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- Education, Child care
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Word from the Founder & Director

Happy New year 2015

Welcome to our 2014 annual report, we tell you the story of our work, the success and challenges.

I would like to say that, 2014 was one of those years where we allowed ourselves to think beyond the usual. It is in this year that we consolidated our activities and creativity-thinking beyond the donors.

It is in 2014 that we witnessed a significant improvement in the lives of people that we work with but still much to do for the people we work for.

In this reporting period, we have seen significant rise of the organization growth and expansion of activities due to communities' interest.

The curve for our struggle to improve the organization activities across various representations at country level but also narrowing space for other civil society organizations partners across the country.

On our part, we haven't been silent on some of the global challenges of our time.

Human Rights, HIV/AIDS, TB, Education and child protection were the main focus during the year 2014.

Special thanks to our funding partners and stakeholders ,team representations who have walked with us the 2014 journey of innovative actions

Friends, the details of programme outcomes are contained in this report and I would like to encourage you to read on.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. ABOUT PEPA/ORGANIZATION

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PEPA (Pleaders of Children and Elderly People at risk) is originally in French which stands for : *Plaideurs des Enfants et des Personnes Agées*, is a nonprofit organization operating in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Uganda with a representation in the United States of America. Our core business includes Human rights, HIV/AIDS, TB, humanitarian, Child protection, Youth empowerment and protection of Elderly People



Founded in 2007 in Goma-Democratic Republic of Congo by **Mr. ZAGABE KAMANYULA Appolinaire** with the initial aim of assisting children who were abandoned and orphaned during the civil war in Eastern DR.Congo and assist the

elderly people begging around the streets of Goma. Motivated in the vision, while starting the first year at the University of Goma, encouraged some of his comrades, some government official workers to join his vision,

From the year of creation 2007, the organization PEPA has helped many people in DR.Congo and around the world; it is exciting to see many people from most of the continents can testify about the work of PEPA/NGO.

II. WORKING ENVIRONMENT

The year 2014 witnessed a growth of interest of various stake holders, beneficiaries, and partners' civil community civil society organizations, international partners and individuals due to various activities organized in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Uganda.

III. CHILD PROTECTION

Despite the unstable situation in the Eastern DR.Congo, we were able to carry on some important activities for the benefit of children.



Apart from the lobby and advocacy of national and international instruments protecting the child, PEPA - Organization also conducted the identification of street children. This

identification is only one step in a series of activities that we plan to do with the children in the street commonly known as the "Maibobo".



Thus, with a Volunteer's support from Germany with the PEPA-Team in DR.Congo, we were able

to reach out to hundreds of street children in Kituku market and around (located west of the city of Goma, in the commune of Goma), some of the identified children were assisted in shelter, food and few of them are sent to schools in Goma.

In Uganda, we have registered more than 300 orphans who need support,



IV. HUMAN RIGHTS, TB , HIV AND AIDS

The Democratic Republic of Congo is known as a country that has experienced various civil wars and the provinces of North and South Kivu provinces are among the most affected and have experienced several violations of human rights and high rate of HIV/ AIDS infection. After investigation, it is found that the first victims of these violations remain civilians and the women and children are the most vulnerable groups. In more than 10 years , Eastern Congo has been called the world capital of Rape and sexual violence and we all know , whenever such exactions happens, the civilian are the most affected and open to infection of HIV / AIDS . Beyond all this, the impunity that plagues in DR.Congo also contributes to the increase of various human rights violations and contamination of HIV / AIDS, and in many cases once some perpetrators are arrested, they were released a few days and to commit other abuses against civilians.

To attenuate and stop this situation in the Eastern part of Congo, **PEPA/NGO (Pleaders of Children and Elderly People at risk)** with the support of **ARASA (Aids and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa)**, decided to bring together the human rights and HIV/AIDS activists (Civil society organization leaders) from North and South Kivu in order to straighten them in building their capacities on Human rights and HIV/AIDS and teach them about the link (relation) between human rights and HIV/AIDS, with expectations that after the workshop, every participant should go

back to the respective organization to sensitize the local communities where they work, with the target to make awareness about HIV/AIDS and continue protecting and defending the people living with HIV/AIDS discriminated within the society.

The Training of capacity building on human rights and HIV / AIDS organized in two different phases, (from 21st to 23rd April and from 7th to 9th May, 2014 in the city of Goma, Bethanie Hotel) was very important in such an extent that will enable leaders of civil society organizations from North and South Kivu to be



able to carry out lobbying and awareness raising human rights violations and decrease the rate of HIV/AIDS infections in the communities and bring the authorities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, regional and international level to fight against such violations of human rights and take coercive

measures against all perpetrators of those violations, but also inform communities about the prevention and fight against HIV / AIDS and promote the existing laws to

promote the human rights in the country.



2. Working Methods

The method used in all process of conducting this training has been activated to the extent that it has mobilized and stimulated the

interest of all Participants about the activity from the starting day to the end. This has made a great impact between civil society organizations and activists to link up and build a strong relationship; it was in the first place to make contacts with the

leaders of different partner organizations from both North and South Kivu provinces to explain the merits of the training. The teaching method used was combined with the known method of ***brainstorming*** to allow and make active the participants to give their views on any point considered sensitive.

OVERVIEW OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES

1. Control training

In the organizational context, the activities in question here were organized by PEPA-Organization with financial support from ARASA. Three people from PEPA-Organization were selected for the facilitation and allowed to conduct educational process from start to the end. Apart from these facilitators from PEPA-Organization, we also noted the presence of the Provincial Coordinator of the Network of Associations Congolese Youth against AIDS, **RACOF/ North Kivu**. Professional and educational equipment have also been mobilized for the proper performance of the activities of the 1st phase and second phase of the training capacity building on human rights and HIV / AIDS. These include projector, screen projector, flip chart board, a digital camera, and other important tools for training.

1.2 Objectives of the training

Training capacity building of leaders of Civil society organizations on human rights and HIV / AIDS pursued the following objectives:

Overall Objective: To strengthen the capacity of local organizations leaders of North and South Kivu in the field of human rights and HIV / AIDS so they are able to take responsibility and conduct lobbying and protection for communities in which they work; strengthening civil society actors and those living with HIV / AIDS on techniques for prevention of HIV / AIDS.

Specific objectives:

1. Organize training courses on human rights and HIV / AIDS in favor of leaders of local organizations in the North and South Kivu;
2. Increase the number of qualified human rights defenders in the Democratic Republic of Congo;
3. Increase awareness of local actors on the prevention and treatment and decrease of level of infections of HIV / AIDS.

1.2 Profiles of participants / stakeholders

Many Human rights and HIV/AIDS activists took part in the training capacity building of leaders of local organizations on human rights and HIV / AIDS most affected by two different civil wars with some experienced activists from the two provinces in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In total 36 participants from different organizations were the direct beneficiaries of the capacity building ,whose configuration is as shown in the table below

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As It appears the views from this table that the number of participants is 36 as opposed to 22 expected in our agenda, this because there is also a significant shown interest of many other activists from North Kivu Province and other local partners who also participated in the workshop in order to strengthen their knowledge of human rights and HIV / AIDS , in addition to that, many others were willing to participate could not be given the chance because of the expected number of the participants.



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1.3. Training program



The normal course of training for capacity building of leaders of organizations from two provinces of North and South Kivu on human rights and HIV / AIDS was led by a well trained and experienced teaching team

consisting of members PEPA-Organization in collaboration with the RACON North Kivu.

In terms of product

These six days of training allowed PEPA-Organization to train people capable of defending human rights in North and South Kivu as the two most affected areas because of different wars experienced in the Republic of Democratic Republic of Congo.

1.5.2. In terms of effect

During these six days of training, there was a large mobilization of all the participants involved in the process of fighting against HIV / AIDS and human rights violations. This was manifested through the



questions and answers of the participants but also works, as tasks for which participants were asked to discuss and present in groups.

1.5.3. In terms of impacts

We also noted the incentive from other organizations of civil society who have not been invited to the six days capacity building training on human rights and HIV / AIDS. These organizations have therefore expressed the wish to see PEPA-Organization and its partner ARASA, to extend this training across the country to see a large number of leaders of these organizations be strengthened in terms of human rights and HIV / AIDS.

DECLARATION OF PARTICIPANTS AT CAPACITY BUILDING AND ADVOCACY ON HIV / AIDS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SUB SAHARA AFRICA HELD IN THE CITY OF GOMA, DR.Congo from 21th to April 23th AND from 07th to 9th May 2014.

We, the members of Civil Society Organizations for promotion, protection of human rights and the fight against HIV / AIDS in the DRC (North Kivu and South Kivu), meeting from April 21 to 23 and 7 to 9 May 2014 in the conference room of Bethanie Hotel located in Goma, the capital of the province of North Kivu in eastern DR Congo, on the initiative of **Pleaders of Children and Elderly at risk (PEPA / Organization)** with the financial support of **AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA)** , after six days of training, we are able to:

- Understand the link between HIV / AIDS and Human Rights;
- Propose ways and means by which national laws and policies can contribute to effective response to stem HIV / AIDS in the DR.Congo and in the Region of sub-Saharan Africa.
- Declare the existence of the Civil Society Organizations' Network working on Human Rights and HIV/AIDS (Droit de l'Homme et VIH/SIDA- RDC)

At the end of the training received and given the current context human Rights violations and HIV/AIDS of the region in general and the DRC in particular, participants identified a number of key issues related to human rights violations and have an impact on HIV / AIDS before proposing possible solutions that will be cast in the form of petitions, declarations, memoranda and other advocacy tools.

The problems identified are:

N°	Identification of problems	Causes	Consequences	Possible Solutions
1	Violence based on gender	War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISTVIH/SIDA - Pregnancies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen the restoration of State authority throughout the national territory; - Make-effective zero tolerance; - Encourage the implementation of the law on protection of PVV and documents of national and international strategies to fight against HIV / AIDS.
2	Discrimination and stigmatization (No protection of people living with HIV/AIDS, albino and Victims of sexual violence)	impunity ignorance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - traumatization - Low social cohesion - Increased degree of vulnerability to HIV / AIDS 	Raise awareness on human rights and the fight against HIV / AIDS
3	Ignorance (Lack of information and training, Bad governance, Inhumane prison conditions in prison settings)	- No Access to Information High rate of illiteracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taux élevé du VIH/SIDA - Incapacité de revendiquer Rights 	- Extension of national and international legal instruments Protecting the People living with HIV/AIDS, Victims of Sexual violence and minorities groups;

Apart from the proposal to set up a network to fight against HIV / AIDS and the promotion of human rights in the provinces of North and South - Kivu to make concrete efforts for the best

interests of the people of DRC in particular and sub-Saharan Africa in general, participants undertake to return the acquired this training in their respective bases and share with other structures/organizations.

Done at Goma, May 9th, 2014

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➤ TRAINING OF TRAINERS PARTICIPATION's REPORT 2014

1. INTRODUCTION

The training of trainers program is an annual training initiated by the Organization called ARASA



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which stands for Aids and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa. It aims at capacity strengthening of Civil Society Organizations dealing with Human Rights, HIV and Tuberculosis in the Southern Africa Development Community as well as Kenya and Uganda. Those Civil Society Organizations' representatives notably 36 persons (2 persons per country) attend the training four times in the year to have a good understanding of HIV, TB and Human Rights.



Thus I took part in that program in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2014 as a representative of PEPA which stands for **Pleaders of children and Elderly People at risk** working in Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda.

That program seeks to:



- Enhance the participants' understanding of the relationship between health and human rights and the importance of a based-rights response to HIV and TB;
- Equip participants with a better understanding of the international, regional treaties, declarations and

guidelines that should be used to shape national responses to HIV and TB;

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- Give them guidance on how to use law and policy in the purpose of promoting human rights based response to HIV and TB;
- Give them examples of good practices in advocacy for human rights based-response to HIV and TB;
- Provide tools for effective advocacy around HIV, TB and human rights; and
- Capacitate them on how to conduct effective training on HIV, TB and Human rights.
- **Sonke Gender Justice Network**, through the partnership we were able to take part to the short course organised by **Sonke Gender Justice Network** in collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria on the theme: **The Role of Men and Boys in Achieving Gender Equality** from 4th to 8th August, 2014 in South Africa.

V. PEPA EDUCATION CENTRE

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 **15 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 2014.

B. CHILDREN IN INFORMAL SCHOOLS.

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Since the launch of the education centre in 2013, It was launched in January 2013; the Founder Mr. Appolinaire ZAGABE initiated a training school for Adults who are interested in learning English, French and also Swahili language,

In 2014 more than 50 adults have benefited from the Centre in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nord-Kivu and in Kampala, Uganda at no cost.

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 50 adults were able to complete 6months English training programs.

In 2014 more than 250 registered orphans benefited 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.



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

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delayed. But in 2014, the Centre operated normally.

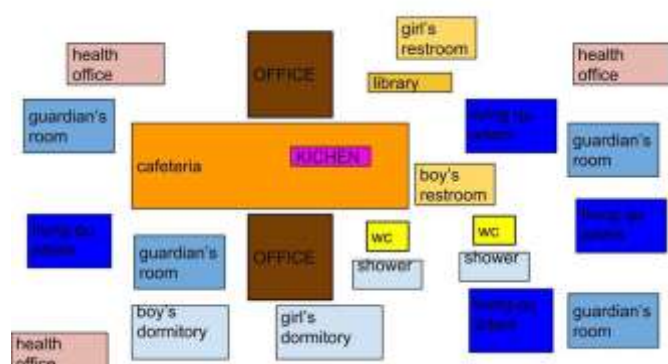


1. PEPA – TUCSON United States of America Humanitarian activities,

PEPA/Organization team in Tucson represented by **Ms Jennifer Valentine**.



The 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 homeless in Uganda to have a better life by paying the rent of the house and getting food regularly to families,



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.

It is an applaud for the hard work of **Ms. Jennifer Valentine** together with **Michelle**

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Marcus from Michigan District school for the wide vision of expending the philosophy and vision of PEPA in various schools of the united states of America.



Empowering women victims of rape and Young mothers in the 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.



International Peace day, 21st September, 2014



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

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Kivu province, the work went well.

In partnership with Peace on Day and UWAKRIMA, the international peace day was Celebrated across the country and mostly in the Province of North Kivu where the biggest activities were organised.

On our side with our local partner,

UWAKRIMA, We organised activities in various schools in Masisi and Nyiragongo, educative activities in schools



but also we organised a football match since it is a very important instrument in peace and cohesion building.

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- Action Aid,Uganda
- Peace one day
- Children of All Nations (CAN)
- International Adoption Net (IAN)
- Adoption Angels
- Amnesty International
- Sonke Gender Justice Network
- Sunnyside Unified School District
- Mishigan District school
- PACJA (Panafrican Climate Justice Alliance)
- Lutheran Service Society of New York
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

On behalf of the entire board of PEPA we thank you for taking time to read this report.

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