

## PROGRAMMING

# 18. CAP YOUTH PROJECTS

This is a summary of the CAP youth projects. Each youth group devised their own programs after conducting workshops and consultations with other young people in their communities.



### **ANGOLA: MOJUP: YOUTH MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE**

MOJUP consists of five youth peace “unities” in Huambo province. These peace unities meet each week to discuss peacebuilding issues and to develop volunteer community actions to contribute to the restoration of their areas. Each unity has two youth coordinators. MOJUP also has an overall youth coordinator. Each month MOJUP holds meetings to discuss peacebuilding issues and to do informal training.

MOJUP has organized community cleanups, tree planting and radio debates. It recently co-organized a five day peace promotion program which included a youth peace conference (300 in attendance) followed by a city rally, special church services and peace marches. MOJUP is currently expanding to another province in Angola.

### **BOSNIA: SUNCE, ZVORNICK**

SUNCE is an organization of high school youth in Zvornick. It has approximately 350 members. Its programs are focussed on filling gaps in the services for young people and to provide some alternatives for adolescents who have become disaffected and angry because of their depressed living conditions.

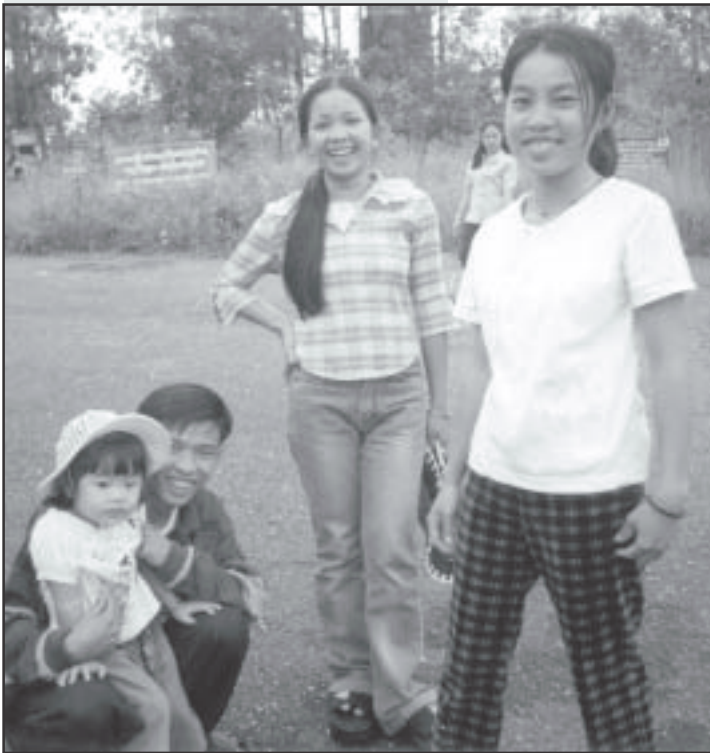
SUNCE programs have included traffic education for children, sex education for adolescents (problems with HIV/AIDS in the area), advocacy training, round table discussions on how youth can become more involved in the community and special sports events.

## **BURMA/THAILAND : CAP BURMA-THAI**

Each of the seven youth ethnic organizations represented in CAP Burma-Thai developed a special project. The programs were:

- \* Cultural dance training for Shan Nation children in the border villages.
- \* Human rights training with young refugees in the Karenni camp.
- \* Gender sensitivity training in the Karen refugee camp.
- \* Investigation of the human rights situation for children in the fishing villages along the Thai border (Arakan refugees).
- \* Literacy training and special speaker program (peacebuilding issues) with migrant refugees in Chiang Mai area.
- \* Child rights training for the group.

## **CAMBODIA: CAMP**



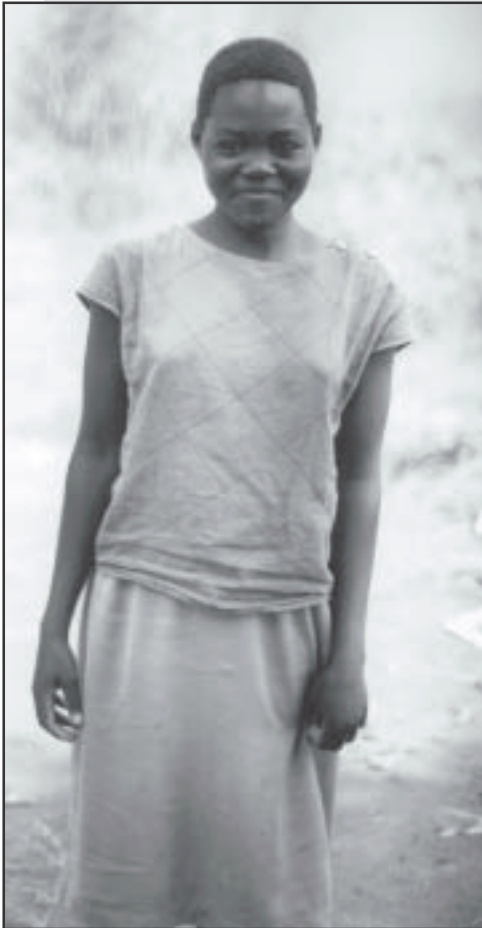
*Participants in CYP workshop, Cambodia*

CAMP organized a collaborative process with other youth organizations that resulted in the development of a coalition titled CYP: Children and Youth for Peace. To begin that process each group created its own small program. These projects included:

- Tree Planting for Peace Project
- Workshop on “Children’s Roles in Their Families and Society”
- Drawing Contest and Quiz Show on “Children and Peacebuilding”
- Workshop on “Children’s Rights and the Effect of War on Children”
- Workshop on “Children’s Rights, Child Sexual Exploitation”

When these projects were completed a five-day workshop was organized with representatives from each group. This workshop combined training with discussions on a coalition. The coalition was approved and elections were held for officers.

CYP’s first joint effort was a special workshop and rally on domestic violence held in Rattanak Mondul. This was led by children and youth – adults were the workshop participants.



Girl from Uganda

## COLOMBIA: TALLER DE VIDA

Taller youth are principally displaced young people living on the outskirts of Bogotá, having left their villages in rural Colombia. The programs focusses on public education and services for displaced children to help with the transition from rural to urban life. These include:

- **A Child's Peace Garden in Usme**

Children cleaned up an area and planted trees and flowers. Each flower was named for a participant who became responsible for caring for it.

- **Youth Video Club**

The youth received basic training in video production work and purchased a simple camera. They developed scripts on issues of importance to displaced youth. A community television station in Bogotá broadcast their videos each Saturday.

- **An exchange program**

Displaced children/youth gave talks to schools in the rich/middle class areas. Some buddy systems were created. Youth also tried to give a presentation to the government but were refused.

- **Drama Project**

In consultation with a local theatre group, youth created a play on the situation of displaced people. Terre des Hommes funded a six-week tour of this play in Germany.

## UGANDA: CAP GULU AND WORLD VISION REHABILITATION CENTRE

This group focussed on the problems of former child soldiers in their reintegration back into their communities. This had two components:

- **Peer Support Group for Girl Mothers**

This group was formed to provide a safe place for former girl soldiers to discuss their problems. These girls are having many resettlement problems because they have children to care for and because their communities do not accept them.

- **Drama Group**

The drama group contains a mixture of students, some of whom are former child soldiers. Together they created a play about village life, abduction by the LRA, life with the LRA and the possibilities for reconciliation. They performed this play to audiences of 1,000 and more in the displaced people's camps, schools and villages around Gulu. The play was very positively received.