

Connecting Youth for Sustainable Grassroots Action!



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Annual Report 2005

Development Partnership International is a model youth led non-profit which promotes youth leadership in social change and development efforts at grassroots level across Africa. DPI's work focuses on building the capacity of young leaders and their organizations for effective, innovative and proactive programmes that affect community lives positively, while remaining consistent with national and international development frameworks. We are working towards improving the skills of young leaders from diverse backgrounds in order to ensure that their efforts to positively improve community lives contribute directly to the achievement of development goals, as well as assist them to retain relevance, respect and recognition at both their communities and internationally.



Board of Trustees' Statement

The Board of Trustees is proud that Development Partnership International (DPI)'s progress over the last year has surpassed what would be expected of a new organization. With very little resources, the organization has positioned itself to become one of the most recognised youth organizations in the area of policy advocacy, networking and documentation. DPI has worked with its partners to develop the African HIV/AIDS Best Practices Handbook, as well as set-up an online discussion where young leaders across Africa discuss key issues related to their welfare and development. The annual youth leadership summit for 2005 was very well attended with an unprecedented 125 youths from 19 states of Nigeria. I was particularly pleased to note that youth delegates were supported by their State governments to attend the summit. This is a clear indication of the confidence that DPI enjoys among youth organizations in Nigeria.

DPI's goal of achieving a Nigeria (and indeed Africa) where young people effectively participate in leading their communities out of poverty is achievable. Youths have been the pioneers of various revolutions that have taken place globally and youths have the energy, innovation and enthusiasm to lead the change process. DPI is positioning itself among the comity of organizations that are making a difference in Nigeria. Last year, Dabesaki was nominated as Nigeria's representative to the Commonwealth Youth Caucus, and Onyiye was also selected as one of the first beneficiaries of MTV's Staying Alive Award. These honours also reflect the confidence and credibility enjoyed by DPI.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Development Partnership International (DPI), therefore, I congratulate all the staff and members of DPI for their achievements during the past year. We urge DPI to work even harder to sustain and improve upon the achievements recorded in this report.



Dr. Mamman Aminu Ibrahim
Chair

From Dabesaki and Onyinye

The year 2005 was a very inspiring year for us! We can best describe it as a year of experiments! When the idea of establishing DPI was conceived, what was at the fore of our minds was to mobilise young leaders from across the African region, network them to work together, bring their diverse views to the fore front of continental and national decision making processes and come-up with multi-stakeholder and integrated



strategies towards addressing various development issues as encapsulated in the Millennium and other development goals. The MDGs form the core part of what any sustainable development plan, both at the national and international levels, should contain. As such, they serve as a guide, and a ray of hope and an opportunity for young people to join the rest of Africa to effectively direct their energies towards reducing poverty and improving livelihood in their communities. It is an opportunity for youth from developed and developing countries to work together to end poverty. This generation is the first that can end poverty, and young people have the energies, innovation and strategies to make this happen!

The year 2005 was extremely exciting! We were learning by doing! We were working and improving and shaping-up the founding ideas for our baby organisation. Working to mobilise young people to effectively address their communities' development needs. Working to make a difference! In many ways, we made significant progress: from successfully implementing the first ever Nigerian Youth Leadership Summit, to participating at major decision making meetings globally. We were at the peak in the first year of our existence. We managed to pull through with helping youth to initiate programmes that improved lives in their communities through our online forum <http://groups.takingitglobal.org/development> which we used as a meeting place to stimulate community level action. The year 2005 marked 10 years since the adoption of the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY). It also marked five years since after the adoption of the Millennium Declaration from which the MDG were derived. Several activities were carried out to mark these dates globally, and where possible, we were part of these significant events.

DPI carried out a number of activities to mark important global dates here in Nigeria and attended a number of international events at the United Nations organised to review progress made with each of these commitments. For us, the task of mobilising a generation of young leaders, professionals and activists to work at their various levels to

improve on the achievement of these global frameworks remains a primary task. Over the next year, we will strengthen our “Development Partnership” and begin to work with thematic coordinators from across continent, to ensure that young leaders have a voice in Africa's development agenda as enshrined in NEPAD. We want to ensure that all young leaders have an opportunity to add their voices to the development of plans that will potentially address their communities' progress. We believe that we can collectively make it happen! In the coming years, we will focus a lot more on Health related issues and we will be working towards the achievement of the agenda 2010 which was agreed upon by African Heads of state at the special summit on AIDS, TB and Malaria in Abuja 2006. We will work around integrating these goals with other goals enshrined in the Millennium Development Goals, and the UN General Assembly Special Session Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS.

We thank all our partners for their continuous support and look very much forward to working with them to make our activities in the coming years successful. This report is divided into four parts, these include: research and documentation, capacity building, networking and policy advocacy. We hope that you will enjoy reading this report and will welcome comments to make future reports better.

1. Policy Advocacy

DPI's primary focus is to empower youth with the skills they require to enable them initiate innovative, effective and proactive social change and development initiatives. While this remains at the fore of our programming efforts, we also seek to provide validated and correct information to support the decision of young people to work in a particular direction. We also track



and monitor ongoing programmes as well as research to find out what is working, what is not working and to showcase, endorse and reward outstanding practice.

*Dabesaki Mac-Ikemenjima with the Honourable A. O. Asita,
Rivers State Commissioner for Youth, Employment and Economic Empowerment*

We believe that this will be a unique opportunity to inspire ongoing community action around various development issues and support the participation of young people in decision making processes. Young people need appropriate information to be actively and meaningfully involved in decision making and development processes! In the coming year, we hope to improve on our efforts in core scientific research and to ensure that we are able to make a difference in providing base line and secondary data to support the case for youth involvement in development action from grassroots to national and international levels.

Online Consultation on Youth Participation at the XIV International Conference on AIDS and STI in Africa

The International Conference on AIDS and STI in Africa (ICASA) is a biennial gathering of professionals and activists in the field of HIV/AIDS in Africa. The meeting is a critical gathering place to discuss critical issues related to the state infections across the region, ongoing national and regional programmes, share research results and highlight how various stakeholder groups are faring. There were a number of concerns with the level of youth participation at the previous ICASAs. For the first time, there was a youth programme at the 2003 Nairobi ICASA but there was very little coordination between the agencies supporting youth participation at the conference and the number of youth who participated at the conference was limited due to a number of constraints.

In order to find out what the challenges of youth participation are, identify key solutions to the challenges of youth participation and provide a clear direction on the way forward for youth participation at the ICASA 2005, DPI worked with YIELD to organise an online

consultation with over 110 young people from across 25 African and 4 non-African countries. The discussion focused on challenges of youth participation at previous ICASA, lessons learnt from youth participation at the Nairobi 2003 ICASA, possible activities of youth at Abuja 2005, and frameworks to guide post conference youth initiatives. The outcome of the consultation was a report which was used as an advocacy tool to lobby the conference secretariat and various donors. Both the conference steering committee chair- Prof. Femi Soyinka and various agencies welcomed the report and worked on the basis of its recommendations to integrate youth issues and youth participation into their agenda for the ICASA. Consequently, a youth programme with a full time Desk officer was set up at the conference secretariat.

DPI's role in organising the youth programme was maintained throughout the process, as the youth committee meetings were attended online by young people from across Africa, and recommendations were shared across board. In its role as south secretariat of the Global Youth Coalition on AIDS, DPI, also assisted in organising of youth networking sessions during the ICASA, which served as a major space for youth delegates to gather and share views on broader issues of youth and HIV/AIDS programming.

Youth Leadership in the 21st Century: Advocating Youth Participation at the African Development Forum



DPI carried out an online consultation with over 110 youth from across 25 countries in Africa to discuss the challenges of youth in 5 thematic areas to develop a report which was forwarded to the organisers of the African Development Forum (ADF), which was focused on Youth Leadership in the 21st Century. The ADF is an annual gathering of African Leaders, organised by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, to discuss the development challenges of the continent, with a bid to find lasting solutions and come-up with integrated strategies to stem the trend. The focus of the 2005 ADF on youth was a strategic opportunity to come-up with a clear agenda for youth and to ensure that youth issues are given the most deserved attention and the best solutions are evolved.

DPI worked through this opportunity to set-up a permanent online discussion forum for Development Partnership, through which it hopes to reach youth throughout the African region. DP is a strategic initiative aimed at mobilising youth leaders, activists and professionals from across Africa, to link them to each other and to create an opportunity for them to work together to develop and seek to implement integrated, multi-stakeholder strategies to address Africa's development needs. DP is also working

towards advocating the integration of young leaders and youth issues as major priorities in the development of national Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers. The Millennium Development Goals and the New Partnership for Africa's Development are core guiding frameworks for DP's implementation.

Youth Participation at the United Nations General Assembly



DPI's Executive Director Dabesaki Mac-Ikemenjima with the Honourable Minister for Intergovernmental Affairs, Special Duties and Youth Development; Mr Frank Nweke

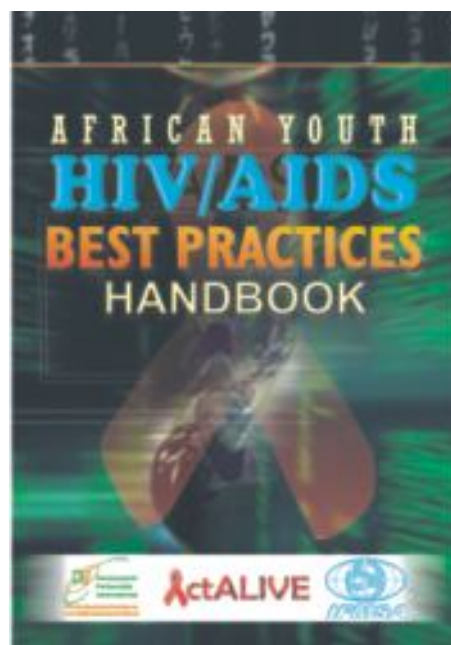
In order to facilitate the transparent, open and fair process of selecting an official youth delegate to the 2005 United Nations General Assembly, DPI worked with the UN programme on youth, the Federal Ministry of Inter-governmental Affairs, youth development and special duties and PLAY International to develop concrete proposals on the selection process for the youth delegate to the United Nations General assembly. The General Assembly session in 2005 was strategic because it focused on the review

of progress made with implementation of the MDG and the World Programme of Action for Youth. Many governments sent youth delegates to the UN General Assembly for the first time.

2. Research and Documentation

African Youth HIV/AIDS Best Practices Handbook

The African Youth HIV/AIDS Best Practice Handbook is a compendium of youth-led projects from across Africa. Profiling around 100 projects from over 25 African countries, carried out by young people, through youth-adult partnership and by adult for youth, the handbook serves as an effective guide to youth initiatives in Africa, what is working, and what can be replicated in other communities to effect change and turn the tide around in the spread of HIV/AIDS in the continent. The handbook was put together by ACTALIVE, International Federation of Medical Students Associations and DPI through a submission process that allowed project initiators or those involved with the implementation to directly submit their projects.



The major rationale for putting together the best practices handbook is that young people are involved with various initiatives from community to international levels to effectively address AIDS and reduce its spread and impact in their communities and beyond, yet these initiatives do not receive the desired attention, recognition, respect and support they deserve. The projects profiled have been painstakingly selected by a team from the three collaborating organisations and represent the best of African youth initiatives to address the scourge of AIDS, as well as their drive, innovation, initiative, energy, leadership and enthusiasm. The handbook's projects were presented by some of the authors during the ICASA 2005 Conference and will formally be launched during the International AIDS Conference holding in Toronto during August 2006.

Young people especially in Africa are the most vulnerable to HIV infection, constituting over 6 million of current infections, yet they are the most active in the efforts to halt the spread of the virus. African youth are active in initiatives related to treatment, prevention, care, support and advocacy. They are determined to make a change! Thus, their efforts towards the change process need to be recognised, endorsed and showcased for potential further funding opportunities.

Young People and the Millennium Development Goals: Challenges and Opportunities

DPI was involved with the development of the report on youth and the Millennium Development Goals: challenges and opportunities, which was printed with support from the United Nations Programme on Youth. The report highlights the challenges of young people, their role in the implementation of the MDGs and how they hope to advance its implementation at the community level.

3. Capacity Building: Our capacity building initiatives for 2005 were meant to



DPI Members at her first meeting

integrate local youth initiatives into national and global development agenda. Thus we organised a number of workshop sessions that focus on specific international youth development issues, particularly the Millennium Development Goals, and the World Programme of Action for Youth.

Why Humanitarian Service? January 14, 2005



DPI Members with Dr. Raphael Oke and Mrs. Nyeche Edna

DPI's first management board meeting was used as an internal capacity building session to learn and create a clear sense of the essence of youth engagement in social change and development efforts. Key resource persons included the Secretary of the Rivers State Action Committee on AIDS, Dr. C. M. Oke and the Country Coordinator of Teachers Without Borders-Nigeria Mr. Raphael Oke. Dr. Oke who was represented by Mrs.

Nyeche Edna, underscored the need for VCCT services to be made available to young people, as a result of their vulnerability and risk taking behaviour. He made clear that the health ministry was willing to work with innovative youth organizations to make such services become more available to youth. Raphael Oke spoke extensively on the Why of humanitarian services. Very often, young people do not clearly understand the significance and substantial contribution they can make through their involvements in non-profit and volunteer efforts to national and international development. Thus, it was desirable to share key expectations from those volunteering to render services to humanity and what the possible gains are. Simply put, humanitarian service is a voluntary commitment made to improve human lives on the basis of perceived social needs or personal experience, both positive and negative.

DPI's Programme Director Onyiye Ndubisi organized a workshop on fund raising and proposal writing. She highlighted the key expected features in a good proposal that will receive donor support. The board meeting was used as an opportunity to determine DPI's core strategic planning and five thematic areas were agreed upon. These include: Employment/Entrepreneurship, Health, ICT4D, Environmental Sustainability and Education.

Consultation on the World Programme of Action for Youth, February 4, 2005

The World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY) to the year 2000 and beyond is a strategic framework on youth development adopted by the United Nations General Assembly session in 1995. It contains ten priority areas that provide effective guidance for



the development of national youth policy and youth development planning. Additional five priority areas were adopted through the World Youth Agenda in 2000. The youth 2005 marked 10 years after the adoption of the World Programme of Action, thus there were several activities going on at every level to review progress made with implementation.

In order to guide this process at the national level, the United Nations provided a Making Commitments Matter toolkit to guide young people in evaluating national youth policy as enshrined in the WPAY. DPI organized a consultation on five thematic areas: education, health, employment/entrepreneurship, ICT4D and environmental sustainability. The consultation was attended by star actress and celebrity Ms. Hilda Dokubo who was then Special Assistant to the Rivers State government on youth affairs. Some of the recommendations that came out of the consultation include the need to: provide financial support and mentoring to young entrepreneurs, overhaul the educational system to absorb contemporary trends in educational development, especially the new information and communication technologies, ensure oil company compliance with environmental impact assessment, to evolve integrated waste management system and the need to make health services youth friendly.

National Youth Symposium, June 15, 2005

The Youth Leadership Symposium was DPI's first major event, which brought together 45 young leaders from 5 States of Nigeria to discuss issues related to the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS). The forum was organized as a preparatory meeting towards the first Nigerian Youth Leadership Summit which held in September 2005. Two sessions were featured during the symposium- the opening session and working group sessions. The opening was attended by Mrs. Clara Princewill, Director Youth in the Rivers State Ministry of Youth, Employment and Economic Empowerment and Prof. Awotua-Efebo who was keynote speaker. The symposium was chaired by Dr. Dele Osah-Ogulu. Dr. Ogulu described the event as unprecedented and very well organized. His paper put forward a model positive development process (PDP) which proposed the engagement of all young people through value re-orientation, and hard work to achieve set goals. Truly, this was the key purpose of the meeting, to discuss value re-orientation and the three other components of the NEEDS, which hold great promise for Nigeria.

Five thematic discussion groups were formed to discuss what policy provisions exist in the areas of employment, environmental sustainability, ICT4D, education and health, how young people have fared within the gains and pains in each thematic area, and what actions need to be taken to advance the cause of youth. Each discussion group came up with key recommendations in each area which was presented at the plenary.

The working group on education was particularly important as a number of senior academics were involved in discussing the issues with young people with a bid to find key recommendations.

Nigerian Youth Leadership Summit, September 1-2, 2005



The first Nigerian Youth Leadership Summit was organized by DPI in collaboration with the Centre for Development Support Initiatives, alongside other partners like the Government of Rivers State and the Rivers State chapter of the National Youth Council. The summit was meant to bring young leaders, activists and professionals to discuss and deliberate on the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS). 125

youth and government officials from 19 States attended the summit. The summit was formally opened by the Rivers State Commissioner of Youth Employment and Economic Empowerment, Mr. Honourable O. Asita. Youth leaders were supported by both governmental and various non-governmental organizations to attend the summit.

The summit had two phases; Pre-Summit Capacity Building Workshop and the main Summit. The five hour capacity building workshop featured advocacy strategies, how to set-up a successful youth-led non-governmental organization and mobilizing youth for effective social change and development actions. Resource persons included: Ms. Hilda Dokubo, Mrs. Mina Ogbanga, Mr. Raphael Oko and Mr. Dawari George. This session stimulated a lot of dialogue which will assist in organizing the second Nigerian youth leadership summit.

The formal opening of the summit was attended by the Rivers State Commissioners for Youth and Education and the Chair of the Agency for Re-orientation, Integrity, Service and Ethics (ARISE). A round table on education for all (EFA) highlighted the key challenges to Nigeria's educational development, and what role each stakeholder should play in ensuring that the quality of education provided meets internationally acceptable standards, and that the educational system is made accessible to all young people and affordability was a key issue that stood in the fore of the discussions. A progress report was presented by the desk office on education for all in the Ministry of Education. What is most worrisome is that although education has been declared free, the associated

personal costs (APC) are not borne by government, and these costs are significantly affecting the ability of communities to maximize the free education policy of government. There is a strong need to ensure the provision of adequate infrastructure to corroborate the policy of free education for all.

The second day of the summit began with a plenary on youth leadership towards sustainable national development, which featured presentations from young leaders who have been working in the field of youth and development. Presentations focused on the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), issues related to employment and sexual reproductive health. Some of the issues that came up strongly include the need to improve health services to become youth friendly in order to meet the needs of youth. The plenary was followed by break away group discussions, which evolved recommendations that were later presented at the plenary. The second day was concluded with the adoption of a communiqué which highlighted some of the key challenges and concerns of young people discussed during the summit and broader youth development issues. After painstaking discussions, the communiqué was unanimously adopted by all participants. A major highlight was the decision to hold the second summit in Enugu.

Integrating Sexual Health Rights into HIV/AIDS Programming, December 7, 2005

DPI's Programme Director, Onyiye Belinda Ndubisi facilitated a skills building workshop on integrating sexual health rights into HIV/AIDS programme. DPI members at the session were Dabesaki Mac-Ikemenjima, Noel Agoha and Chibuzo Governor. The session was attended by a diverse audience and chaired by the Executive Director of IPAS Nigeria.



4. Networking



We have been making frantic efforts to link young leaders both at the local and international levels to share resources, experience, expertise, and to work together to develop broad-based integrated strategies to address sustainable development needs of their communities in a variety of areas. Since we started working in 2004, we have been working to make networking within Africa possible.

www.developmentpartnership.org, an informative website, was developed in April 2005 through the support of One Village Foundation, including customized email addresses for DPI members and staff. The website currently has content related to DPI's activities, an events page, a links page and a projects page. The website will be upgraded in the months ahead to integrate interactive components to meet the networking needs of youth across Africa and beyond. As much as possible, activities and events posted on the site will be such that will create opportunities for young people to share their work, learn from others, build partnerships and foster collaborative spirit to advance the work of youth.



DPI Board Member Dr. Joseph Kinanee with Dabesaki at the AU Consultative meeting in Addis Ababa

Development Partnership listserv: This is an interactive forum with over 400 youth leaders from about 35 African countries subscribed. The forum was used to discuss the youth input into the V African Development Forum, which is focused on youth leadership in the 21st century. <http://groups.takingitglobal.org/development>

Development Partnership Wire: is a quarterly newsletter which highlights DPI's activities, ongoing programmes and activities at both the regional and global levels and participation at various national and international activities.

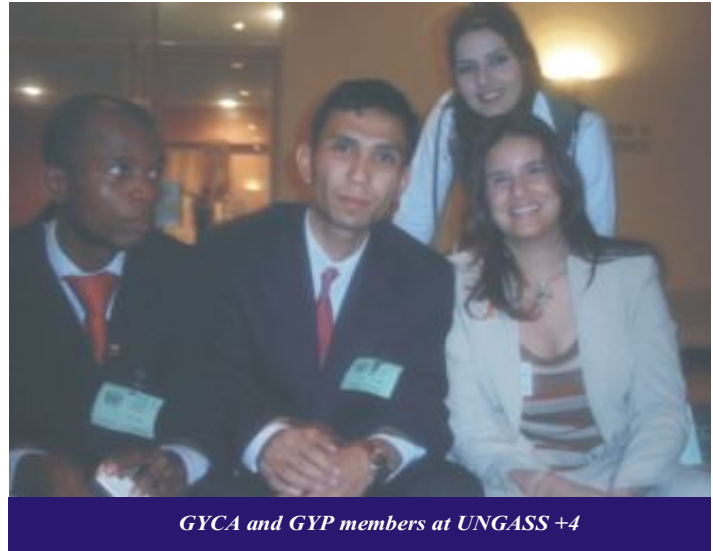
Pan African Youth Federation

During the months of November to December, DPI's Executive Director was involved with the development of the concept paper for the establishment of a Pan African Youth Federation. This paper was proposed as a result of the fragmentation of youth activities in Africa, the huge gap between resources available for youth programmes and the level of impact felt by young people in the continent and the very strong need to effectively coordinate the efforts of youth in the region.

Although the African Union has been working with the Pan African Youth Union, there were issues with its ability to communicate effectively with youth from the continent and the African Union, as well as its ability to mobilise all youth organisations in Africa to work towards the development of the region. The PYU is also facing structural challenges as it relates to its staff. The concept paper will be forwarded to the AU pre-conference meeting in January for discussions and recommendations as may be necessary.

Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS

DPI played a major role in the founding of the Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS. The coalition is an aftermath of youth participation at the XV International AIDS Conferences held in Bangkok in 2004. The coalition is being supported by UNAIDS and UNFPA. DPI is currently playing the role of South Secretariat covering the entire global south; Asia, Latin America and Africa.



Participation

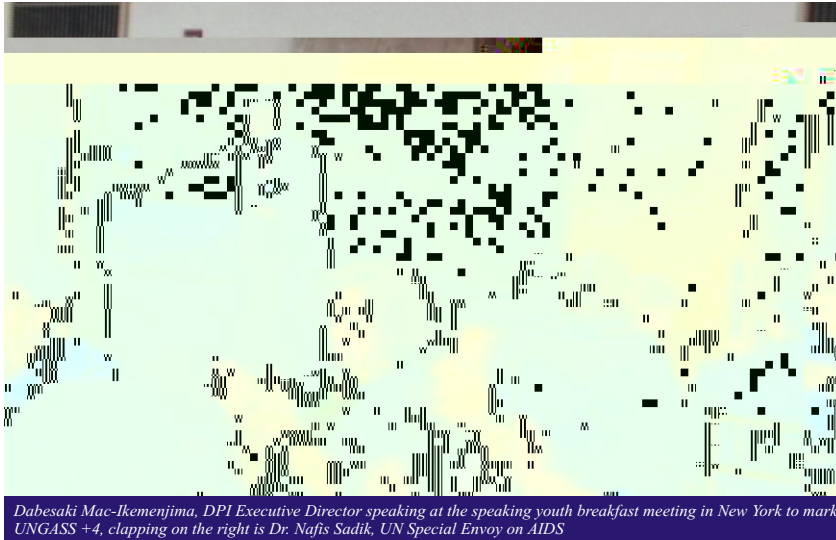
DPI staff and members participated in various international events during the year 2005. Some of the events attended include:

Consultative Session on the World Programme of Action for Youth: This meeting was held in New York to review progress made with the implementation of the WPAY and brought together 15 youth leaders from across the world. The meeting was also used to reflect on and review progress made with the implementation of the MDGs.

United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development: The Commission on Sustainable Development is an annual meeting of governments and civil society stakeholders to review progress made with environment and sustainable development efforts. DPI's Programme Director Onyiye Ndubisi and she presented the youth caucus statement to member states.

Global Forum on ICT for Education: DPI submitted a paper on e-education in Nigeria: challenges and Prospects as part of our participation at the United Nations ICT Task Force Global Forum on Education held in Dublin. The paper highlighted e-education efforts in Nigeria from the 1960's until 2005 and various civil society efforts towards improving access to ICT education, including a collaborative effort between DPI and One Village Foundation to establish Unity Centres as part of the Nigerians for Digital Development Project.

United Nations UNGASS HIV/AIDS Review meeting: Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA) in 2005 worked with UNFPA to review progress made with implementing the declaration of commitment on HIV/AIDS made at the UN General Assembly Special Session in 2001 (UNGASS DoC). The reports were presented at a special breakfast which was declared open by the Executive Director of UNFPA- Ms Thoraya Obaid at the United Nations in New York. DPI's Executive Director was one of young people who attended the meeting in New York.



Global Health Council Conference: DPI's Executive Director was an invited speaker at a special round table session at the Global Health Council Conference held in Washington DC. The session was organised by Family Health International and UNFPA.

KTFI International Conference: This conference was organised by the Kid power, Teen power and Full power to address issues related to violence and abuse against young people, particularly sexual abuse. The conference was more of a hands on training session on self training skills and defence against various kinds of attackers.

Commonwealth Regional Advisory Board Meeting: DPI's Executive Director, Dabesaki Mac-Ikemenjima was appointed as the Nigerian Representative to the Commonwealth Regional Youth Caucus Africa held in Maseru, Lesotho. The regional advisory board meeting served as the inaugural meeting for the youth caucus and was used as a space to develop the work plan for the youth caucus at the regional level. In playing this role, he will be required to attend various commonwealth meetings, including the Youth Ministers meeting which will hold in the Bahamas in May 2006 as well as other commonwealth governance meetings. The term of office for this position will be three years.

Amplifying Youth Voices Workshop: DPI is involved with a survey process to relate education, poverty and human rights through its fellowship programme with 15 young people from around the world. A training programme was organised in New York in November 2005 to provide training on participatory action research, which was attended by Dabesaki.

International Conference on AIDS and STI in Africa: DPI members and staff attended the International Conference on AIDS and STI in Africa held in Abuja, during December 2005. Funding to participate at this conference was provided by UNFPA and UNICEF. In its role as South Secretariat of the Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS, provided support towards organising two networking sessions for participants at the conference. DPI members who attended this meeting include: Onyiye, Chibuzo, Samuel, Betsy, Mpaka, Ibe, Noel and Dabesaki.

International Women's Health Conference: DPI's Programme Director was a participant and speaker at this conference held in New Delhi India.

Financial Statement

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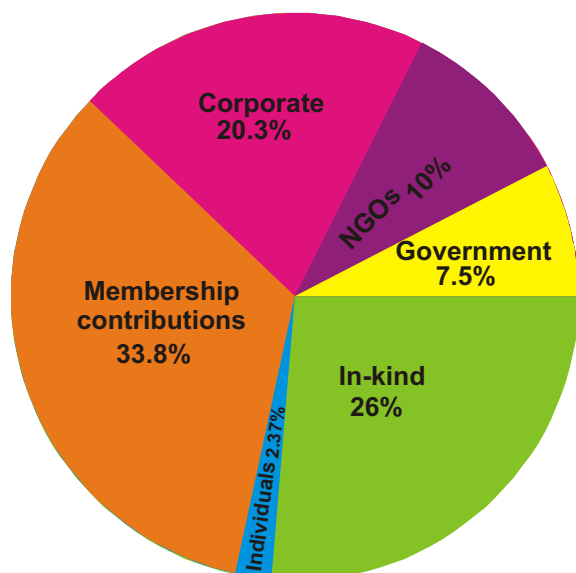
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| NGOs | | 148,000 |
| Corporate | | 300,000 |
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| In-kind contributions | | 385,000 |

Total 1,479,000

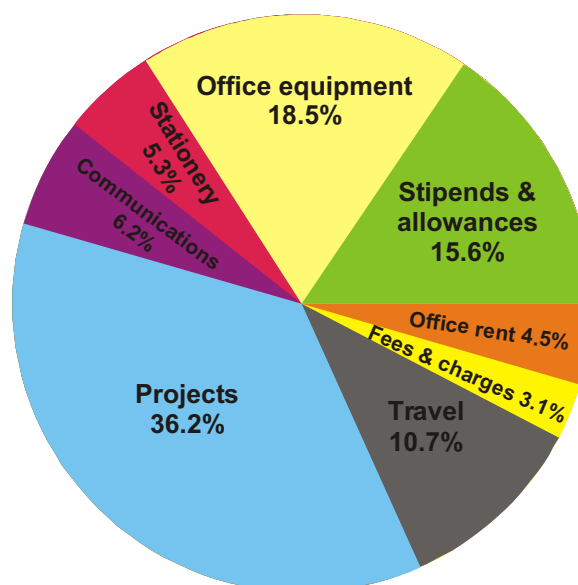
Expenses

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| Stipends and allowances | 230,000 |
| Office Equipment | 274,000 |
| Stationery and general office costs | 78,000 |
| Communications | 92,000 |
| Projects | 535,000 |
| Travel | 158,275 |
| Professional fees and charges | 46,000 |
| Office rent | 66,000 |

Total Expenses 1,479,275



Income



Expenditure

Staff and Management

Dabesaki Mac-Ikemenjima, *Executive Director*

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Executive Director, Development Partnership International

Partners

Center for Development Support Initiatives: collaborated with DPI in organising the Nigerian Youth Leadership Summit in Port Harcourt. CEDSI remains one of DPI's core strategic partners.



One Village Foundation: has been particularly supportive of DPI's activities and has aided its web presence tremendously through the development and administration of DPI's www.developmentpartnership.org.



Rivers State Government: through the Ministry of Youth, Employment and Economic Empowerment and the Ministry of Culture, the government provided the venue for DPI's first youth leadership summit.



International Conference on AIDS and STI in Africa: DPI was involved in the development, planning and implementation of the youth programme and activities for ICASA 2005 held in Abuja, December 2005.



Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS: DPI currently serves as the South Secretariat of the Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS, and is a strategic partner of the network.

Federal Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs, Youth Development and Special Duties: DPI collaborated with the ministry in the process towards selecting a youth representative to the United Nations General Assembly.

ACTALIVE: worked with DPI in the development of the African Youth HIV/AIDS Best Practices Handbook.



International Federation of Medical Students Associations: through the Standing Committee on Reproductive Health, IFMSA collaborated with DPI in the development of the HIV/AIDS Best Practices Handbook.

Media Appearances:

AIT, RayPower, Tide, RSTV, Radio Rivers, Rhythm, NAN.



Award and Recognition:

MTV's Staying Alive Award - Onyiye Belinda Ndubisi, Programme Director.

ON MARBLE...

I have worked with the committed activists at DPI for two years now-on the African Youth HIV/AIDS Best Practices Handbook project;... And I have the highest admiration and regard for them, both professionally and personally.

*- **Janet Feldman**, Executive Director and Founder ActALIVE*

DPI contributed tremendously to the planning and execution process in ICASA 2005. DPI's input had impacted on the success achieved both in fundraising and planning of the Youth Programme.

*- **Prof. Femi Soyinka**, ICASA 2005 President*

DPI comes at a time when the obvious need for a bridge between policy and action becomes more evident. Watching DPI contribute to the establishment and maintenance of this bridge has been quite interesting.

*- **Gbenga Sesan**, Lagos Digital Village*

DPI is known for its annual youth leadership summit which brings together youth leaders in Nigeria to x-ray youth problems, share experiences and proffer practical solutions.

*- **Olawale Rotimi**, Member, UNFPA Youth Advisory Panel, Taskforce Member Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS*

We have continued to support DPI because we see the tremendous effort in its international work in bringing youth together to consider the issues of sustainable development, youth activism, ICT and AIDS

*- **One Village Foundation***

I am quite impressed with your organisation's work as advocates for youth issues in HIV and AIDS and other global developmental concerns. DPI is an example of an energetic and informed youth contribution to global and national action to challenge the shackles that bind our development as a nation and as a world

*- **Omololu Falobi**, Journalists Against AIDS*

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