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Heart of GOLD

Believe it, it's no longer here! The World Cup in Africa has come and gone and you, our GOLD implementing partners worked tirelessly to make sure teenagers and young children in your community enjoyed the event without the risks. Well done to everyone who ran holiday clubs and conducted community workshops or events over the World Cup! The following pages contain the amazing stories of what you have been doing and we are so proud of your amazing efforts.

Soccer fever is slowly fading and the next highlight on the GOLD calendar is Stand Up Against Poverty, which is taking place from 17-19 September this year. We encourage every GOLD organisation in all our countries to align their Q3 community upliftment events with this theme. If you haven't set your event dates yet, maybe try and schedule them for that weekend, so you can register your event with Stand Up. We'd love to hear what you're doing and help you to register.

As we head into the last half of 2010, let's remember all the incredible things that have already been achieved this year and be encouraged to keep going strong for the rest of the year.

GOLD ... Shine!



THE CAWO FOOD TENT TEAM



Peer Educator dumped for saying no to sex

YMCA, Kabwe, Zambia

I am a 15 year old girl. When I was 14, my boyfriend wanted to break up with me because I refused to have sex with him. Things became difficult; he started having other girlfriends to satisfy his sexual desires. It was painful to be dumped, but when I asked him why he wanted to dump me, he told me he loved me but I couldn't give him what he wanted. I became worried and confused. I wasn't sure whether to sleep with him to save our love or wait until I was ready.

A few days later, my friend invited me to YMCA meetings. Ever since I started attending these meetings, my life and the way that I think have changed. I now know my personal values and I stick to them. One important thing I have learnt is self respect and that no one can abuse my body because it belongs to me and me alone. I'm now able to say no to things that can negatively affect my life and future.

I just want to encourage you guys out there who are facing similar challenges in life to stand up and fight for what you believe in. No one should use you the way they want to. Make your own decisions and say no to unwanted sex. Remember we are the future leaders.

"The programme works. The evidence is that **90%** of our prefects are peer educators"

Teacher at Bokamoso Junior Secondary, Seetebosigo Theater Group, Botswana

Feel it, PEMS is here!

The Peer Education Management System (PEMS) has finally gone live in South Africa and the GOLD Quality Assurance (QA) team has spent time supporting its implementation in the field. We're in a stage of identifying errors and fixing these as well as identifying challenges to using the system, like limited internet access and computer knowledge. What is exciting is that by supporting IOs in using PEMS, the QA team is building more than just Monitoring and Evaluation knowledge. All Implementing Organisations have received training, coaching and continual support in using the system. We are grateful for everyone's patience, while the challenges within the system are being addressed.

QA has also been busy assessing the quality of our clients' performance by means of midyear assessments (MYAs) and facilitator assessments. Assessments have taken place across South Africa to help Implementing Organisations assess their current status of implementation and to identify how to improve on areas of challenge.

The 2009 Quality Assurance research from across regions is being collated into an overall programme report that we anticipate will be available in quarter 3. Last years' Junior Peer Educator pre and post surveys are currently being analysed to identify any areas of change experienced by a sample of peer educators across their experience of Track 1.

An exciting combined Quality Assurance and Research and Development project is the video documentation of Most Significant Change (MSC) experienced by peer educators. 4 MSC videos have been made in WC and KZN. MPU have been trained to video and will be implementing this research in the next quarter.

Wonderful Volunteer

Gina Young has been a tremendous asset to the GOLD team during her 2 months spent volunteering at GOLD Head Office. Gina has supported the R&D and Advocacy and Visibility functions at GOLD with her excellent media, language and organisational skills. Thanks so much Gina for your incredible contribution. We're going to miss you!



LPE photoshoot and visit to Cape Town

Thanks to JayJays for sponsoring 20 Lead Peer Educators (LPEs) and 1 facilitator and GOLD field staffer to visit Cape Town for the magazine photoshoot in April. The LPEs from KZN, Mpumalanga and from George, Knysna and the greater Cape Town area in the Western Cape flew and bussed into Cape Town for 3 days of fun. It was fantastic to have all the LPEs from different corners of South Africa together and sharing their experiences and their fashion sense. The LPEs looked fabulous in the fashion shots which will be featured in the upcoming GOLD and really enjoyed getting to know each other. Thanks so much to GOLD staffers Denielle Williams, Luleka Domo, Michelle Fitzpatrick, Luyanda Mbi and Busiswa Ndlalankulu for their amazing efforts to make the visit a reality.

The GOLD Lead Peer Educators looking fabulous at the GOLD magazine photoshoot!



A New Face

GOLD welcomes **Zambian National Manager**

GOLD is delighted to welcome to our team a GOLD's **Zambian National Manager** after a robust recruitment process. We firmly believe that he will be an invaluable asset to GOLD Zambia but more so to our partners individually and as a community of practice. Watch this space as we confirm his final appointment..

GOLD Botswana Programme Update

Funding for GOLD aligned peer education in Botswana has not come through as hoped for and brings GOLD great sadness as much has been achieved within the GOLD aligned School Based Peer Education Programme in Botswana.

An evidence base is beginning to accumulate showing that the programme is on track towards reaching the proximal and distal outcomes of GOLD Peer Education. The positive impact in the field to date is the outcome of your work as implementers, and we thank you for that.

GOLD will remain constant in our commitment to our vision, to the youth of Botswana and to our implementing partners. We do however need to put the programme on hold until further long term funds are secured. We are aware that much has been lost in the process, yet we trust that in the right time when a re-start up can commence in a new school calendar, we will all see that growth and change has continued to take place in the lives of the young people involved despite the difficult circumstances.

Please be assured that the GOLD Botswana office will continue to support implementers as far as possible however services will be limited until additional resources are secured.

Quotes from trainings:

- “I now understand how I ought to live with people and that integrity will always be of value”
- “Now I have more confidence in delivering the sessions in schools and in myself”
- “I feel more inspired.”
- “I feel encouraged. For the first time I delivered a session in this training. I was a bit nervous but Lloyd had encouraged me and said that I did well and I did even better than yesterday!”
- “I believe with all that I have gained I am now ready to provide service with confidence...”



ISC peer educators conducting holiday clubs over the World Cup period.

Training and Support flies high

The team is delighted to announce that all facilitators within the GOLD Peer Education Programme have now been graded and certificated according to their level of grading. The Master Facilitator Programme (PILOT) has also been revised and presented to the Western Cape community of practice. The Training and Support Team has also been very busy delivering training across South Africa and Botswana and providing GOLD implementing partners in Zambia with electronic support.

Peer Educator POWA!!



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Food tents and food gardens CAWO

The first half of 2010 has seen GOLD pilot a partnership with Heart Global's FoodTents project in the Western Cape. FoodTents pairs corporate sponsors with beneficiaries and provides a complete vegetable growing solution to beneficiaries complete with a food tent, growing bags, seedlings, nutrients and support training worth R20 000. The special food tents yield four times more vegetable crop than a conventional garden and can feed up to 50 children.

GOLD asked their Western Cape implementing partners to apply to become food tent beneficiaries and a number of organisations indicated they were interested. CAWO's Scottsville site was selected as the first beneficiary and so far this site's FoodTent project has been a great success. FoodTent is now in the process of assessing other potential GOLD implementing partner beneficiaries, so that when corporate sponsorship becomes available, more sites can be rolled out. FoodTent beneficiaries are required to meet stringent criteria: they must have an immediate socially effective use for fresh vegetables, e.g. feeding scheme, soup kitchen, a motivated team to tend and water the plants twice a day, sufficient security, the necessary space (9x4m) for the tent, a water supply and be willing to complete a monthly feedback form.

Once FoodTent has installed the tent and provided the initial training, the responsibility for the tent and growing of the vegetables lies with the

beneficiary. Maintaining the food tent garden and distributing the vegetables to the needy in the community can form an important part of GOLD community upliftment activities and the project also links directly to Millennium Development Goal 1: Alleviating Poverty and Hunger.

Well done CAWO for pioneering this project for GOLD and we hope to see more FoodTents in the near future!



Mwaiseni Home Based Care, Zambia

On Zambia's Youth Day, a number of GOLD Peer Educators descended on the Malaika clinic armed with brooms, buckets and cleaning equipment. They spent the day hard at work cleaning and scrubbing the clinic premises to ensure their local clinic was spick and span. The clinic staff were very grateful for their efforts and thanked the peer educators for giving up their holiday to serve their community.



PE's from Mwaiseni in Zambia, clean the Malaika a clinic premises on Zambia's youth day.



CAWO food tent being set up

World Cup holiday clubs

Institute for Social Concerns (ISC), Western Cape Sports, Dancing, Life Skills, Drama, Children activities. These are a just a few activities that ran daily for the duration of the 2010 Soccer World Cup. Various organisations in the Helderberg, including ISC, came together and formed the Macassar Holiday Club. The committee undertook to keep children safe and off the street during the extended winter holidays.

Approximately 50 volunteers from the GOLD (Generation of Leaders Discovered) programme and other community members ran the club for a total of 600 children; an average of 150 a day attended the programme, which was a resounding success. We would like to thank the following role-players for their support during this programme: Charmaine Lange and her team, Gerome Vermeulen (Macassar Online), City of Cape Town, Mario Johnson (Macassar Civic-CCT), Peninsula School Feeding Association, SAPS, Scripture Union and the Dept. of Social Development.

As the song goes "We believe the children are the future" and would like to see that we develop a "Generation of Leaders" in order to see our communities change from the ground up.



Ukuthasa soccer day!

Ukuthasa, Western Cape

A week before World Cup kick-off, Ukuthasa held a mini World Cup tournament at Macassar High School. Soccer teams battled it out in the heat while performers danced and sang on stage and encouraged everyone to go for VCT at the mobile VCT testing points that had been set up. The GOLD soccer team was there, but although they did shine, CAWO's Danish team shone brighter! Well done Ukuthasa on an great day.

Movie Day on Human Trafficking during World Cup season

Crossroads, KZN

From the Crossroads GOLD Peer Education Programme Manager:

As part of its ongoing Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign, the Crossroads GOLD Peer Education programme recently hosted a Movie Day at the Sastri Park Community Hall. Councillor D. Singh (Solly) was instrumental in assisting Crossroads GOLD Peer Education in organizing this pre-Youth Day celebration event. The movie, which tells the story of a father searching for his trafficked daughter, was used as a platform to educate and raise awareness of trafficking amongst our youth and all GOLD Peer Educators were encouraged to invite their peers to attend. Human Trafficking is a crime that exploits the lives of our youth and children, and the only way to fight it is to educate them!



The guys from Elgin show the Greeks how it's done at the Ukuthasa soccer day.



A tired GOLD team after being soundly beaten by the CAWO peer educators.

1 GOAL – SEND MY FRIEND TO SCHOOL

Crossroads, KZN

From the Crossroads GOLD Peer Education Programme Manager

In the year 2000, when the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were agreed upon, world leaders promised that every child would complete a quality education by 2015. With just 5 years to go, 72 million children are still unable to access primary education. While the world focussed on the World Cup, hosted in South Africa this year, our Peer Educators joined with schools across the UK and in over 100 other countries, to show their support of Education for All.

Our Peer Educators embarked on the project called 1 GOAL – SEND MY FRIEND TO SCHOOL. They made 3 giant supporter scarves that were about 6 metres in length, which they displayed at strategic vantage points on highways and roadways. These scarves were made up of individual A4 pieces of paper depicting a pictorial or written message of support for education. On the back of each part of the scarf they gathered altogether, over 1000 signatures supporting their message. These scarves will be sent to the Minister of Education ahead of the Millennium Development talks in September 2010 to make sure that all children have a primary education by 2015.

Crossroad Peer Educators with Giant 6m scarf



Champion for Children during the World Cup

Hope 2 Educate, KZN

The Champions for Children Campaign (CCC), initiated by the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, is an association of civil society organizations, donors, business, faith-based and youth representatives united in building and steering a national movement for the protection, safety, care and nurturing of children.

The Hope2Educate GOLD Peer Education programme had a chance to host the campaign for the Durban area, inviting NGOs from across the Durban area to be Champions for Children.

The GOLD Peer Educators were also positively involved in championing the well being of children during and after the 2010 World Cup through various community events and kids clubs around Durban. GOLD Peer Educators hosted about 25 kids club in the Durban and the surrounding areas, making this the biggest community upliftment activity ever undertaken by Hope2Educate GOLD Peer Educators. GOLD Peer Education is a Champion for Children indeed!



Crossroad Peer Educators with Giant 6m scarf

Peer Educator Inspired

Seetebosigo Theatre Group, Botswana

I fell in love with this programme the moment I heard the assembly presentation and couldn't wait to join. I have had a great time and it has improved my attitude and moulded my behaviour. My family lives in Gaborone and we are happy. I only study Kalkfontein as my mother used to work here. She left me here as she didn't want to disturb my studies, but I miss my family. although I have made a new family here. I would love to get married, be a pilot and have a beautiful family. I would love to give input into the development of my country and make a huge difference. **I AM A LEADER AND I HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM THE SOIL BECAUSE I AM A SPECIAL MINERAL**

Enke: Make your mark

On Sunday, July 4th, 114 Grade 11 learners, including 19 GOLD Peer Educators, descended on Johannesburg from all over South Africa to participate in the annual Enke: Forum. Each of these learners had been recognised as having the potential to make positive change a reality. The delegates came from a truly diverse range of backgrounds for the week-long intensive leadership training programme which aimed to connect, equip and inspire the participants.

Throughout the week participants shared their passion, learning from each other and challenging themselves to be part of a new wave of inspired and inspirational young leaders. Beyond the week, each learner committed to not only continue their own individual development but to make positive change a reality by implementing a community action project (CAP) to tackle an issue in their area. Overall the GOLD Peer Educators greatly enjoyed the conference and gained much from their attendance. They returned empowered and motivated and many are anxious to get their community activities up and running. Enke is a wonderful opportunity for our PEs and we look forward to working with Enke in the future.

Nothando of ENKE, said

“I’ve learned that challenges are part of life and they are there to keep me strong and going in life as its stated that hard work pays and success doesn’t fall like water falling from heaven but it is earned by the hard work you do”

“ As a Peer Educator the forum has opened my eyes and made me realize that as we are human beings when working in groups or pairs, we have differences but we shouldn’t let them justify our way to the future but have to put them aside in order to succeed”



Annual ENKE Forum : Grade 11 learners and GOLD Peer Educators in Johannesburg

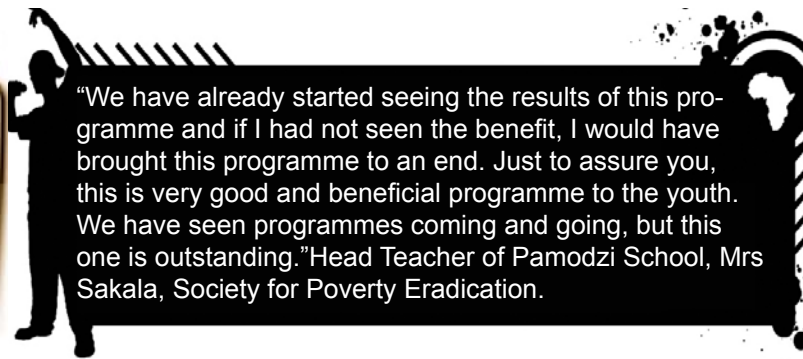
There is hope even if you are an orphan

Lead Peer Educator, YFC, Mpumalanga

My name is Ndumiso Ndaba and I am 20 years old. This is my fourth year in the programme. The GOLD programme has played a major role in my life and when I look back from where I started I can’t believe how far I have come. . . . When my parents died I reached a stage where I just didn’t care about my life at all. When I joined the programme I slowly started to see things differently. I got a chance to express myself and that helped me to be a stronger person and to deal with my loss. Ever since then I have started to encourage and motivate my peers who are also orphans not to lose hope in life. I was even given an award for being the best motivational speaker in 2007.

I would like to thank the programme for keeping me grounded and always knowing where to draw the line because I have pledged that I will be a good influence, a positive and helpful role model.





"We have already started seeing the results of this programme and if I had not seen the benefit, I would have brought this programme to an end. Just to assure you, this is very good and beneficial programme to the youth. We have seen programmes coming and going, but this one is outstanding." Head Teacher of Pamodzi School, Mrs Sakala, Society for Poverty Eradication.

July

TB Awareness Month

- 2 Camp Workshop (KwaZulu Natal)
- 4 Containment Workshop (Western Cape)
- 8 International Women's Day
- 8 Women's Day (Zambia)
- 12 Youth Day (Zambia)
- 15 - 18 Track 1 Training (Zambia)
- 16 - 19 Track 1 Training (Western Cape)
- 19 Peer Education Forum (Zambia)
- 21 Human Right's Day
- 23 Educator Workshop (Western Cape)
- 24 World TB Day
- 24 Programme Visibility (Mpumalanga)
- 25 Resource Mobilization (Mpumalanga)
- 25 Peer Education Forum (Western Cape)
- 26 Peer Education Forum (KwaZulu Natal)
- 29 - 30 Messaging Workshop (Botswana)
- 29 - 30 Media and Visibility Workshops (KwaZulu Natal)
- 31 Quality Assurance Workshop (Botswana)

August

National Women's Month
Organ Donor month

- 2 Farmers Day (Zambia)
- 9 National Women's Day
- 10 - 12 Quality Assurance Workshop (Zambia)
- 11 - 12 Curriculum Messaging Workshop (Western Cape)
- 10 - 13 Track 1 Training (Zambia)
- 12 International Youth Day
- 13 Self-Development Workshop (Western Cape)
- 13 Government Stakeholder Workshop (Mpumalanga)
- 14 Educator Orientation Training (Mpumalanga)
- 17 - 18 Curriculum Messaging Workshop (Mpumalanga)
- 19 Self-Development Workshop (Mpumalanga)
- 24 M&E Introduction training (Western Cape)
- 25 - 26 PEMS Refresher (Western Cape)
- 27 Peer Education Forum (KwaZulu Natal)



THE YFC GEORGE SENIOR CAMP

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