

REMARKS

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Inter-Agency Network Youth Development Programme

Graduation Ceremony

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Ladies and Gentlemen, our Special invited guests, Graduates, Good morning

"It has been our honour and privilege as the Trench Town Community Development Committee (TTCDC) to have been able to be a part of the ground breaking Inter Agency Network Pilot project the IAN Programme and to be one of the 1st communities which is Trench Town that the programme has been in.

During this project when we were asked as the TTCDC to recruit young people in and around our community. We were excited for this task as it provided an opportunity for our youths to expand their knowledge and skills set in project management, Proposal writing and general administration while being able to work with the Trench Town Community Development Committee (TTCDC).

However the task wasn't an easy one because of the nature that youths have a tendency to be reluctant to opportunities. None the less we were able to cross that hurdle and we recruited 10 participants but only 8 were serious about the great opportunity that they were given to work and to give back to their own communities.

Throughout the past year this program has helped the Trench Town Community Development Committee (TTCDC) to grow in an infinite way. Working with the young people and developing their skill set to become more employable has allowed us to meet some of the most incredible, hard-working, driven young people.

Been one of the main volunteer supervisors monitoring the team, wasn't an easy task because of the different personalities of our apprentices I find myself up and down a roll coaster.

Notwithstanding that we appreciate their crave and willingness to learn and adapt which is quite remarkable and that make us proud. In turn It has challenged me as an individual to more patient, and appreciative of the development of the partnership and the relationship we have built that has made us stronger to serve the community at large.

During the project we have seen the participants and staff of the Trench Town Community Development Committee (TTCDC) have grown from strength to strength.

The participants have learned how to be a more confident individuals, they have emerged as leaders who is more receptive and understands the needs of others while demonstrating how to be positive role models for themselves and their peers within their community.

" The program pushed me to further develop my professionalism, cultural humility, communication skills, time management skills, and other administrative skills." Mention an apprentice

We as the TTCDC believe that the IAN Programme offers great opportunity and has helped to built the Trench Town Community Development Committee (TTCDC) which is limitless. The organization has been able though the project to create their youth arm which targets young people to be a part of the committee.

The IAN Project provided an opportunity for our youths to receive accredited courses such as Business Management, Project Management and business administration which has been remarkable. There are however pitfalls that can be assisted and that's why its a pilot which the Trench Town Community Development Committee (TTCDC) is committed to make a success.

In closing we want to say thanks from the Trench Town Community Development Committee (TTCDC) for taking a chance with us and allowing us to be a part of the magnificent partnership I know that this project will continue to go far and help so many communities. We which and hope there can be a second part to the project to develop more of our young people.

Thank You.