

ACTIVITIES

- Running a Vocational and Technical Skills Training Center
- Campaigns on the promotion of Democracy and Human Rights
- Promoting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Campaigns on HIV & AIDS
- To establish Psychosocial Counseling Centers
- Embarked on Agro-forestry project as a means of Employment for beneficiaries
- To Solicit and Facilitate Micro-credit for target beneficiaries
- Embarked on Anti-drug Abuse Counseling Programs in Schools, Marketplaces, Displaced Camps etc.
- Promoting Peace through sports and other community engagements
- Promoting the use of Information, Communications Technologies (ICTs) for Sustainable Peace and Development
- Creating Developmental Opportunities for the Disabled

LEGAL STATUS

- Registered with the Sierra Leone Association of Non-governmental Organizations (SLANGO)
- Registered with the Ministry of Finance & Economic Development (MoFED)
 - Registered with the Freetown City Council (FCC)
- Member of the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO)
 - Member of the International Peace Bureau (IPB)
 - Member of CIVICUS
- Member of the Association of Women's Rights in Development (AWID)
 - Member of Global Movement for Children (GMC), etc.

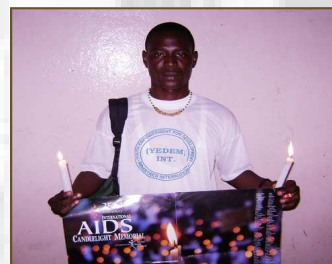
AID IN ACTION



Distribution of large consignment of relief items from Taiwan to the poor and disadvantaged people



Joining partners around the world in commemorating the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial



Empowering youths through Computer Training programmes



Working with the physically challenged and their families.

AFFILIATIONS:

International:

- * International Peace Bureau (IPB) * OneWorld * World Assembly of Youth (WAY) * Global Youth Alliance (GYA) * TakingITGlobal (TIG) * Kabissa * Youth Employment Summit (YES) * CIVICUS
- * Earth Charter Youth Initiative (ECYI) * Mandate The Future (MTF) etc.

National:

- * Youth Alliance for Peace And Development (YAPAD), *Sierra Leone Young Greens (SLYG) *Advocacy Movement Network *Center for the Coordination of Youth Activities (CCYA), *Independent Youth Forum (IYF), Young Leaders Sierra Leone (YLSL) *Mano River Union Youth Parliament (MRUYP), Mount Zion Agro-forestry Development Project (MZADP), etc.

Advocacy Initiative for Development



AID beneficiaries in a computer training session

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INTRODUCTION

The **ADVOCACY INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT (AID)** is a charitable, social, non-profit making, non-governmental, non-political organisation seeking to advocate for the rights of humanity and render services for the holistic development of people and their communities.



AID, which was formerly Youth Empowerment for Development Movement (YEDEM) was very successful in transforming youths of the country and contributed immensely towards the development of young people at local, national and international levels.

The transformation of the organization from that of a youth-serving to an Advocacy and Service delivery non-profit making charitable non-governmental organization is as a result of our commitment to promoting the holistic development of humanity and to ensure that we reach not only the youths, but also target Women, Children, Disabled Persons, People living with HIV and AIDS and minority groups as well because of the many contradicting issues surrounding the growth and development of the above mentioned groups especially in this part of the continent where women and children continue to face violence and abuse in their daily lives.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To enable people in Sierra Leone and elsewhere to come together in upholding the truth; help them establish active and meaningful relationships with their fellow men.
- To organize and promote programmes, activities, services and projects that gears towards promoting tolerance, nonviolence, peace and development.
- To help children, youth, women without basic or no education at all, acquire vocational and practical skills to make them self reliant and responsible.
- To complement the efforts of the government, NGOs and other agencies in producing mature, disciplined and responsible citizens.
- To help people discover and utilize their God-given potentials.
- To promote Human Rights issues.
- To promote Democracy and Good Governance
- To promote and organise campaigns against the spread of HIV and AIDS.

- To promote the use of Information Communications Technologies (ICTs) for sustainable development.
- To accept donations, contributions, to invest and reinvest any funds on hand, to use the income and proceeds thereof for the advancement of the purposes for which this organization was formed.
- To establish, maintain and engage in any and lawful activities relative to the purposes for which this organization was formed.

MISSION

The Organization's mission is to promote and enhance the capabilities of children, youth and women in Sierra Leone and beyond to effect positive social change that would necessitate the development of lives, communities, and nations.