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PROJECT PROFILE

Project Title: Youth Employment Support-Jobs for the Unemployed and Marginalized young People in Kenya and Zimbabwe

Location: Kenya, Zimbabwe

Start date: March 2009

End date: March 2010

Development Objective: The development objective of YES-JUMP is to contribute to the overall decent job creation efforts in Kenya and Zimbabwe, focusing on unemployed and marginalized young women and men, through demonstrating participatory and community-driven job creation and sustainable livelihoods interventions and improving the policy environment.

Brief Project Description:

The Youth Employment Support (YES) Jobs for the Unemployed and Marginalized young People (JUMP) is part of the ILO's response to the Kenya Decent Work Country Programme adopted in 2007 by the Government, Workers and Employers. The objective of the ILO YES-JUMP Project is to contribute to the poverty alleviation efforts in Kenya through creating decent and sustainable jobs for the youth of poor and marginalized communities. The YES JUMP project aims to help partner communities and youth groups find more socially responsible and community driven solutions to poverty alleviation, with at least 50% of its target group being young women.

YES-JUMP, established in Kenya and Zimbabwe, facilitates and supports entrepreneurship development, skills training, technical and financial support to local job creation schemes and strengthening small enterprises and cooperatives and business development services. The project strategy is to create a broader partnership between local stakeholders to implement priority projects for youth at the community level.

Project Objectives:

In order to reduce poverty,

- 1000 sustainable and decent jobs are created for young women and men in selected communities in each project country, Kenya and Zimbabwe (direct support).
- Selected project partners at national and local levels are fully able to design and implement their own youth employment schemes (institution-building).

Expected Outcomes/Results

- 12 extension workers (2 for each pilot project, one being women)/community facilitators (job incubators) selected and trained on vocational training techniques and basic business development skills.
- A total of 1,000 young women and men from at least three poor and marginalized communities (pilot project areas) in two countries capacitated and their skills, including life skills upgraded with regard to establishing SMEs and cooperative group enterprises
- Pilot projects initiated and sustained job creation schemes through SMEs and cooperative group enterprises.
- Sustainable livelihoods for women's groups in isolated and poor communities upgraded through skills enhancement, micro credit, market access and other support services.
- Successful intervention models and innovative pilot project results are documented for replication
- Grassroots youth associations, their self-help organizations and cooperatives, SMEs and community-based organizations strengthened through services including enterprise management training, skills upgrading and financial management.
- Business start-ups of young professionals strengthened through need-based apprenticeship training and micro credit through Challenge Fund.
- Linkages established between community-based organizations, including women's organizations, and local government agencies to sustain support services to job-creation initiatives.

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