A social Network tool for Human rights and Peace Awareness in Africa

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Project Summary

Concise Summary: Help us pitch this solution! Provide an explanation within 3-4 short sentences.

"a Web 2.0 tools for promoting peace and human rights education in Africa"

File attachments:

- GIRESS.doc

About You

Location

Project Street Address
Project City
Project Province/State
Project Postal/Zip Code
Project Country

Your idea

Field of Work
social justice/human rights

If Field of Work is “other” please define in 1-2 words below

Year project started (or projected start date) (yyyy)
2008

YouTube Upload
Project URL (or link to any media coverage)

What is the primary problem your venture is trying to address and how are you addressing it (or planning to address it)?

The war in Africa, especially in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Darfur in Sudan has caused many cases of human rights violations, many people (men, women, youth and children) have been abused (killed, raped, torture, aggression, etc) and young people continue to have a negative impact of human rights violations on their lives. Affecting their physical and mental health, their behaviors, their future without to have access to their rights, and to understand what means the human rights, where and who can be contacted when a personal was been victim of human rights abuse, etc

Young people in the east of Democratic Republic of Congo and in Darfur in Sudan represent a considerable part of people who are also been affected by the human rights violation and have not access to a comfortable information on the human rights, for that reason, it is important that these young people have access to an interesting and reliable source of information about the human rights and peace.

The most recent published across the continent and in these regions do not provide a comprehensive analysis of victims of human rights violation, their rights to access in the court and their vision for a change of the situation on the human rights in their region and not engendered contribution from young people from all region, by consequent young people have not capacity to contribute to advancing human rights, to fight against the human rights abuse, to build their capacity on the human rights, to promote the change and do not have resource information to increase knowledge and experiences on the human rights process, activities and others related programs.

For achieving these lack of information and to contribute to advocate the human rights across the continent, especially in the east of Democratic Republic of Congo and in Darfur in Sudan and promote their commitment to the human rights and sustainable development, we propose to create worldyouth.com

The worldyouth.com will be considered as an important tool for information dissemination and educational programs, on the human rights issues in the east of democratic Republic of Congo and in Darfur in Sudan, which will be a process that is being developed by human rights activist, educators, young people in the community by sending themselves information and contributions on the human rights situation in their local communities.

The worldyouth.com is an initiative by young people, for young people in Africa, especially in the conflict area, as in east of democratic Republic of Congo and in Darfur in Sudan, which will combine the scientific information with illustrations, short case studies, poems, photos, quotes, opinions, songs, videos on human rights issues submitted by young people around different countries and conflict area, in a format that appeals to young people.

Theses examples demonstrates the 2 cases, where human rights abuses have been registered, where propose to contribute

The East of Democratic Republic of Congo and the Second Congo War

The second Congo war, also known as Africa's World War and the Great War of Africa, began in 1998 and though it officially ended in 2003 when the Transitional Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo took power, its aftershocks continue to threaten a third war. The largest war in modern African history, one of the deadliest conflicts since World War II, it directly involved eight African nations, as well as about 25 armed
groups. 3.8 million people died, mostly from starvation and disease. Millions more were displaced from their homes or sought asylum in neighboring countries.

Despite a formal end to the war in July 2003 and an agreement by the former belligerents to create a government of national unity, 1,000 people died daily in 2004 from easily preventable cases of malnutrition and disease. A U.N. human rights expert reported in July 2007 that sexual atrocities against Congolese women go 'far beyond rape' and include sexual slavery, forced incest, and cannibalism.

The Darfur Region.

Darfur (Arabic: ??? ???, lit. "home of the Fur") is a region of far western Sudan, bordering the Central African Republic, Libya, and Chad. It is divided into three federal states within Sudan: Gharb Darfur (West Darfur), Janub Darfur (South Darfur), and Shamal Darfur (North Darfur). It is currently in the midst of an ongoing conflict originating from the conflict between Janjaweed militias and rebel groups (namely the Sudan Liberation Movement and Justice and Equality Movement)

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### Innovation

**Project Description**

"a Web 2.0 tools for promoting peace and human rights education in Africa"

**Unique and different**

Human rights-related information is among the most essential as a simple answer could save and change a life. Dissemination of such information using paper or traditional tools has proven to be not only expensive but ineffective at relaying most current information as updating can be slow and costly and don’t allow in most of case young people to contribute self to the information dissemination.

**Project plan**

We will launched the activities.

**Partnerships**

Human rights based organizations & youth groups, national and international non-governmental organizations (NGO's) and Community-Based Organizations (CBO's).

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### Impact

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1. To increase human rights information dissemination amongst young people and to involve them to respect and to advocate the human rights and related issues in their local community and across the continent.
2. To create a positive change towards human rights issues among young people in east of Democratic Republic of Congo and in Darfur in Sudan.
3. To provide a forum for discussing human rights issues and exchanging ideas, videos, information and promoting effective local, regional and global networking among young people.

**Effectiveness**

The worldyouth.com project will target people aim in conflict area in Africa, especially in east of Democratic Republic of Congo and in Darfur in Sudan where many abuses cases of human rights violations have been registered. Potential target people in the project will be men, women, youth and children between 10 and 30 years old, as well as human

**How do you engage and impact the community?**

The worldyouth.com will be developed using a participatory process that brings together individuals, human rights activist, educators and organizations from across the continent. The main tool of information dissemination will be the worldyouth.com website, the website will be developed in many languages spoken in Africa as such as, English, French, Arabic, Swahili and others major dialects for allowing reaching the larger audience of young people in different zone and communities.

The worldyouth.com will have human rights programs educational, scientific illustrations, poems, songs, illustrations, events, opportunities, chat forum, mailing list, registrations options, contacts, music, Videos and documentaries, etc

**How do you measure this impact?**

**Formative Evaluation**

Primarily qualitative in nature, the formative evaluation will be conducted through interviews and open-ended questionnaires. Registers, volunteers will be asked about the monthly survey operation on the Center, the topics covered in the volunteer training program, the attractiveness of the training materials and video, poems, songs on worldyouth.com, and other questions to provide feedback for the ongoing improvement of the operation of the Project. The Project Evaluator will meet regularly with project staff to share findings from the formative evaluation effort. Periodic reports will be prepared that identify the major findings of the formative evaluation and how they have been used to improve Project operation.

**Obstacles**

Digital divide in rural areas in Africa

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### Sustainability

**Financing source**

(or how do you expect your initiative will be financed)

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Aside from financial sustainability, how do you plan to grow and sustain your project?

During the expansion process the project coordination will chose regional Officers at different conflict zones and Communities focal points who will coordinate the worldyouth.com activities in their regions, zone and communities liaise with the Regional Officer and the Project Coordinator at project headquarters. The worldyouth.com will also benefit from the expertise of a variety of advisors, as well as a strong network of human rights activist, specialist of human rights, Media partners, educators, etc.

Finance details

Our team is composed by 15 members. the organization is financed by donors. more information at [www.infogrouponline.org](http://www.infogrouponline.org)

Creative funding

We organize Conferences, Peace forum and others event to collect funds for the project

Other non finance needs

Materials ( eg. Computer, Camera, Scanners, etc)

The Story

Motivation

Lack of information on human rights among young people in my home country.

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Awards

- 2008 Millennium Project Global Millennium

- 2007 Award of merit for the Society of new Communication Research(SNCR)

Broader context

The philosophy of worldyouth.com is to learn young people in Africa, especially in the conflict area (East of Democratic Republic of Congo and Darfur/Sudan, etc) more about the human rights and peace by using the information and communication Technologies. Worldyouth.com will connect young people across the countries and across the continent to find inspiration, information and get involved on different human rights activities and peace programs, initiatives and improving their commitment to advocate the human rights locally, regionally and globally. Worldyouth.com will allow young people to participate in educational programs, share ideas, experiences, information on different subjects related to the human rights in the conflict area in different local communities with others young people across the continent and around the world. Worldyouth.com will facilitate young people in the east of Democratic Republic of Congo and Darfur in Sudan to explore and better understand of the human rights and its impact on development, social and cultural issues in their community, while at the same time learning about the community of others groups and building a local, regional and global network of young people committed to advocate the human rights issues.

Ongoing

The Project was been designed but not yet launched due to lack of financial resources.

What is your age?

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