Home](#)

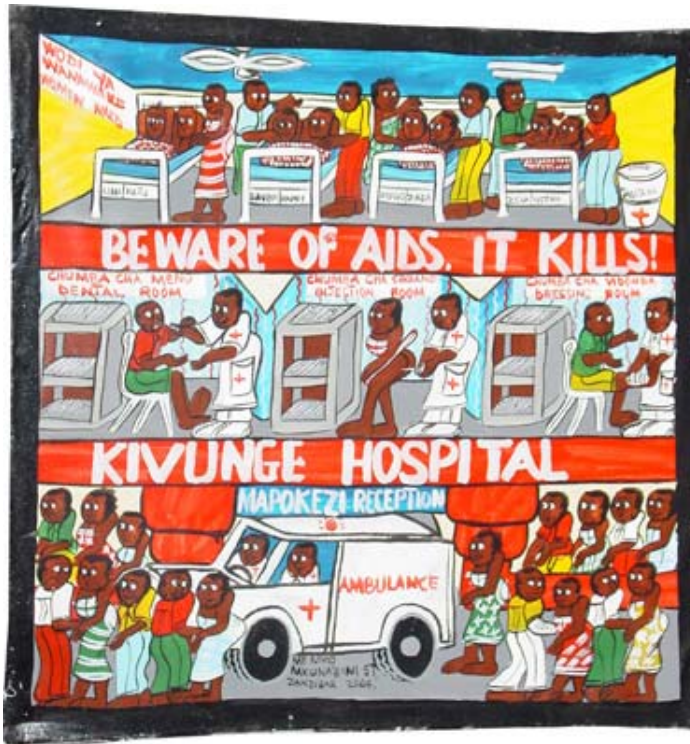
The activities (June 2006 - June 2007) of this project include:

- Designing and creating the role playing activity, My Island Home, and testing a prototype with small business owners and farmers;
- Developing a guidebook for the game;
- Carrying out a basic computer and internet training program for the youth of Star Teen and The Rebels and their parents;
- Establishing a legal organization for the group.

## YOUTH SAID IT!

"Old Providence and Santa Catalina are tiny islands located off the Nicaraguan coast in the Western Caribbean. The bio-cultural systems are composed of coral reefs, mangroves, sea grass beds, transition dry forest and native islanders. Both natural and cultural diversity are highly fragile and threatened because of bad management practices. We have become a part of UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves and as youth we think we should play a major role in the development of our island home".

- Rebels Youth Group



## HIV/AIDS awareness of school-going youth, Zanzibar

The JUKEJIMA youth group in Zanzibar are raising awareness in the community and particularly, amongst teachers and students about the issues of HIV/AIDS. They are aiming to minimise the levels of infection and transmission as well as combating the stigmatization and discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS in the community.

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

- A competition among youth for a song/jingle highlighting HIV/AIDS issues.

The winning songs will be broadcasted by local media;

- Two panel discussions on HIV/AIDS issues involving youth from local peer counseling groups;
- Viewing of films relating to HIV/AIDS followed by discussion and conduct mini-lecture sessions accompanied by role-plays for students in nine schools;
- Change the sexual behavioral practices among young people (especially school-going youth)

For more information visit the project page, [HIV/AIDS awareness for school-going youth](#)

### YOUTH SAID IT!

“We decided to embark on this project due to the fact that although most of the people here in Zanzibar have heard about HIV/AIDS, they are not very knowledgeable in the areas of its transmission and care which often leads to high stigmatization and discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS. Also the current data shows that the number of HIV/AIDS transmission is gradually increasing especially in young people.”

- Ameir M. Ussi (JUKEJIMA planning officer)

### Completed projects



### 'On the Spot' Radio program, Tonga

Earlier this year, Ebony Fifita and her 'On the Spot' group successfully completed their project. They performed ten weekly radio shows informing the public about the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). As well, they invited talented young people to produce music based on that week's MDG theme.

'On the Spot' also set up a stall to run activities and competitions at the Saturday morning fair so as to further spread their message. However, according to Ebony, their most successful promotional activity may have been a van, which they painted with the MDG themes and the times of their radio shows. "It

would stay in people's minds as it would regularly break down in public places!"

The positive responses to the project reflect that young people in Tonga are enthusiastic about making a difference but there is a need for more youth-focused activities and training programmes.

"It was a constant challenge to be taken seriously. Our format, style and content were new and experimental to Tongan radio."

The future plans of 'On the Spot' among other things, includes registering the group as an NGO, providing MDG workshops and organizing events for young people promoting local talents and traditional cultural arts.

>> [More info on web](#)



### Camp Sanguine, St. Kitts & Nevis

The Ambassadors of Cayon High (past students) led by Claricia Langley, were proud to report that Camp Sanguine was a success.

The camp was organized for 50 students and focused on the theme 'Decision Making Choices'. Activities for the participants included training sessions in career development, volunteering, taking part in an HIV/AIDS awareness session and contributing in two community projects after the camp.

The camp was considered a positive experience by the participants and arrangements are being made for the next camp in May 2007. >> [More info on web](#)