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2013 Annual PEPA NGO REPORT OF ACIVITIES

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I. BACK GROUND

It is our pleasure to present to you the 2013 annual report of various activities we have carried out in various communities.

PEPA/NGO: Pleadors of Children and Elderly People at risk originated from a French abbreviation: **Plaiders des Enfants et des Personnes Agées à risque**, is a Nonprofit , Non-Governmental organization operating in the **Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda** and now in the **United States of America**.

This report will give a brief of each country's activities that took place in 2013, the success but also challenges at the end.

We would like to take this moment to thank our donors, supporters, the volunteer team, and every single person who has donated to any of the activities.

II. INTRODUCTION

Pleadors of Children and Elderly People at risk (PEPA/NGO) are a registered organization in both countries with the main mission of saving the human dignity. The human dignity is the central of all activities of PEPA/Organization and all objectives and activities are turned to the same major subject of saving the human dignity.

PEPA intervenes in the area as follows

- *Human rights*
- *Education(supporting vulnerable people to access education)*
- *Take care of Mal nourished children*
- *Fight against Gender based violation*
- *Struggle against the HIV/AIDS*



- *Struggle against the Sexual Violence*
- *Protection of children (street children, orphans children, abandoned children, badly fed children, children in conflict of wars)*
- *International Adoption of Orphans*
- *The development of Youth and Education*
- *Protection and assistance to vulnerable people, Elderly people*
- *Humanitarian activities,...*

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This report present activities accomplished in Human rights, HIV/AIDS, Education, Women victims of rape empowerment, Child protection and Adoption,

The activities reported are from November 2012 until December 2013.

III. EDUCATION



The education program as assigned , PEPA/NGO want to promote the local communities to access basic education, especially for adults who didn't go to schools, refugees, orphans, this includes also the family planning as part of the issue to address in the community.



A. CHILDREN IN FORMAL SCHOOLS



By promoting the education of children, through various supports from donors, individuals, contributions of team members, PEPA was able to send respectively **5 orphans** to school in the Democratic Republic of

Congo and **6 orphans** in Uganda, the total of 11 children benefited from the limited support of PEPA in the year 2013.



B. CHILDREN IN INFORMAL SCHOOLS.

In 2013 more than 250 orphans could benefit care from PEPA volunteers in both UGANDA and the Democratic Republic of Congo, these children attended educative sessions organized in the offices of PEPA/NGO in DR.Congo and Uganda.

C. ADULT SCHOOL CENTRE



It was launched in Uganda in January 2013; the Founder Mr. Appolinaire ZAGABE K initiated a training school for Adult who is interested in learning English, French and also Swahili language,

As this program started in Uganda, The English training classes were effective, and most of the students with the interest of learning English are foreigners living in Uganda including refugees,. The totals of 12 adults were able to complete

6months English training programs.





The training Centre was extended to Goma, North Kivu, but due to the security issue and war in the Eastern DR.Congo, the program was delayed.

D. SENSITIZATION ON FAMILY PLANNING AND HIV/AIDS

In February 2013, **PEPA** organized training on Family planning to make the community to understanding what is called family planning.

1. Initiative

The human society and mostly Africans confront to so many challenges that all taken is necessary to raise, notably the one of the extreme poverty caused by factors as the one of the non-application of domestic planning. It is one of major reason of initiative of our educational activity and sensitization on the domestic planning.

Problems bound to all these challenges raised are:

- Strong densities: increase of the population causes a generalized crisis)

2. **The pandemic of the VIH - AIDS:** accelerate propagation of the VIH/ AIDS and STIs. Here as the speaker of the day had brushed on course of the AIDS, he gave showed the consequences but also the ways to fight against the propagation: **Abstinence - Fidelity - condom.**

Good number of people don't even know the importance of the ways mentioned above, and some say that the application of Condom and to disregard because while using it, they don't feel satisfied sexually,

Because of that, the propagation rate is growing and also undesirable pregnancies and that is causing the number of people is rising without any health protection measure.





Participants to the Family Planning session at JSS Church



A part from that, some other people said that condoms are sold to a high price in Uganda and DR.Congo and there is lack of the Organizations that can distribute permanently for free of charge and also the lack of Organizations that can train people on family planning and how to fight against HIV/AIDS and STIs, declared the participants.

There no Voluntary Tracking, even hospitals and clinics medical that make it demand too much money to make track happen.

3. The forsaken children:



Children are victim of consequences of lack of training of their parents, reason why children are living in difficult and hard conditions; many have been abandoned by their parents, many street children, orphans, bad nourished. an example are these children we found in the church JSC Kampala of 5 children orphans and abandoned sleeping in a place which is not secured, no one to assist them, till now they have no solution.

4. Objective of the activity



- To assure the cohesion in the society, to look for the stability in families, reduce possibilities of HIV - AIDS propagation, Reduction of poverty, , promote the education of children, educate and sensitized tomorrow's youth hope on the domestic planning and encourage dialogues in families.

5. Consequences to the non-application of the domestic planning

All these consequences have been clarified with the help of the given examples and a game question - answer. These consequences are the following:

- Destruction of the environment, Generalized poverty, Conflicts, Hate and jealousy, Immoralities of children, The parent becomes mindless , Children horn so many risks, the infantile mortality , Destruction and of cloths , socio-economic

6. Method and means to recommend

The domestic planning has good numbers of methods and principals to recommend, among them we will mention: The dialogue between conjoined, Monitoring, **fidelity** for the couple and **abstinence** for the Single and the use of preservative/condom and contraceptive

7. Recommendation from Participants

- Just before the end of our sittings activity, participants request to see PEPA coming again another day for this faith to form/train monitors and instructors;
- May PEPA /Organization look for support so that the training didactics materials for the good accumulation of matter may be available to every training;
- To elaborate a project of education and sensitization on the domestic planning and the struggle against the VIH - AIDS;
- Availability of boxes, pictures, videos on the domestic planning;
- Initiate a center of free voluntary Tracking/testing;
- build a children home care centre,
- enliven the radio - television diffusion broadcasts for a large information
- Etc.

E. HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

PEPA/NGO accomplished a great work in terms of protecting and defending the rights of the community members,



Talking of the Democratic Republic of Congo, there has been observed several human rights violation, and mass killing of civilians especially in Eastern Part of Congo, while denouncing the violations of human rights in Goma, PEPA leaders were victims of several attacks and risk of death in North Kivu, DR.Congo, a province that has been the Centre of



all kind of human rights violations , In November 2012 when the Rebel group M23 took over Goma, many cases of human rights violations committed by the Rebels and the Government soldiers were registered including women victim of rape, torturing people, looting people's properties,... the above image shows a victim of a rocket bombed in Goma /Mabanga

Through the financial assistance of **ARASA (Aids and Rights Alliance in Southern Africa)**, two families of 7 people were able to flee the fighting in Goma and got refuge in Uganda, the two families were able to return home in February 2013 after the rebels had left the city of Goma

➤ **TRAINING ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA**



Training on Human rights was carried out in Uganda from 7th to 10th May 2013, in this training various topics were debated with the facilitation of Mr Appolinaire ZAGABE the founder of PEPA and Ms ALAMOU CLEMENTINA from Amnesty International, Africa Regional Office, 26 participants were trained and the program was as follows:



2013 PEPA annual Training of Trainers

ON HUMAN RIGHTS

PLACE: PADEAP/UGANDA

7th – 10th May 2013

Day one (07/05/2013)

Time	Session	Topic outline	Facilitators
11h10-11h20	Introduction Expectations Grand rules		Appolinaire Zagabe
11h20-12h20	Introduction to human rights	This session will covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are human rights (Definition)?- Classifications?- Key instruments of Human rights?	Appolinaire Zagabe
12h20-12h25	break		
12h25-13h20	Introduction to human rights	This session will covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Characteristics of Human rights.- Where do they come from?- Can human rights ever be limited?	Appolinaire Z
13h20-14h00	Advocacy and Lobbying	This session will covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Definition of advocacy- Who is an advocate?.- Definition of Lobbying- How to make a lobby.	Mme ALAMOU Clementine

Day two (08/05/2012)



Time	Session	Topic outline	Facilitators
12h05-12h15	Recap		
12h15-13h15	The rights of Refugees	<p>This session will covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Definition of a refugee. - Internally displaced person? - Who is an asylum seeker? - What is the 1951 refugee convention? - Who is not a refugee? 	Appolinaire Z
13h15-13h25	Break		
13h25-14h00	The rights of Children	<p>This session will covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children's rights. - Historic definitions of children's rights - Types of children's rights - 	Ms Alamou Clementine
14h00-14h15		Break	
14h20-15h30	The rights of Children	<p>This session will covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are youth' rights than children? - The position of the International Law on children's rights - Examples of Children's rights 	Ms Alamou Clementine

		enforcement	
Day three (09/05/2013)			
Time	Session	Topic outline	Facilitators
12h05-12h10	Recap		
12h10-12h45	Ugandan Law on people's rights	This session will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The duty to maintain a child - Parental responsibility - Harmful customary practices. 	Ms Alamou Clementine
12h45-12h50	Tea		
12h50-13h30	Support for children by local authorities	This session will covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local councils. - Duty to report infringement of child's rights - Violation of children's rights in the local community 	Appolinaire Z
13h30-13h35	Lunch		
13h35-14h00	Family and Children Court	This session will covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jurisdiction of family and children court - Over view of Human rights violation in the World. - How do you plead for some one's rights? 	Ms Alamou Clementine



Day four (10/05/2013)			
Time	Session	Topic outline	Facilitators
12h00-9h15	Recap		
12h15-12h50	The rights of Aged People	This session will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Definition of an aged people - What are the rights of the aged person? - What are some of the problems faced by older person? 	Mr Appolinaire Z
12h50-13h00	Tea		
13h05-14h00	The Rights of People living with HIV/AIDS.	This session will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is HIV/AIDS - The origin of HIV/AIDS - The rights of people living with HIV/AIDS 	Appolinaire Z

F. EMPOWERING WOMEN VICTIMS OF RAPE CULTURAL DANCE

Two different activities of empowering women victims of rape were organized in late March 2013 in the Democratic Republic of Congo and September 2013 in Uganda,



PEPA/NGO Team travelled in November 2013 from Kampala to Kasese for a four days activity to empower the local community. The activity was carried in Kyabarungira Sub county, Western Uganda.

For the both activities carried in DR.Congo and Uganda, we targeted much on the following groups:

- The rape victims and HIV/AIDS cases
- Women (young mothers)
- Youths



ACHEIVEMENTS

Democratic Republic of Congo 16th March,2013

With the Theme: **my body my dance**, the cultural dance activity was with a great importance to rebuild the inner person of the victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo where rape is taken as the weapon of war, the participants participated actively and they could feel still loved and not abandoned or discriminated within the community. More than 26 beneficiaries participated in the activity held in Goma, DR.Congo.

The victims still need much support (material, financial, psychological in order to feel as normal and loved human being.

Some photos will be anonymous for the interest of the beneficiary and the organization.

Empowering Women victims of rape in Western Uganda, 28th September 2013

Find below the program of the activity of empowerment of Women victims of rape in Uganda



PROGRAMS:

- Arrival of Ms Elinrose from Sweden the invited guest of honor who also was a victim of rape by her real father at the young age, at 9:00am was recognized
- Arrival at Kyabarungira sub county was at 10:00am with a worm welcome by PEPA Kasese Team.

Dignitaries at the function were:
Representative from the Rwenzururu Cultural Kingdom.
Office Commander Kyabarungira Police Station
Representative from LC3 Kyabarungira Sub-county.
Head of Religious leaders.
Community Development Officer (CDO) - Kyabarungira Sub-county.

Presentations: The activity was accompanied with Word of God, Music, Dance and Drama. Educative songs and plays were by the following groups:

- ✓ Kyabarungira youth stars.
- ✓ Kabatunda HIV/AIDS Club.
- ✓ Cultural dance by Kabatunda Anti-AIDS club.

The songs and plays gave messages about:
HIV/AIDS scourge, and the effect of rape on a human being.



Alcohol and related problems.



The contribution of PEPA in harmonizing the families and communities. Ultimately, the general theme for the occasion was **“Empowering Women Victims of Rape”**. 21 survivors of rape were the beneficiaries of the activities.

- Speeches: Different people gave speeches on this occasion and the remarks of each are summarized below:

The Community Development Officer (CDO) of Kyabarungira S/County: He is also the focal point person for people handling child related issues into the sub-county. He stated that he will support the work of PEPA and requested that PEPA should look for other ways to assist the many orphans in Kasese District, Uganda. He emphasized

that his office has many cases of orphans and vulnerable children who are in dire need of help.



G. PEPA CHILD PROTECTION AND HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

PROGRAM OF SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO AND UGANDA

Various initiatives and activities were organized on



DR.Congo, Uganda and in the United States of America to assist the communities living in difficult conditions

As it were planned **From 11th/04/2013 – 15th/04/2013**



Humanitarian assistance activities were carried out in Congo, North Kivu province and in Uganda, in Kampala, Kasese and Ibanda districts.



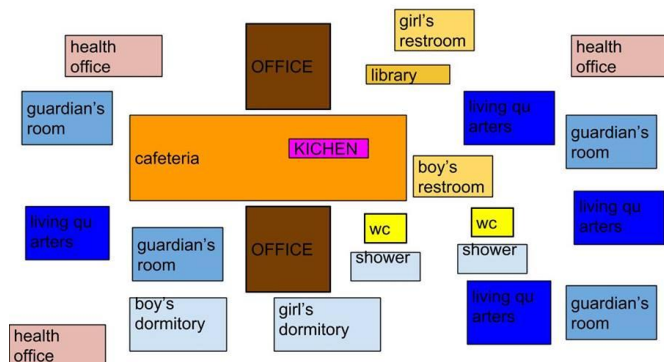
1. PEPA – TUCSON United States of America Activities,

We are pleased to notify you that in 2013 **PEPA-United States** was officially launched at **Liberty Elementary School in Tucson, ARIZONA**. This is a very active team, started by 8-11 year old students led by their teacher, **Ms Jennifer Valentine**.



This team did a great job in assisting their fellow PEPA team members in a difficult time of war in Eastern DR.Congo and has helped some refugees in Uganda to have a better life by paying the rent of the house and getting food regularly to families, including the Magendo Katebera family seen with children in the photo.





The United States team is composed by optimistic children who have drawn out alternative floor plans for the orphanage that they one day hope to help build in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

PEPA Democratic Republic of Congo

The Democratic Republic of Congo was the major field of interest due to the on-going war and human rights violations. Many people have been displaced from their permanent homes, many children are orphaned, many cases of child abuse, sexual violence, and HIV/AIDS cases.

Due to the lack of financial support, few activities were carried out but those activities that were held were successful.

Visits and Assistance

The dedicated PEPA Team of the Democratic Republic of Congo did great work and despite the continuing war and mass killing of civilians, the



work went well.



The PEPA Team of the Democratic Republic of Congo visited and assisted the displaced people in various camps in Mugunga, not far from the city of Goma.

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Humanitarian assistance was given to some displaced people in the refugee camp in Goma, They also visited with orphaned and abandoned children living in streets of Goma. It was also great to visit children living in streets of Goma with reasons of being orphan, abandoned.



2. PEPA- UGANDA



Uganda, called the Pearl of Africa, has been the greatest beneficiary of PEPA activities in 2013. Various activities were carried out in different districts of Uganda including Kampala, Kasese, Mubende and Ibanda.

We were able to organize several home visits and to provide humanitarian assistances to vulnerable children and other people in Uganda.

Children's home visit and humanitarian assistance





The purpose of visiting the children's home in several districts of Uganda was to:

- identify the level of children's vulnerability
- guide and counsel the

guardians on children's care

- To update the child's file
- take current

It was discovered that many homes where orphan children are living are not conducive; many children live in poor shelter, others sleep on ground,



Many children who are orphans don't have access medical case since many care givers are very old grandmothers that cannot manage to carry children to the hospital as they are also weak from illness and malnourishment.



- ✓ The few orphans who are in school perform poorly because they study at risk since they are sent infrequently due to an inability to pay school fees.
- ✓ Others study in poor schools where they do not acquire quality education.

- ✓ Other orphans lack clothes they thus spend much time naked.
- ✓ Others look to be malnourished due to lack of food.

K. ADOPTION PROGRAM





Every child has a right to a family, father and mother. Because of wars and sickness many children have been orphaned and abandoned. To ensure the best future of these children, we have an adoption program with experienced attorneys in DR.Congo and Uganda. For the best interest of these children we welcome genuine and loving families to adopt these children.

In 2013, we are pleased for the 10 children that joined their permanent and loving families in the United States of American and Germany. 8 children are already referred and many waiting children are available in both Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo.



CONCLUSION



To conclude, PEPA/NGO Plaiders des Enfants et des Personnes Agées (Pleaders of Children and Elderly People At Risk) truly thank the donors that funded our activities, because without you we would not be able to make it happen.



These activities were able to happen through the financial support of International Adoption Net (**IAN**), based in Colorado United States of America, Children of All Nations (**CAN**) based in Texas, United States of America, Aids and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (**ARASA**).

Our thanks gratitude to **JAIME AND AARON PRIDGEON** family from Texas, USA for various donations to our activities, to the PEPA teams in DR.Congo, Uganda and the United States of America and everyone who supported in our activities in any way.

CHALLENGES and Opportunities

We will be able to do greater things than what you have seen above in this report when we are able to better overcome the many challenges such as:

- Lack of funding to support various and timely activities
- Working in risky area of wars
- Human rights activists are victims of harassment mostly in the Democratic Republic of Congo where there is much human rights abuse
- Volunteers face long distances walking to the work field because the organization lacks the ability to provide for their transport
- Offices rent and equipment,

We welcome any organisation, agency, NGOs and individual who would like to join and support us to support our work, and more volunteers nationally or internationally to come to join us.

Thank you for your support



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