

Outcome Report: 2012 Youth Environment Training

Dandora Catholic Hall, Nairobi, Kenya

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Project Background

On September 1st, 2012, the International Youth Council Kenya Chapter conducted a one-day training on environmental issues for 200 youth from various youth groups in Dandora. The Training was themed: “Winning back Dandora dumpsite by and for youth”.

The ‘Environment and Youth Project’ was designed to empower youth who are living around the Dandora municipal waste site located east of Nairobi near the informal settlements of Kariobangi north and Korogocho, as well as the Dandora and Lucky summer residential areas. The Dandora dumpsite is a 12-hectare wasteland approximately 15 kilometers from Nairobi’s central business district, with nearly one million people living in the surrounding settlements. The site was originally designed to refill an old quarry, but now plays host to the daily disposal of Nairobi’s waste, giving rise to a large and hazardous mountain of garbage.

Through the ‘Environment and Youth Project’, the Kenya Chapter of the International Youth Council (IYC) undertook the workshop with 200 youth from the Dandora area to raise awareness about the health hazards and environmental risks associated with unsustainable dumping practices, provide training on sustainable livelihoods and social entrepreneurship, and gather information on the specific needs of youth living near the Dandora municipal waste site. The ultimate objective of this project is to reclaim and rehabilitate the dumpsite, with a focus on youth engagement. This project was implemented with \$250 USD of funding granted by the IYC Executive Board through the 2012 ‘Call for Proposals for Community Development Initiatives’.

Environment and Youth Programme

Time	Topic	Presenters	Institutions
8.00-8.30am	Arrival and registration		IYC
8.30-8.35am	Prayers/Settling		IYC
8.35-9.00am	Welcoming remarks and way forward	Mr.Willice Onyango	Chairperson,IYC-Kenya
9.00-9.10am	Presentation –The challenges facing the city into 50 years of independence	Mr.Roba Duba	Town Clerk-City Council of Nairobi
9.10-9.20am	The state of our city’s waste management-Perspectives from the public health and sanitation point of view.	Dr.Kepha Ombacho	Chief public health officer-Ministry of public health and sanitation
9.20-9.45am	Presentation-state of the nation on environmental management	Mr.Titus Simiyu	Directorate –National Environmental Management Authority(NEMA)
9.45-10.00am		Health Break	
10.0-11.30am	Case studies and sharing of experiences	Mr.Simon Munywe Mr.Joe Mulligan Mr.Odhiambo T.Oketch	Kayole Environment Management Kounkuey Design Initiative The Clean Kenya Campaign
11-12.15am	Question/Answer to presenters	All morning presenters	IYC
12.15-1pm	Light Lunch		
1-2.30pm	Thoughts and Interventions(Guided group discussions)	All youth groups	Open session
2.30-3.00pm	Presentation of practical steps on Dandora dumpsite waste management and (action plans)	Group team leaders	Open session
3.00-3.15	Resolution –consolidating efforts and way forward(action plans)	Ms Diana Nancy	IYC
3.15-4.00pm	Closing remarks	Mr Willice Onyango Ms Lilyanne Ndinda Ms.Lea Oyake	IYC Oxfam GB City Council of Nairobi
4.00-4.10pm	Closing prayers and departure		

Presentation Summaries

- **Dr Kepha Ombacho** - Chief Public Health Officer, Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation, Republic of Kenya

This presentation was on the state of our city's waste management, including perspectives from the public health and sanitation point of view. It is important to note that Dandora dumpsite is the officially designated dumping site for the whole of Nairobi. It has since experienced human encroachment and settlement as a result of rapid migration to the city and growth in informal settlements in the city.

- **Mr.Roba Duba** – Town Clerk, City Council of Nairobi

Mr. Duba took participants through the challenges facing the city into after independence, with a focus on prospects and challenges. He appreciated the training initiative of The International Youth Council Kenya as he called on the Local Authorities within the Nairobi Metropolitan Region to take the constitutional requirements on a Waste Free and Healthy Environment seriously. Saying that IYC Kenya had set the tempo, Mr. Duba called on other young Kenyans to maintain this momentum as we all work for an efficient waste management regime starting with waste management at a personal level. He reiterated that this was key if Kenya is to deliver transformative agenda in line with Vision 2030. Mr. Duba proposed a meeting of Stakeholders in the Waste Industry with youth, noting and appreciating that the youth had brilliant ideas on how the menace of Waste and Garbage can be solved. He firmly reiterated that separating Municipal Solid Waste at Source is important in this process.

- **Mr.Titus Simiyu** – Directorate, National Environmental Management Authority(NEMA)

This presentation focused on the state of national environmental management. Mr. Simiyu said that NEMA's mandate is to ensure that all initiatives on waste management adhere to the set regulations by the authority, and said that no one should operate outside the law in efforts to conserve the environment. In his presentation, he told the youth delegates that the Department of Environment and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency did a Master Plan on Solid Waste Management in 1988 and reviewed the same in 2010.

- **Prof. Simon Munywe** – Director, Kayole Environmental Management Association

This was a powerful presentation focused on sorting out the Dandora Dump Site in 6 Months, not 10 years. Prof. Simon has invented a roofing tin made from waste material, a sample of which he brought to the training. He uses waste to make roofing tins as well as fencing poles, and is currently doing a desertification project based on this discovery at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.

During the ‘Case studies and sharing of experiences’ session, we had wonderful practical steps Presentations from;

1. Kounkey Design Initiative and Usalama Youth from Kibera led by Ibra and Joe,
2. Kayole Environment Management Association led by Prof Simon Munywe,
3. The Clean Kenya Campaign led by Mr.Odhiambo T.Oketch

The above groups proved to all the youth delegates that managing Waste in Dandora is no rocket science. And from their presentations, youth must now stand up and be counted in environmental conservation and waste management.

Thoughts and Interventions: Guided Group Discussions

In the afternoon, we had thoughts and Interventions (Guided group discussions) aimed at offering practical steps on Dandora dumpsite waste management through actionable action plans. The following resolutions were agreed upon by the attendees:

- ***Continued Awareness complemented by practical interventions.*** We must continue the awareness campaigns of Dandora dumpsite situation to sensitize residents of the need for cleaner environments as we prepare to induct them to the separation of waste at the source which is more sustainable solution to the waste dumps all over starting with Dandora site.
- ***Enforcement:*** That when we undertake cleanup exercises and consultative forums for awareness, the relevant arms of the government must put in place stringent measures to deal with those who keep disposing waste carelessly so that clean ups begin to bear fruit.
- ***Regulation:*** The participants agreed that regulations need to be clear to those enforcing them, especially City Council of Nairobi (CCN). National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) accepted to facilitate the divisional and Ward Managers at the CCN to access NEMA regulations on waste management besides their own bylaws to synchronize and enhance enforcement.
- ***Consolidating efforts:*** It was agreed to bring on board all stakeholders including waste collectors and existing recyclers/converters and youth to formalize a roadmap for comprehensive implementation of waste management through separation from the source.
- ***Building capacity:*** It was agreed that this process requires building capacities of youth involved to ensure every youth has capacity to perform.

The International Youth Council Kenya will undertake follow up of these resolutions with the concerned authorities on behalf of participating youth groups.

Participating Groups and Organizations

Approximately 200 young people participated in the IYC Kenya Youth Environment Training, some as individuals and some representing the following civil society organizations:

- Slumcode
- Dandora football club
- Opinion Kenya
- Kayole Environment Management
- Kounkuey Design Initiative
- The Clean Kenya Campaign
- Dandora Catholic Youth Group
- Masinde Muliro University Disaster Management Association
- IYC Lower Kabete University Chapter
- Dandora Fountain Youth Initiative
- Dandora Green Action Network
- Usalama Youth Reform Association
- Saints Worship Center, Dandora
- Uwaga Umoja
- Kipawa Youth Group Volunteers
- Dandora Market Youth Group
- Peace Makers' Development Group-Dandora
- Limbuka Group
- Kariobangi Waste Management Alliance
- Ghetto Radio
- Tembea Youth Center for Sustainable Development

Expense Report (in Kenyan Shillings)

The IYC Kenya chapter received \$250 US dollars for the Youth Environment Training, as part of the first 'IYC Call for Proposals for Community Development Initiatives'.

- Phone communication with participants and speakers -1,000
- Printed Posters -100
- Transport for mobilizing team -1,500
- Lunch (rice,beans and vegetable) -Ksh60*200=12,000
- Flipcharts -500
- Public address system -3,000
- program copies -400
- Bottles of water and soft drinks for speakers -1,000

Total expenditure-**19,300**

Total amount through wire transfer: **19,600**

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We also want to sincerely appreciate all speakers and participants who attended the training hence making it successful. Last but by no means least; we want to appreciate IYC Kenya youth training volunteers whose time and effort made the day a reality.