

Minutes
Interagency Youth Theme Group Meeting
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#	Agenda	Discussion	Tasks/recommendations	Resp. parties	Deadline
1	Introduction of participants	Participants introduced themselves and provided brief information on the programs/activities related to youth of their respective organizations.		All participants	
2	Brief update by group members on International Youth Day (VSO, YPEER, UNV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VSO organized, together with partners (UNV, Y-PEER, UNFPA, State Youth Committee and National Youth Resource Center) a Career Fair for the International Youth Day on 17, August. The goal was to inform volunteers on the benefits of volunteering and how to best get a job. It was an opportunity to get to know different organizations and volunteer positions. • Y-PEER also participated in the Career Fair and found it a very useful event. There were large numbers of visitors at the exhibition and also a large number of participants who took part in different Master Classes (on public speaking, how to prepare a CV etc.). Hyatt was also there at the career fair and a few visitors that applied for positions at Hyatt were hired, also many volunteer organizations were able to attract new volunteers. But the main aim of the event was to demonstrate volunteerism and to motivate youth. 		VSO, YPEER, UNV	

3	<p>Upcoming Event from Counterpart International: Social Good Summit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social Good Summit will be organized in the framework of Tajikistan Youth Leadership Programme (YLP). The Social Good Summit is an interactive, web-based conference. It will be held from 22-24 September and is about innovative thinking paired with modern technology. On 24, September a global conversation will take place via Google hangouts and there will be a workshop recorded on YouTube. Counterpart is open for suggestions and sharing of experiences with such online events. 12 people from regions covered by Counterpart’s YLP in Tajikistan will be chosen to participate. Participants have limited English skills, but some translation might also be provided. The Social Good Summit will be conducted in English. Some active youth from Dushanbe with excellent English language skills might be invited for participation as well. • UNFPA will also support conduction of the Social Good Summit. UNFPA has contacted MegaFon to help with provision of technical support for the event and they seemed interested. Such new technologies might in future also be utilized to get in contact and work with other YTGs around the world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counterpart International will share the presentation on the Social Good Summit with the YTG members. • Members are welcome to participate in the event and provide support with its organization. 		22.-24.9.
4	<p>UNV and Online Volunteering: presentation by Keiichi Sato, UNV Coordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Volunteers can be easily hired by non-profit organizations working in the development sector. Using the platform of “Online Volunteer” infrastructure is free of charge. You just need your PC and internet connection. Simple! Such volunteers can be helpful with a wide variety of tasks such as proof reading, translations, project proposal writing, graphic design etc. Some organization even used Online Volunteer to invite programmer to develop mobile phone application for their projects (such as hazard maps, warning system). • In partnership with UNV this online volunteering platform was created to give people the opportunity to volunteer for global development. Organizations willing to include online volunteers can register at 	UNV to disseminate the presentation on Online Volunteering among YTG members.	UNV	

		<p>www.onlinevolunteering.org, create a TOR for the task (what the work is, how much time is required, deadlines, skill set needed) and choose from the applicants that apply. Enough time must be scheduled for including online volunteers. The online volunteers will work for free, but should get a certificate for their work in the end.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keiichi talked about International UN Volunteer and National UN Volunteer which are volunteers who serve under the scheme of UNV Programme, while he mentioned about conventional volunteers which we usually refer to as youth participation.• One of the categories of UN Volunteers is the national UN Volunteer scheme, which means they work in the assigned country they originally come from, but will get an allowance, medical insurance and therefore are paid. But pension funds will not be paid for these national UN volunteers. National UN Volunteers are eligible for UN agencies and organizations partnering with a UN agency, as far as UN agencies take responsibility.• Another category of UN Volunteers are international volunteers – they work in different, assigned countries than where they come from. They get a living allowance that allows them to pay their living costs and their flights to and from the assigned country and their health insurance is covered. They are usually paid by from donor countries, but it is possible that a project or UN agency recruits (with approval from UNV HQ) an international/national UN volunteer with their own fund. Tajikistan has also sent more than 86 Tajik volunteers abroad; currently there is one in DRC. International volunteers can be hired by UN agencies and organizations working with UN agencies.• In Tajikistan it is difficult to find volunteers because they are either students that can't dedicate their full time to volunteering (by the order of government) or they are going away to work in Russia in order to earn			
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		<p>money. And this is mainly caused by lack of UN agencies' understanding about UN Volunteer Programme and volunteers beyond traditional collective action of "hashar".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also many organizations in Tajikistan have difficulties gathering volunteers. Volunteers usually get trained and leave the organizations thereafter. The challenge is that volunteering usually can only attract youth that is well-off and that doesn't need to earn money. That's a huge barrier for volunteering. AFEW mentioned that the mentality in the country is still a bit different; there is no real sense of community. But maybe orphans between the age of 14 and 18 could be won for volunteerism because they need attention and care and could contribute a lot to organizations working with volunteers. 			
5	AOB	<p>PB informed that three main dates are coming and YTG members could be a part of events devoted to them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 11, International Day of the Girl Child – UNICEF will have some activities and it would be good to involve other interested partners as well. In addition, if other organizations plan to have some events in the first decade of October, they could also devote it to the IDGC or unite it with other events; • 24 October – UN Day. UN Communication Group is preparing an event which will take place at the Ismaili Center of Dushanbe. Partner agencies are welcome to participate in the event; those who have joint projects with UN agencies are welcome to show their activities there; • December 05 - International Volunteers Day. Some joint activities could be organized by YTG members in order to celebrate this date. One example of successful event is conduction of KVN with a motto "Youth for healthy life style" on December 05, 2010 with participation of Y-PEER, RCST, VSO, FLEX Alumnies. That event was supported by UNFPA and 	<p>YTG members to send the information about planned activities in the beginning of October, which could be combined with IDGC events;</p> <p>YTG members to come up with ideas on joint celebration of the IVD, the ideas to be discussed during the next YTG meeting.</p>	All partners	Till October 15

		UNAIDS.			
6	Next meeting	<p>16 October, 10 – 12 am at UNFPA office, VEFA center.</p> <p>Main topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the UNDP Communities Programme related to youth involvement into the process of elaboration of district development plans. • Discussion about the conduction of UN Day/International Volunteers Day. 		UNFPA, UNDP CP	

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