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Report on the 21st International Day of the African Child

Theme: *“Together for urgent action in favour of street children”*

Date and place: *15/06/11 at CRISPEFP (insertion centre specialised for children with difficulties) situated at Ngousso Ntem Rail sis behind the Chinese hospital.*

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INTRODUCTION

Celebrated since 1991, the 16th June of each year, the Day of the African Child which commemorates the Soweto matching of young college students of 1976, in South Africa, who went into the streets to express their dissatisfaction for the poor quality of education and who will be riddled with real bullets, are the founders of the Organisation of Africa's Unity (OAU), later replaced in 2002 by the African Union (AU). Therefore established to remember the courage of these thousand of students, the Day of the African Child remains a good opportunity for African leaders, Non Governmental Organisations and Civil Society Organisations to dwell on the day to day life of young Africans.

As part of its activities related to childhood, the *Fondation Kana* has associated with the International and African community to celebrate this day on the 16th June as it does each year. The theme of this 21st edition is "together for urgent action in favour of street children."

SEQUENCE OF THE ACTIVITY

For this 21st edition, the *Fondation Kana* joined the ROSPYV (private social networks of Yaounde V) and it should be noted that each year a structure registered under ROSPYV receives and co-organises the event. So this year, the CRISPEFP which is a centre in charge of training children in difficulties, situated in Ngousso Ntem Rail sis behind the Chinese hospital. For this event on 15/06/11, FK was more involved because a good part of its team was present especially as its secretary general is also coordinator of the ROSPY V.

On this day, children of the structure were present, as well as orphans and children with hearing impaired supervised by the *Fondation Kana* who are mostly artist.

The ceremony went on according to the programme below

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Time	Activities	Speakers	Place
8h30	Assembling of targets	Supervisor CRISPEFP	CRISPEFP
9h00	Welcome and introduction of guest	Supervisor CRISPEFP	CRISPEFP
10h00	Arrival of MINAS authorities	Director General of CRISPEFP and coordinator of ROSPY V	CRISPEFP
10H15	Word of welcome	Director General of CRISPEFP	CRISPEFP
10h20	Word of welcome	Coordinator of ROSPY V	CRISPEFP
10h40	Word of welcome	Coordinator of the Fondation Kana	CRISPEFP
11h00	Word of welcome	MINAS Authority	CRISPEFP
11H30	Open doors	CRISPEFP Student, orphan and Handicap supervised by FK	CRISPEFP

The program was well respected; the different speakers said a word of welcome, while alluding to the theme of this 21th edition of this year which really demanded special consideration and a strong focus for the structures that supervise children.

Following the speaker's words especially that of the coordinator of the *Fondation Kana* who emphasized that investment on a child is not only profitable in a medium term, but also ensures sustainable development and this gives all importance to the theme chosen for this edition. The authority of MINAS borrowed the initiative of the *Fondation Kana* to keep moving forward for the well being of the children it supports and monitors. He equally recalled the tragedy of 16th June 1976 in Soweto before indicating that the theme of the Day is synonymous to an invitation to mobilization for more sustained attention to children and devote more resources to them.

There was silence to see the hearing impaired children develop a poem on the situation of children with difficulties, orphans who interpreted some songs to spice up the mood.

Then, an opportunity was given to the children to show their know-how, because many of them already have training with different trades, including: carpenters, painters, tailors and even culinary artists.

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During the presentation of children to the open door, we had the opportunity to see that these children, with the support they receive are already likely to be able to cope and that this has to be checked to enable others to come out of the misery of handicapped and OVC (Orphans and Vulnerable Children).

After the open door, a cocktail was jointly offered by the organisation and ROSPY V to invitees and children, followed by a family picture with everyone present.

OBJECTIVE OF THE ACTIVITY

The objective was:

- ✓ To show the soundness of the structures that supports the children, to plan and budget for the resources we have available to them, to ensure their well being is the goal of the *Fondation Kana*, and ROSPY V and that was seen during the open door that they were subsequently presented.
- ✓ To make known the organisation to the various officials and invitees who were present that day.

SUGGESTION

As a suggestion, it was noticed that the associations in general and those listed in the ROSPY V taking care of childhood did not perform that day, and this is a gaudy attitude within the Associations.

Also, we need to draw the attention of NGO's and associations on the theme of this 21th edition which shows that good budgeting and planning followed by a good responsibility can help the well-being of the latter which is tomorrow's citizens.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ACTIVITY

Financially, this 21st edition of the Day of the African Child asked for a strong mobilisation of children who supervise orphans and handicaps, because they are in different structures in Yaounde and had to ensure movement + nutrition for the day.

The table below gives more details

Designation	Number	U.p	T.p	Observation
Transport+nutrition for orphans and handicaps	30	1 500 FCFA	45000 FCFA	To and fro displacement of children for the occasion
Per diem of the translator of sign language	1	15 000 FCFA	15 000 FCFA	The translator has to convey the message of the hearing impaired to the

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				invitees and people present
For the displacement of the Fondation Kana team.	5	5 000 FCFA	5 000 FCFA	A license to put fuel in the vehicles to transport the team has to be present for the occasion.
Pictures	✓	✓	✓	The organisation's camera helped to take pictures
Cocktail	20	1000 FCFA	20 000FCFA	A small cocktail was made available from the organisation for 10 people to be completed by ROSPY to receive the authorities who were in place

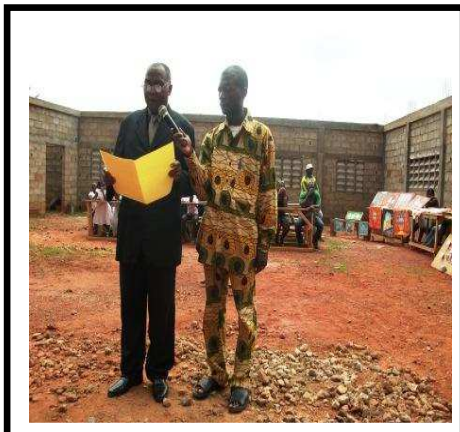
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Some pictures marking the day



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