

REncP- General Assembly minutes

Date: July 3, 2013/ Venue: Chez Lando Hotel/ Hosted and chaired

By: PLAN RWANDA

A. Organizations represented:

a. Members

1. Action Aid Rwanda
2. ADRA Rwanda
3. Bridge2Rwanda
4. CARE International
5. Club PESCT
6. Concern Rwanda
7. EDC-L3
8. FHI360
9. Fight Illiteracy Youth Organization
10. Food for the Hungry
11. Girl Hub Rwanda
12. Millennium Villages Project
13. One Laptop Per Child
14. Save the Children
15. Strive Foundation Rwanda
16. Teach Rwanda
17. VSO
18. VVOB
19. Wellspring Foundation for Education
20. Wir For Rwanda

b. Development Partners:

1. UNICEF

c. Guests:

1. Aspire Rwanda
2. Centre Culturel Islamique
3. GL-Energy Solution
4. Grace Treasures Church
5. Max Impact Consulting LTD
6. SHE
7. University of Bath/ Research

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B. Notes from the meeting

1. Opening remarks from PLAN RWANDA (Outgoing RENCPC Chair)

- Katherine Nichol opened the meeting on behalf of PLAN RWANDA Country Director. Katherine congratulated the RENCPC members for the overall achievement of the Platform since its launching.
- Different Organizations including Wellspring, VSO, Millennium Villages Project and UNICEF acknowledged and praised the leadership of the outgoing RENCPC Chair Organization, represented by Alfred Mupenzi who played a considerable leadership role as RENCPC focal person from PLAN.
- This was followed by an introduction of present RENCPC members, existing Working Groups and Guests present at the meeting.

2. Presentation on the final Terms of Reference of the RENCPC by WELLSRING FOUNDATION (Incoming RENCPC Chair)

- Stephane Nyembo presented to the Assembly the amended ToRs specifically regarding the membership Terms and conditions. The amended terms were endorsed by the General Assembly.
- Food for the Hungry (FH), Grace Rwanda and Ishya Consulting were also introduced to the GA as they have requested RENCPC membership. As per the current status of their Organizations, FH was accepted as full RENCPC member while Grace Rwanda and Ishya Consulting were granted affiliate membership
- The approved RENCPC ToRs should be published online.

3. Education Sector Macro updates from Development Partners by UNICEF

Hugh Delaney updated the group on the Joint Review of the Education Sector, which took place on 17 June, highlighting:

- That the new ESSP is aligned to the new EDPRS 2 and contributing to all pillars, in particular Foundational Issues, Productivity and Youth Employment, Accountable Governance, and Rural Development
- Ten indicators have been chosen by the sector, on request by MINECOFIN, to be tracked over the next five years and the indicators are set at the Outcome Level, including indicators related

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to equitable access to basic education, special needs education, ECD and pre-primary education, learning outcomes, teachers, TVET, Higher Education and adult literacy. Hugh highlighted some of the areas of most interest to RENCp members.

- Overview of analytical work and research planned by the education sector. This is an area where RENCp can support and also can supplement by identifying important areas where research is required, and conducting that research to have an impact on policy development and implementation.

- 4. **Presentation from Bridge 2 Rwanda (Presentation of the "Play 2 Thrive" Program---The importance of play and creative arts activities for young children in preparing them to become imaginative and innovative adults)** by Dan Larson: (See the presentation)

- 5. **Reflections & Concluding observations of the 63rd session of the UN Committee of the Experts on State's Review of 3rd & 4th period reports on the UNCRC & Optional Protocols with emphasis on Education** by Christian Umukunzi from PLAN RWANDA (See the presentation)

- 6. **Reports & Updates from the 5 RENCp WGs (See the presentations)**

- 7. **Reflections from the Incoming RENCp Chair, Wellspring Foundation:**
 - Wellspring Foundation Country Director, Jeffery Komant, praised the Outgoing RENCp Chair for their great efforts in being a catalyst and in being proactive through their involvement in RENCp as Chair of the Platform and in the Education Sector.
 - Jeffery Komant reiterated Wellspring Commitment to continue to support and to coordinate efficiently the RENCp communications in order to foster information sharing. He also reminded and encouraged members to ensure their profiles on the RENCp website are consistently and regularly depicting the real and updated picture of their Work.

 - He also expressed his willing to foster the sharing culture among members. An Event such as a "collaboration day" among members could help enhance the relationship between members.

 - Jeffery Komant also emphasized the need to encourage and motivate all members to join Working Groups. He also expressed the necessity of empowering and supporting WGs to ensure their work and their input receive proper feedback from different Education Sector

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Partners and Government. He also encouraged WGs to orient their input in case studies rather than broad academy research in order to ensure efficiency.

- Jeffery Komant concluded his reflections by thanking the RENCP for this leadership opportunity and ensured that Wellspring will chair the Platform responsibly and respectfully

8. Concluding remarks from the Incoming RENCP Co-Chair ,VSO:

In her address to the GA, Ruth Mbabazi, on behalf of VSO Country Director, thanked the RENCP members for the given opportunity of co-chairing the Platform. Ruth also joined Wellspring in acknowledging the work undertaken by the previous RENCP Chair. She also emphasized the importance of collaboration and genuine dialogue between RENCP members.

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