

Amplifying Youth Voice and Action for Citizen Safety and Security
Technical Working Group Meeting
May 26, 2021 @ 10am
Via Zoom

Attendance

Delores Wade – PIOJ (Moderator)
Jovi Williams – PIOJ
Alicia Bowen-McCulskie – UNDP
Stacy-Ann Tomlinson – UNDP
Ashleigh Blythe – UNDP
Davoreen Gaynor – UNDP
Renee Steele – MNS
Paula Caverro – UNESCO
Giuliana Neumann – UNESCO
Kamesha Blake – PSOJ
Simone Campbell – MOE

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the technical working group for the AYVA project was called to order at 10:15am, on May 26, 2021 by Ms. Delores Wade.

2. Roll Call

Welcome was offered to the participants and apology given for the absence of Ms. Kerry-Ann Willis who was on leave.

Ms. Williams from the Ministry of Youth and Ms. Blake from PSOJ were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

3. Project Updates

Project Updates were provided by Ms. Ashleigh Blythe, project associate for the AYVA:

- 15 incubator sessions have been completed with the ten (10) selected youth groups
 - ✓ Three (3) members per youth group were engaged in weekly sessions, covering topics such as: gender/PWD/climate mainstreaming, social advocacy, marketing and branding group dynamics and sustainability and partnerships
 - ✓ Intervention Design was discussed with the youth groups, led by the UNDP team. Groups were guided on how to formulate their project documents
 - ✓ The UNESCO Planning Tool was covered with the UNESCO team, who further guided the groups on finalizing their project documents
 - ✓ Discussion was had around the partners assisting the youth groups with sustainability/partnerships, as well as possible transitioning into ministry programmes for mentorship opportunities (MNS, MOEYI).

- Suggestion was made to formulate a listing of the agencies/mentors who have already agreed to participate and engage them in discussion about the expectations and the way forward.
 - Creation of a flyer suggested to garner interest of mentors
- Possibility of engaging youth groups in existing projects/volunteer activities to assist with providing partnership opportunities
- ✓ Youth groups were informally introduced to RISE during incubator sessions
- ✓ Youth groups are working to finalize microproject documents, using the UNESCO planning tool, for submission to RISE for review.
- Research Component
 - ✓ Aimed at identifying the level of involvement of youth in policy development/implementation within the country
 - ✓ There is currently ongoing discussion around UNDP & UNESCO Partnership to facilitate this component
 - UNESCO chairs to tailor process previously done to the local context and topic of research
 - Knowledge products will be generated to identify gaps in current level of youth engagement, as well as recommendations for upcoming projects
 - ✓ Social Media Consultant asked to create artwork to promote research among participants
 - ✓ 5 youth to be chosen from the selected youth groups to build their capacity for conducting research.
 - A stipend will be given to each participant
 - Aim is to assist with sustainability and partnerships as youth network to complete research
- Onboarding of NGO (RISE)
 - ✓ RISE has facilitated one incubator session on group dynamics
 - ✓ Initial meetings have been held regarding the on-granting process and next steps
 - ✓ Team is awaiting microproject documents from youth groups for review and drafting of budget
- Onboarding of Social Media Consultant
 - ✓ Video profiles are currently being conducted with the 10 youth groups
 - ✓ Some visibility content has been developed
 - Branded paraphilia has been produced to share with the youth groups, as well as a project banner
 - Consideration for development of an informative booklet that captures lessons learnt and group features, as well as television interviews to pull attention to the project and what the youth groups have been doing within their communities
- Upcoming Milestones
 - ✓ Commencement of Youth Research (week of June 15th)
 - ✓ Formal Presentation of Microprojects to TWG and Key Partners (week of June 18th)
 - This is optional

- ✓ Request for extension to facilitate implementation of microprojects
 - Youth groups have been expressing concern about the time frame to complete their microproject
 - Extension would also assist with the completion of the research component of the project
 - The TWG agreed to making a request for extension of 6 months for the completion of the project
- ✓ Issuance of grants through RISE (week of July 4th)
- ✓ Implementation of Microprojects (July – September/January)
- ✓ Placement of Interns (week of July 4th)
 - 5 placement sites secured from among partners
 - Partners encouraged to indicate if they can facilitate more than 1 intern
 - Competitive application process to be utilized to select interns from among the 10 youth groups
- ✓ Sharing event/Launch
 - Suggestion made to shift this event to after the start of implementation to be able to showcase progress/achievements of projects

4. Any Other Business

- TWG members were asked to participate in interviews to give their impressions on the project and any lessons learnt. Members agreed to participate.
- Alicia announced to the TWG that she would be leaving the project and introduced Kerry-Ann, who will be taking over her portfolio
 - ✓ Well wishes were given from different members of the team
- Discussions are scheduled to be held between MNS, MOEYI & PIOJ regarding support of the project and providing sustainability
- Decision taken to not include RISE in the TWG
 - ✓ They will be invited as needed (around matters specific to the microprojects and their implementation)
 - ✓ They will be provided with updates necessary to their functioning
- Suggestions given for handling of situation with Lifeyard/Jahmeyka Project partnership challenges
 - ✓ The team was brought up to date on the challenges being faced with the two groups
 - ✓ Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 31st with both groups to discuss the way forward
 - Renee and Jovi invited to join meeting
 - ✓ Not recommended to have a new group join at this time given they would have missed out on the incubator sessions, but instead to have the team(s) forfeit the grant and possibly to a donation to a charity or home

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55pm by Ms. Wade.

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