



**REPORT OF WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES CONDUCTED BY ENVIRONMENT IN MOVEMENT
INSTITUTE BRAZIL IN COLLABORATION WITH UGANDA YOUTH
SKILLS TRAINING
PROJECT**

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God bless you all and reward you abundantly

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INTRODUCTION

Uganda Youth Skills Training Project is a NGO that seeks to contribute to the improvement of young people's lives through school and community - based education by providing sustainable skills while Environment in Movement Institute Brazil is an NGO based in Brazil that promotes positive and hands-on attitude towards environmental issues word wide.

Environment in Movement institute Brazil's goal is to spread a new approach of tackling environmental education which basically consists the integration of media and entertainment purposely to disseminate knowledge skills and identification in favor of environmental reasons without using actual speech that not sensitize the youths. This has facilitated the development of various tools like Digital games, websites, blogs theaters, workshops and trainings. An important aspect the organization follows the current demand for entertainment that audience has, such as humor and fun actions.

EIM institute Brazil objective was, to sensitize the young people (youths) and communities in all the aspects in some parts of Uganda.

DEMOSTRATIONS, WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS AND MEETINGS

On 18th October, there was a meeting about get to know each other at Uganda Youth Skills Bob thanked the visitors from Brazil and assured them that UYSTP would value the partnership by being transparent, and report writing about the project established here in Uganda.

While in the meeting the following were discussed as the projects under Robin Hood

- (a) Theater plays presentations
- (a) Construction of Bio gas with the help of Brazilian technology.
- (b) Vocational development programs
- (c) Agroforestry
- (d) Forming of Volunteer network.

On 19th October, we started to travel to schools and communities to present the theaters plays about the environmental issues and in this a lot was demonstrated in regarding the sustaining and maintaining of the environment. In these presentations, presenters enlightened the importance of Rocks, Soils, Trees, Sun light and Animals to man .These presentations were demonstrated in schools and communities

EIM institute Brazil and UYSTP staff visited the offices of Government representatives at Local Government Offices at Lubaga division and held a meeting with two of the officers from the Community development and District Education officers (DEO) who expressed their willingness of working with Environment in Movement institute Brazil in Education ,volunteer sharing, Agriculture and Environment education. We interviewed the DED Mr. Nsereko Laurence about the challenges and a lot was discussed and recorded but among the recommendations he made, was that we need to introduce Portuguese Language teaching in Uganda

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We made the arrangements with the two officials together with Uganda Youth Skills Training Project to mobilize and invite Kampala head teachers, teachers, NGOs and CBOs in the consultative meetings which were scheduled on 28th October 2011(NGOs and CBOs) and head teachers on 8th November 2011.



The head teachers attended the meeting at the Local Government Offices Lubaga Division Board room and welcomed the ideas of working Robin Hood project in Uganda.

Meeting of the NGOs and CBOs leaders also took place on 28th October with the Community development officer the host.

Environment in movement institute Brazil Staff shared a lot with the organization leaders and hoped to make some demonstrations in some other practical developments in the Brazilians farming technology in the year 2013.

They promised to demonstrate the construction of the hot and cold water system by using solid waste materials locally collected from the environment, pipes bought with in the local markets and natural right.



All these were displayed on their laptops to the members in the meetings and the CDO requested EIM to always consider his groups.

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On 9th November the staff from EIM Brazil Organized the teacher's course about INNOVATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION at the head Quarters of Local Government Lubaga Division Kampala Capital City Authority chambers in Kampala Uganda.

The course took 3days intensive training. The participants were awarded the certificates.



The team from Brazil also spent a full week in an organization called butterfly and performed theater plays and meet some farmers.



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A VISIT TO KIRUHURA DISTRICT

We visited the Local Government Kiruhura district offices in western part of Uganda, Jessica a minister concerning with gender and social development affairs at the district introduced us to the chairman LC5 and held a small talk about the Agriculture system in the district and told us that there are many challenges in the agriculture sector, not only Kiruhura as a district but in the whole country of Uganda and requested Brazilian delegates to extend a hand of assistance if possible. We toured the Kiruhura district agricultural demonstration center. The chairman LC5 Kiruhura told the Brazilian delegates to always feel free to come and carry out their projects in the district.

FARMERS' MEETINGS HELD IN KIRUHURA DISTRICT, UGANDA'S WESTERN REGION

On 17th November, there was meeting with the farmers of Kantaganya Kiruhura Kitongole 1 Members from Brazil once again introduced them selves to the local council Government and requested them to always welcome a change especially in development.

Some crop diseases were reported to the Brazilian delegates and advised the farmers to use some trees and use natural means of spaying their crops.



They said that the interaction of trees together with the crops, checks some diseases in crops and increases on both quality and quantity of the produce. They also reported the drying of their coffee plants at early stages and that, had caused a lot of worry to the farmers.



Jay Van assured the farmers that Robin Hood Project is here to work with them and that much of their efforts would in agroforestry. After the Meeting, there was a foot match between Brazilian group and the local communities, where by the Brazilian group beat the Kantagnya football Club 2 Nil.



On 18th November we also held another farmer's meeting and discussed the same problems Almost, in another area called Bwagonga 1 at the trading center. Robin Hood and UYSTP staff visited some a few farmers in the field and noticed a lot that required the immediate attention and made the recommendations.

INNOVATIVE ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION COURSE FOR STUDENTS

In this course a number of over 40 students took the training. Unfortunately they were not given the certificates, they would be awarded their certificates in 2013 when the delegates are back in Uganda 2013.

ACHIEVEMENT

We have reached 8000 young people, 50 elders with our theater plays sensitization in environment, 100 farmers, held a consultative meeting with 15 head teachers, trained 10

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teachers in Innovative environment Education course and 40 young people in the Innovative Environment Education .



We meet over 20 government officials from Local Council offices Lubaga Division and Kiruhura district Government offices.



We have established Robin Hood coordinating office in Uganda under Uganda Youth Skills Training Project and Robin Hood Uganda coordinator is Turyatunga Bob Maahe.

Toured and prepared for our volunteer network in Uganda hosting families and visiting sites, though volunteer house construction plans are going on.

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Through consultative meetings, we discovered areas that require agent handling and assistance and these are Environmental sensitization, Re-use of solid waste materials, Vocational development programs, Agroforestry and volunteer support to the communities. Amongst the Schools that were sensitized in the environment with the theater plays, so far two of them have started Robin Hood Environmental Clubs working in the conservation of nature and performing of plays about Environment. With this, I have been impressed by both teachers and the students who are gearing the program and donated to them the ground tools worth 200,000 UGX.

CHALLENGES

Transport has been a challenge.

Accommodation has been in the host families and the small volunteer room that hosts two people of the same sex at ago.

Most of the Ugandans construct almost in rivers/swamps and this has caused human suffering by both the natural calamities and the new government policies but this would be handled by Robin Hood Environmental theaters sensitization programs.

Uganda Robin Hood coordinating office needs expansion as it will be coordinating the other programs under RH project Uganda.

Farmers' crops are affected by many diseases and fungal attacks but this could not be dealt with as we were just surveying the situation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Intervention of funding agencies and volunteer support to the Robin Hood projects.

Construction of volunteer house with well set facilities.

Formation of Robin Hood youths clubs that would deal with environmental issues and other programs under Robin Hood projects.

Quarterly Robin Hood stakeholders (partners) meetings every after 4months on either the Skype or facebook.

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Laying down of strategies of teaching Portuguese to Ugandans and English to Brazilians for the smooth running of the projects in the two countries.

Wishing you the best

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