



Investing in youth

Workshop#8:Building cooperation with linkages, bringing men in

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Backgrounds

- In October 2004, the North-South Centre of the council of Europe organised a week of 2nd Africa-Europe training course for Youth organisations with a theme “youth participation for poverty reduction”, in Mollina, Spain.
- Participants expressed need to set up projects that would enable them contribute to poverty reduction in their home countries. It is in this regard that, the Pyramid project was conceived.

What is pyramid project

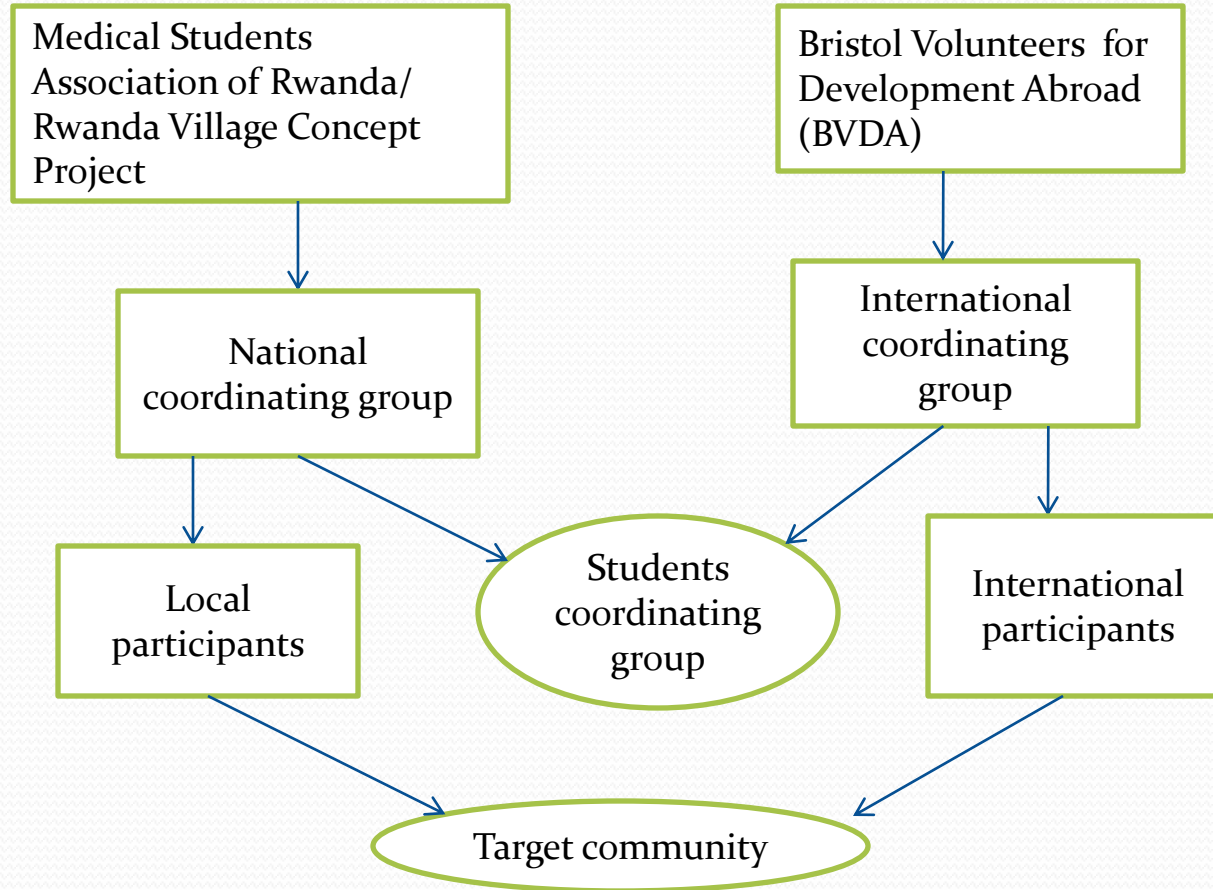
- It is a gender empowerment education project runned by Rwanda Village Concept Project a member organization of Medical Students Association of Rwanda
- The Project was designed to include youth education and culture exchange among educated and non educated young people; initially 4 countries were part of the project; only 2 remained.
- The education is done through annual workshops for multipliers and quaterly visit to schools. To date we have 1875 youth in secondary schools and 632 youth in rural areas of the southern province of Rwanda.

objectives

- To affect behaviour change among youth and empower young women by involving boys as a top priority, if gender empowerment and the fight against HIV/AIDS are to be achieved.
- To ensure Africa-Europe youth partnership in order to continue exchange of their practice, expertise and culture to look at their common problems and different approaches to help young people to be heard.
- Promoting a proactive approach among youth in finding ways to efficiently achieve gender empowerment; as the government and non-governmental bodies or organisations' efforts to empower girls on their rights, HIV/ AIDS awareness and dignity is not enough to reach all levels, there is therefore need to reinforce these efforts with young people who will benefit from this project.

How the cooperation works

The pyramid project



Is Pyramid Project Scalable

- Yes, The project is localized but with a global mission of creating a tangible contribution to systemic, massive change relating to the concepts of human interaction with community, earth and its resources.

Our belief

- We stay away from the common notion of charity and instead stand firm that every region of the world and every person on this planet have something productive, integral, and creative to offer. It is through combined strengths that we will affect significant change in the world. Country borders are just things we made up. There are deeply interwoven things within us that are universal. We are all in this together. Which means it is imperative we work together.