

TOPIC: THE YOUTH AND GENDER

Definitions:	
youth	A youth is a young person from age 13-29.
HOW CAN WE BRING ABOUT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is a progressive holistic improvement of youth that is needed for better lives, families and Nation. It is progressive because development of youth should never end 2. By educating our youth in our community and society 3. Teach them their values, norms and ethic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skill training in all kinds and forms - Involvement in church activities - Involvement in community activities - Interactive program at school - National youth activities
A NATIONAL YOUTH AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educative program on Television and Radio 2. The revisit of our curriculum at school
AVOIDING TEEN AGE PREGNANCY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Government policy by laws enacted by government 2. Sex education at school and community

PROBLEMS FACING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN	1. Poor education
	2. Lack of skills training
	3. Proud to achieve a higher education
	4. No skill training in our communities
WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT & THEIR ROLE	1. Start from home (mother's Care)
	2. Mother should impact moral value in their children
	3. Women should be educated(vocational/Academy)
	4. Women should serve as roll model to the children
WHAT HAS BEEN AFFECTING WOMEN?	1. Single parenthood
	2. Poor education (vocational/academy)
	3. Poverty
	4. Inferiority complex
THE WAY FORWARD TO PRODUCE RESPONSIBILITY IN CHILDREN	1. Child evangelism
	- Sunday school/children ministries
	- Bible clubs (community)
	- Train children ministers
	2. Children choirs
	3. Sports
	4. Drama club

COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES	1. Create children's forums
	2. Safe play areas
	3. Workshops on child rearing
	4. Develop child welfare committee - mentoring program to assist single parents
	5. Reading room/forums
	6. Tutorial programs
NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES	1. Build more community schools
	2. Enforce regulations to ensure all school-aged children are in school during school hours
	3. Enforce regulations that all video clubs are closed during school hours
	4. Establish laws to punish parents who neglect children-education;
	5. Protection; care
YOUTH –CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES	1. Establish homogeneous youth ministries
	2. Include youths in decision making process
	3. Train and develop youth leaders
	4. Impartation concerning the fear of God or godliness
	5. HIV/AIDS awareness & training
	6. Peer evangelism
	7. Annual camps and retreats

COMMUNITIES RESPONSIBILITIES	1. Organize youth leadership
	2. Organize regular youth forums
	3. Establish community team sports
	4. Organize clean-up campaigns through youths with awards
	5. Establish communities youth centers
	6. Awareness & sensitization on drug & substance abuse
	7. Encourage higher education or vocational training through career day programs
	8. Inter-community youth exchange programs
NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES	1. Establish & enforce youth curfew punishable by parental fitness
	2. Include mandatory vocational programs in national curriculum
	3. Establish mandatory youth services upon completion of high school
	4. Reinstate vacation jobs for youth from 10 th grade level
	5. Federation of Liberian Youth to establish chapters in every high school, vocational schools, community colleges, etc
WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT-CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES	1. Agricultural projects by women department
	2. Provide scholarship for women to further their education
	3. Involve women in leadership and decision making
	4. Organize literacy programs
	5. Establish income generating enterprise for single parents
	6. Conduct seminars and workshops for women on various topics affecting women

COMMUNITIES RESPONSIBILITIES	1. Establish community women groups
	2. Community training centers
	3. Community workshops on role of women in the community; health issues; gender base violence; Marriage and family; Economic development
	4. Environmental Issues-cleanliness be enforced; health & sanitation
NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES	1. Enforce laws relative to gender issues
	2. Encourage the empowerment of women by making available finances for economic empowerment for example through entrepreneurial effort through small & medium enterprises
	3. Enforce Liberalization policy for small & medium enterprises
	4. Increase opportunities to allow more women participation in decision-making
	5. Establish and enforce child support laws
	6. Enforce laws that protect the rights of women
	7. Enact & enforce laws that protect women welfare in polygamous relationships
CONCLUSION	In order to achieve Vision Liberia 2027 goals these suggestions are brought forward from the committee on children, youth and gender development. To ensure success we highly recommend that proper monitoring & evaluation be implemented as well as propagation through the print and electronic media