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Inclusion and protection are neither slogans nor options: they are societal imperatives!

A fair community, nation, or continent is truly measured by the place it gives to its children and, further, by its ability to listen to and protect all children, without distinction. Children's participation is not a privilege: it is a fundamental right, a lever for social transformation, and a guarantee of the sustainability of our actions.

To date, it is essential to remember that children should not be viewed as mere beneficiaries of policies or services, but as full actors of change, who must also be protected from all forms of violence, exploitation, neglect, and discrimination. Too often, children with disabilities in particular remain marginalized from spaces for dialogue, education, training, and social services, while being more exposed to the risk of violations of their rights.

However, their involvement in decisions that affect them is essential, as it not only strengthens their confidence and independence, but also improves the relevance and effectiveness of our programs, while contributing to better prevention and more effective protection at the local, national, and international levels.

Africa is a rapidly growing continent, with a majority of children (more than 44% of the population is under 15 in sub-Saharan Africa). Therefore, no participation can be comprehensive, full, and complete without the genuine inclusion of children with disabilities and without robust child protection mechanisms. Inclusion is not just talk: it requires concrete action, accessible services, adapted environments, and a change in perspective to ensure that every child has the right to be heard, respected, protected, and valued.

Actively listening to a child with reduced mobility means recognizing their place, their experience, their ideas, and their ability to contribute positively to society. Building inclusive and protective societies means choosing equality, dignity, and solidarity. It means adapting our practices, services, and policies so that no child is left behind or exposed to avoidable risks. It also means promoting a culture where difference is not an obstacle, but an asset.

From 1994 to the present day, the MAEJT has worked to realize the 12 fundamental rights of working children and youth throughout Africa and beyond, carrying out major actions and contributing to the protection of more than 15 million children. However, there is still much work to be done. As we often say, "one hand cannot clap alone."

Together, let us commit to strengthening the participation of all children, promoting the inclusion of children with disabilities, and making child protection a daily reality in our societies and services, throughout Africa and around the world. For it is by giving a voice and ensuring protection to every child that we will build a safe and promising Africa, a more equitable, human, and truly inclusive future.

We are further committed as a Movement to pursuing this noble struggle with conviction and count on each other's responsibility and solidarity for a world where all children can flourish in dignity, safety, and respect for their rights.

ALLAMSOU Emmanuel DJOLIA
*National Coordinator of AEJT/Chad, also
Junior Senator of Chad for the United Nations.*



TOUNGA 6, an innovative animated film promoting the rights and inclusion of children with disabilities



The African Movement of Working Children and Youth (MAEJT) has consistently focused its actions on promoting and protecting the rights of children, without any form of discrimination, paying particular attention to vulnerable children and those with special needs.

For example, from September 2 to 8, 2025, Abomey-Calavi (Benin) hosted a regional comic book production workshop dedicated to promoting children's rights, with a particular focus on children with disabilities. This initiative was organized by the African Movement of Working Children and Youth (MAEJT), with technical support from Enda Jeunesse Action International (EJAI) and support from SIDA through the ACCP project.

The workshop brought together children and young people from seven African countries, including several with disabilities. By sharing their experiences of stigmatization and exclusion, the participants contributed to the creation of visual content conveying powerful messages in favor of inclusion and respect for fundamental rights.

The productions resulting from this workshop gave rise to an animated film entitled "**TOUNGA 6: It's not about disability!**". This film is the sixth in the **MAEJT's TOUNGA series**. It serves as an advocacy and awareness-raising tool for decision-makers, communities, and child protection actors, with the aim of strengthening the visibility of the rights of children with disabilities and highlighting the urgent need to enhance their meaningful participation in social change processes.

 You can view the film at the following links:

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Migration of children and young people: a strategic contribution to the regional COPIL



The migration of children and youth is one of the MAEJT's areas of focus. It is central to its work on behalf of children and youth, and is closely linked to the issue of child protection, particularly for those in vulnerable situations.

It is in this spirit that, from November 17 to 19, 2025, the MAEJT, accompanied by its support structure Enda Jeunesse Action International (EJAI), participated in the regional Steering Committee (COPIL) workshop for the project "**Children and Youth on Migration Routes in West and North Africa**" (EJM), held in Rabat, Morocco.

This project aims to strengthen national and regional systems for protection, education, and socio-economic integration in a sustainable manner, while facilitating access for migrant children and youth to essential services, particularly economic integration from the age of 18.

The meeting highlighted the achievements made since 2022, the positive changes observed in the field, and the challenges that remain.

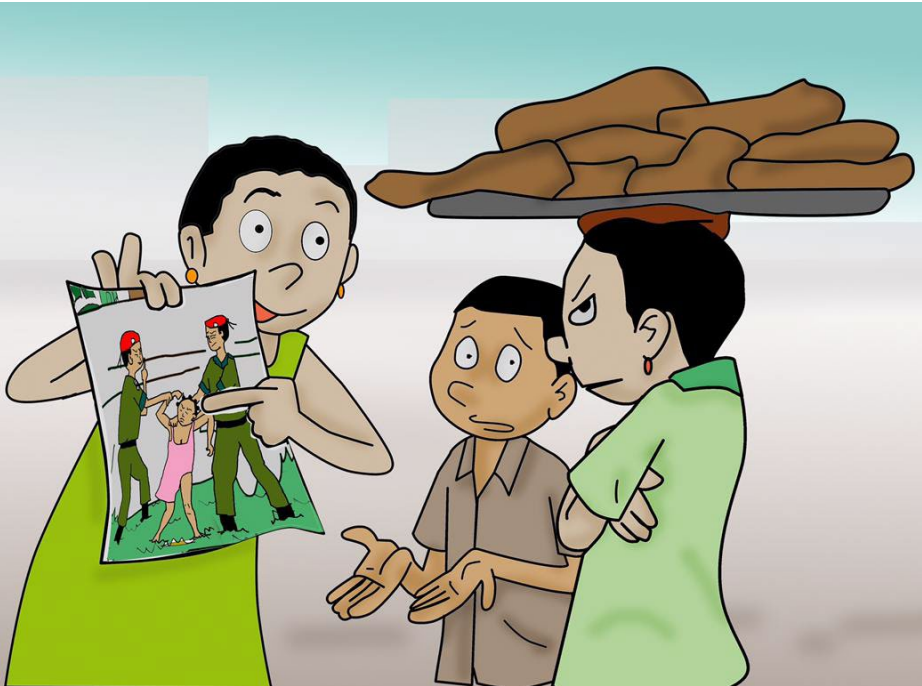
The active participation of the MAEJT and EJAI enriched the discussions with concrete experiences from the field, helping to identify sustainable solutions and consolidate a common vision for better support for migrant children and youth .

This meeting strengthened the MAEJT's position as a key actor in regional advocacy and the promotion of the rights of children and youth in migration situations.

BENIN



strengthening prevention, protection, and empowerment for working children and youth



In 2025, the National Coordination of Associations of Working Children and Youth of Benin (AEJT-BENIN) carried out targeted actions to strengthen prevention, protection, promotion of rights, and empowerment of working children and youth (WCY) in several municipalities: Comé, Grand-Popo, Abomey-Calavi, Lokossa

The activities mainly focused on awareness-raising and prevention campaigns in schools, markets, bus stations, slums, learning centers, and rural communities. The topics covered included child labor, sexual violence, abusive domestic work, the risks of exploitation, and child trafficking.

In addition to these actions, educational talks, community activities, cultural and sporting activities were organized, and vulnerable children were referred to the relevant social services.

The actions directly reached **760** WCY, including **371** children (**251** girls and **120** boys) and **389** youth **aged 18 and over** (**165** girls and **224** boys). They contributed to: improving communities' knowledge of children's rights and the risks associated with exploitation; strengthening the detection and referral of vulnerable children to the relevant services; promoting schooling, vocational training, and the empowerment of youth; and strengthening the cohesion and expression of children and youth within the AEJT.

These results reflect strong community mobilization and increased access for children and youth to prevention and protection measures. Despite logistical and financial constraints, the results obtained confirm the strategic role of AEJT-BENIN in child protection and youth empowerment. The National Coordination intends to consolidate these achievements and intensify its actions so that every child can enjoy their rights, a safe environment, and opportunities for their future.



Children's rights and ecological entrepreneurship among WCY



As part of its efforts to promote the rights and empowerment of working children and youth (WCY), the Association of WCY, AEJT- Cameroon has made significant progress at both the institutional and operational levels.

From November 28 to December 2, 2025, the national delegate of AEJT Cameroon, Alang Kelly, took part in the 46th session of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, coupled with the celebration of the 35th anniversary of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the child, held in Maseru, Lesotho.

Selected within the COCADE network, Alang Kelly spoke on behalf of the WCY about the difficulties associated with **the lack of information and limited participation of children** in the process of drafting national reports.

Two major recommendations, made by peers, were formulated and brought to the attention of the relevant authorities, namely: - **strengthening the capacities of children** to enable them to carry out the report drafting activities themselves, in collaboration with adults; - **institutional and technical support for children's groups and organizations** to independently conduct outreach and dissemination campaigns for the reports.

At the same time, in mid-December 2025, 30 WCY from Cameroon received specialized training on the production and use of organic agricultural inputs at the Obala Agricultural Institute. This initiative addresses the challenges encountered in the WCY's ecological agricultural entrepreneurship program. The beneficiaries acquired practical skills in the production of compost, biofertilizers, natural pesticides, mycorrhizae, bokashi, biochar, and other ecological inputs. At the end of the training, the participants began developing a business plan for the production, agricultural use, and marketing of these inputs.

These actions, implemented as part of the PADESCE project, reflect a significant strengthening of the WCY's capacities, an improvement in their civic participation, and a step towards sustainable socio-economic integration, in line with the principles of ecological agriculture and the protection of children's rights.



AEJT-CI strengthens the protection and voice of children



In 2025, the Association of Working Children and Youth of Côte d'Ivoire (AEJT-CI) consolidated its role as a key actor in the protection and promotion of the rights of working children and youth, combining capacity building, community awareness, direct assistance, and advocacy, with the support of national and international partners.

Capacity-building activities have improved civic skills and knowledge of rights among children, young people, and community actors, particularly through training on children's rights, community participation, the electoral process, and environmental and climate change issues. These training sessions have enabled children to contribute more effectively to environmental protection, encouraged them to become more involved in defending their rights and participating in civic life, and strengthened their disaster prevention and protection capacities.

Awareness campaigns on human trafficking, safe mobility, child labor, gender-based violence, and environmental issues, have helped to better inform communities and prevent abuse, while promoting greater awareness of climate risks.

In terms of assistance, concrete initiatives such as the sponsorship of vulnerable children and the "**Zero Rice Bags as School Bags**" operation have improved

schooling conditions for more than **75 children**, encouraging them to stay in school and providing better learning conditions.

In terms of advocacy, AEJT-CI has strengthened the effective participation of children in decision-making processes, notably through World Children's Day and the PROSCIDE workshop, which led to the development of proposals and an advocacy document supported by the children themselves.

Finally, the strengthening of governance and internal organization, marked by the holding of the General Assembly and the validation of the 2024-2026 strategic plan, has consolidated the association's structure and improved its effectiveness. All of these actions have generated lasting positive changes in terms of protection, participation, access to education, and resilience to the effects of climate change, confirming the impact of AEJT-CI in 2025.

GUINÉE



Children and youth on the move: concrete progress towards sustainable protection



The consultation day on children and youth on the move (EJM), organized in September 2025 in Conakry by the National Coordination of Associations of Working Children and Youth of Guinea (CNAEJTG), in collaboration with MAEJT/Enda Jeunesse Action International and institutional partners, was a highlight of 2025 in terms of protecting children on the move. **This meeting highlighted the concrete results of Phase I of the project "Children and youth on migration routes in West and North Africa."** Discussions confirmed that national protection mechanisms are now taking **better account of the specific vulnerabilities of EJM**, particularly through progress in identification, referral, and care.

Positive changes have also been observed in access to **holistic care and socio-professional integration services**, thanks to more continuous, personalized support pathways based on children's rights. In the judicial sphere, there has been an improvement in respect for the rights of EJM, marked by a reduction in arbitrary detention and increased use of alternatives to deprivation of liberty focused on the best interests of the child.

Furthermore, mobile children and youth are now better organized and recognized as key actors of change, actively participating in spaces for

dialogue and advocacy. The increased mobilization of institutions, partners, and civil society organizations is a major lever for consolidating achievements and ensuring the **sustainability of actions** in favor of the protection and reintegration of EJM in Guinea.

This consultation day brought together children and youth on the move, civil society organizations, national and local authorities, technical and financial partners, as well as protection services and judicial actors, illustrating the multi-stakeholder approach promoted by the MAEJT and its partners.

MALI



AEJT Mali's contribution to the celebration of ENDA Mali's 30th anniversary in Bamako.



Intervention de l'AEJT Mali lors de la célébration des 30 ans d'ENDAMA à Bamako.

The celebration of **ENDAMA Mali's 30th anniversary**, coupled with the conclusion of the **Program for the Prevention of Early Migration of Children in Mali**, was a key moment for taking stock and highlighting the actions carried out to protect children.

On this occasion, the **Association of Working Children and Youth of Mali (AEJT)** was invited to speak as a **key partner working directly with children and youth**. With its strong community roots and in-depth knowledge of the realities on the ground, AEJT spoke with authenticity, reflecting the experiences of children and communities. This intervention highlighted children and youth as actors in prevention and protection, capable of contributing to actions, policies, and programs that concern them. It also reinforced the visibility and legitimacy of the AEJT as a key interlocutor in child protection dynamics in Mali.

The partnership between **ENDAMA Mali and AEJT** illustrates the importance of collaboration based on trust, community roots, and recognition of the central role of children and youth. This dynamic helps to strengthen sustainable, grassroots-based, and forward-looking approaches.

NIGER



concrete progress in protecting children and youth on the move



A workshop to discuss and share the results of the project **"Children and Youth on Migration Routes in West and North Africa" (EJM)** was held on September 26, 2025, bringing together institutional, technical, and community actors, as well as children and youth on the move from Agadez, Maradi, and Niamey.

Organized by the National Coordination of Associations of Working Children and Youth in Niger (CN-AEJTN), this workshop highlighted the significant results achieved by the project, including improved access to protection, education, healthcare, and documentation for migrant children and youth.

Beyond the sectoral results, the workshop demonstrated the added value of a coordinated and participatory approach, promoting collaboration between institutional and community actors and the direct involvement of the children and

youth concerned.

The workshop also fostered constructive dialogue between actors in the field, enabling the identification of good practices and a better understanding of the realities and challenges associated with the migration of children and youth.

The discussions led to the development of joint recommendations aimed at strengthening multisectoral responses and advocacy for this vulnerable group.

Participants welcomed the project's achievements and stressed the need to sustain them, while strengthening the active participation of mobile children and youth in protection dynamics in West and North Africa.



regional meeting on Child Domestic Work and Forced Labor



The first West African Convening on Child Domestic Work and Forced Labor, organized by MAEJT Nigeria with the support of Freedom Fund, was held on November 26 and 27, 2025, in Lagos. It brought together government agencies, regional delegates, and child protection actors to discuss a major issue that is still largely invisible in West Africa.

The meeting provided an opportunity to better document the realities of child domestic work, highlight the urgency of implementing public policies, and amplify the voices and experiences of survivor(s), now recognized as essential levers for guiding institutional and community responses.



Among the main results and achievements were:

- **strong calls for enhanced government action** on prevention, protection, and enforcement against forms of exploitation ;
- **clarification of cultural norms and perceptions**, distinguishing between appropriate household tasks and exploitative child domestic work;
- **strengthened regional collaboration**, with a particular focus on the hidden and cross-border nature of child domestic work in West Africa ;
- **meaningful participation of survivor(s)**, ensuring that their experiences guide community interventions and advocacy actions ;
- progress towards the **development of a joint regional Declaration** aimed at ending exploitative child domestic work.

This meeting is a step towards establishing a **coordinated West African front** against child exploitation. It paves the way for stronger public policies, better harmonization of regional approaches, and greater consideration of survivor(s) in decision-making mechanisms, which can bring about lasting change in favor of the protection, dignity, and future of children.



concrete actions to protect the rights of WCY



In 2025, the national coordination of Associations of Working Children and Youth (AEJT) in the Democratic Republic of Congo carried out several strategic actions to protect the rights of children and young people, particularly Working Children and Youth (WCY), with the support of its partners.

Among the flagship initiatives, a **technical support visit to WCY associations** helped to strengthen the capacities of community leaders and integrate operational recommendations into the development of the 2026 annual action plan, thereby contributing to better structuring and effectiveness of interventions.

In addition, a community awareness-raising activity organized in Masisi to mark World Children's Rights Day on November 20 reached nearly **600 people**, strengthening knowledge of the rights of WCY and

the involvement of local communities in their protection.

Finally, **vocational training in cutting and sewing** enabled **25 WCY** to acquire practical skills that promote their economic independence and socio-professional integration.

These results demonstrate the positive impact of the interventions carried out in 2025. The coordination reaffirms its commitment to continuing its actions and strengthening partnerships for the sustainable protection of children's rights, including those of WCY.

RWANDA



Children at the forefront of climate action

Children need a healthy environment for their well-being even more than adults, and protecting it is not only their right but also their shared responsibility in the fight against climate change.

In 2025, children from different grassroots groups demonstrated their concrete commitment to protecting the environment. Through community actions, they **planted** more than **1,400 trees**, installed traditional trash cans, and conducted awareness-raising activities among their peers and local communities, thereby contributing to environmental preservation and strengthening ecological awareness.

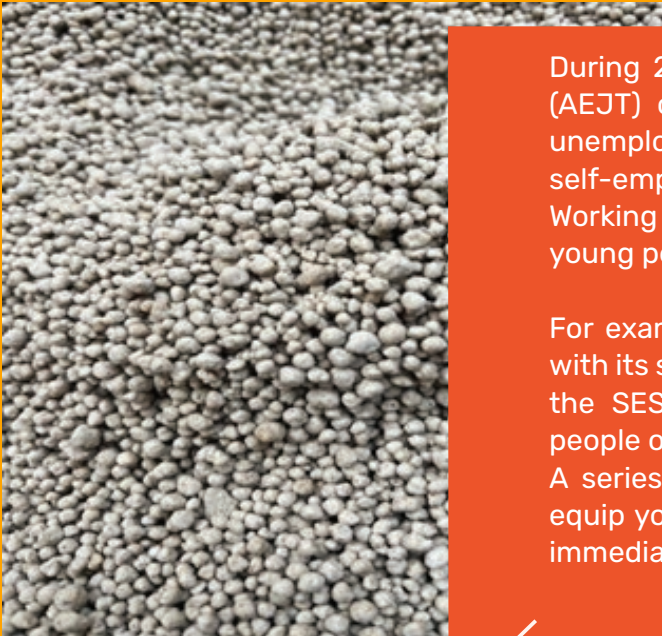
In addition, in September 2025, children from the Amizero grassroots group organized an environmental awareness march in two areas of their community. A total of **96** children, including **46** boys and **50** girls, participated in the march, themed "**Children's Voice for a Living Planet,**" to promote learning, knowledge sharing, and advocacy for environmental protection.

At the start of the event, they sat in the forest, which served as a natural outdoor classroom highlighting the beauty of the ecosystem. The children reflected on their role as young guardians of the environment. They discussed the impacts of environmental degradation and reaffirmed the urgent need for collective responsibility in protecting the planet for current and future generations.





training young people in entrepreneurship



During 2025, the Association of Working Children and Youth (AEJT) of Senegal stepped up its efforts to combat youth unemployment. With a strong focus on promoting self-employment, the National Coordination of Associations of Working Children and Youth (CNAEJT) emphasized training young people in entrepreneurship.

For example, the AEJT in Guédiawaye, in close collaboration with its strategic partner Tackle, took a decisive step forward in the SESLA Project, which aims to inform and train young people on entrepreneurship and reproductive health. A series of training sessions was organized in November to equip young people with practical technical skills that can be immediately applied in the local market.



The workshops focused on agri-food processing. Young participants from Guédiawaye and Niague were trained in the valorization and exploitation of local resources such as millet and corn, thereby strengthening their ability to develop relevant and sustainable entrepreneurial initiatives.

Following on from these activities, another session was devoted to making beaded bags with young people from the "Pencum Africa" training school and other members of the AEJT.

This training enabled young people to develop their creativity while acquiring commercially valuable technical skills.

All of these initiatives represent a major step forward in the process of empowering young people. They not only offer them the mastery of concrete skills, but also the opportunity to take control of their future. They demonstrate that with appropriate guidance and committed partners, local entrepreneurship is a powerful lever for building a resilient, inclusive, and forward-looking economy.



Raising awareness of children's rights among future artisans



On December 6, 2025, the Welfare of Children and Youths Sierra Leone (WCY-SL) association conducted an awareness campaign in the western urban area of Freetown, targeting adolescents apprenticed in the informal sector. The aim was to raise awareness and empower newly formed grassroots groups of children learning skills about their 12 fundamental priority rights. Targeting mainly adolescents in training in various trades with a view to their independence, the WCY-SL team worked with seven separate grassroots groups.

A total of **25 people** (15 adolescents and 10 children) aged between 15 and 18, all engaged in learning practical skills to strengthen their future independence, were made aware of their rights.

Beyond raising awareness of their rights, this visit provided the children with a platform to express themselves about the challenges they face in their apprenticeships, revealing cases of non-payment and exploitation in the informal sector.

A particularly moving moment was when Jalloh, a 17-year-old apprentice mechanic, shared their common plight: "

"Thank God you are here, and I am happy knowing you are advocating for our right. However, some bike riders we often work for fail to pay us after we fix their motor bikes. They just run away without paying the agreed amount to be paid. They take advantage of the fact that we are children, and we can't fight them. Some of them are here. Please, talk to them on our behalf".

This testimony highlights the urgent need to raise awareness and protect children and young people in apprenticeships in the informal sector. The WCY-SL visit not only reminded young people of their rights, but also highlighted the gap between those rights and the daily reality they face. The association thus reaffirms its commitment to reducing this gap by ensuring that children who work to become self-sufficient have the knowledge and support they need to assert their protection and receive fair treatment.

TCHAD



African Junior Parliament for the United Nations: A major step forward for working children and youth in Chad

On December 27, 2025, the 3rd National Session of the African Junior Parliament was held in the main hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, under the auspices of the Honorable TAHIR Hissein TYERA, Member of Parliament of the fourth legislature and Honorary President of the session.

Under the theme "**Peace, Justice, and Effective Institutions,**" this meeting was organized with the support of the United Nations and at the initiative of the Ministry of Women and Early Childhood.

This session marked a historic milestone in the journey of the Working Children and Youth (WCY) of Chad. After passing the selection process, two WCY members were sworn in and officially appointed as parliamentarians for a two-year term:

- The Honorable Senator **ALLAMSOU Emmanuel DJOLIA**, Coordinator of the Association of Working Children and Youth (AEJT) of Chad,
- The Honorable Representative **MINSIA KOLA Christian**, member of the Walia grassroots group in the 9th District of N'Djamena.

This appointment is a concrete illustration of the progress made by the WCY from grassroots groups to national and regional bodies, via the AEJT and national coordination. It confirms their recognition as full participants in civic and political life. The young

parliamentarians thus have a responsibility to promote respect for human rights, support peace, and represent Africa within the United Nations, in line with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (ODD).

This symbolic and strategic event strengthens the visibility and influence of Chad's WCY in decision-making bodies and provides them with a concrete platform to actively contribute to building a more just, inclusive, and peaceful Africa.



ZAMBIA



From local participation to youth climate leadership



The year 2025 marked an important turning point in the participation of local communities, particularly children and youth, in the AWCY project activities. The initiatives implemented strengthened children's voices, community leadership, and commitment to child protection and climate action.

On the Day of the African Child, six children participated in the national commemoration, giving a presentation highlighting children's rights, well-being, and collaboration with public institutions and NGO partners, while expressing their gratitude to the latter for their ongoing efforts on behalf of children.

In addition, six members of a grassroots group took part in the baseline survey for the child protection project.

Two members of the grassroots group applied to the **Leading Minds Fellowship in Climate Education program**.

These initiatives resulted in:

- Increased visibility of children's voices in national dialogues.
- Strengthened research and civic engagement skills among community members.
- Better identification of local challenges related to child protection, enabling more targeted interventions.
- Growing engagement of young people on climate and education issues.



Strengthening Child participation and amplifying the voices of young people



In 2025, the RNCYPT (Regional Network of Children and Young people Trust) strengthened children's participation and amplified the voices of young people across Zimbabwe through community, national, and online platforms. More than **5,000 children and young people** were reached through school-based initiatives, community dialogues, WhatsApp learning sessions, and child-led advocacy spaces.

RNCYPT supported **10 active child-led groups** at the national level, with a strong focus on including working children in decision-making processes.

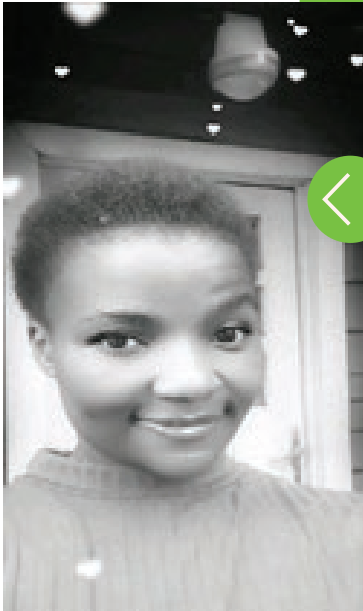
Through mentoring and online capacity-building sessions, **68 children** gained leadership, communication, and advocacy skills. One child-led group successfully secured funding and implemented community activities, including sanitation campaigns, awareness-raising sessions, and peer education.

Children played a direct role in governance and accountability processes by participating in national budget consultations and **"hot seat"** accountability

forums, where they challenged policymakers on issues of education, protection, and well-being. RNCYPT consolidated children's contributions in a position paper submitted to Parliament and presented children's perspectives at the National Roundtable on Child Marriage.

Despite challenges related to funding and digital access, the year was marked by increased confidence, visibility, and influence of children in civic spaces. These efforts helped strengthen children's leadership, improve their advocacy skills, and increase recognition of children as key actors in decisions that affect their lives.

TESTIMONIALS



My name is **Ahadi BUINGO**, member of AEJT-RDC. I am grateful to the African Movement of Working Children and Youth (MAEJT) for strengthening my capacities.

Thanks to the MAEJT, I have benefited from training and advice that have helped me develop my skills and improve my work within the AEJT-DRC. The Movement's support has enabled me to gain confidence and better serve the working children and youth in my community.

I am grateful to the MAEJT for:

- The high-quality training that has enabled me to strengthen my skills
- The support and advice of trainers and colleagues
- The opportunities to share my experiences and learn from others

Thank you to the MAEJT for its invaluable support!

Ahadi BUINGO, member of AEJT RDC

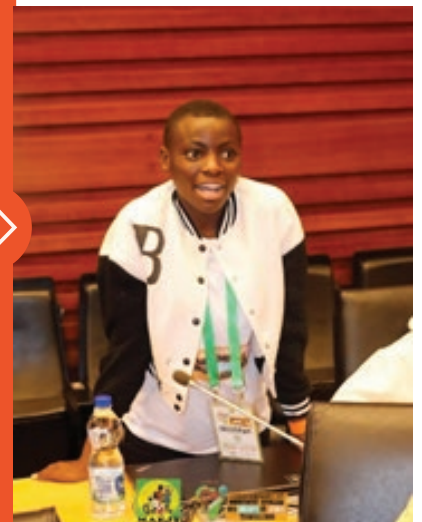
My name is **Leticia Chimwanga**, I am 18 years old and I am a member of the Kawama grassroots group. My mother introduced me to the movement in 2023. Before joining the movement, I had no knowledge of my rights as a child. I thought that children never had rights or freedoms. I took everything lightly, but later I realized that the group was giving me the knowledge I needed to survive in society.

The organization taught us gardening and how one can become a public speaker. During our group discussions, everyone was given an opportunity to participate freely, without being judged or discriminated. In 2024, I was chosen among the children who were traveling to Ethiopia to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the African Movement of Working Children and Youth. During this celebration, we did not only have leisure time, but we also learned from other children through panel discussions. Various issues that affected us as children in different countries were presented and discussed. Recommendations were also made to solve these problems.

To sum up, I thank the movement for the person I am today, because it not only taught me my rights, but also helped me become a businesswoman and how to interact with others without creating conflicts.

Thank you very much.

Author: Leticia Chimwanga, WCY from Zambia



My name is Octave BAIBONGE, and I am the communications officer for the national coordination of associations of working children and youth in the DRC. I am proud to share my experience with the African Movement of Working Children and Youth (MAEJT).

An enriching experience

My experience with the MAEJT has been incredibly enriching. I have had the opportunity to meet exceptional people, share ideas and experiences, and contribute to the defense of the rights of working Children and youth in the DRC.

Skills acquired

Thanks to the MAEJT, I have acquired skills in communication, leadership, and project management. I have also learned to work in a team, solve problems, and make important decisions.

A positive impact

The MAEJT has had a positive impact on my life and on the lives of many other working children and youth in the DRC. We have been able to raise awareness in communities about the importance of registering children with the civil registry, and we have helped hundreds of children access education and vocational training.

A promising future

I am convinced that the MAEJT will continue to play an important role in defending the rights of working children and youth in the DRC. I am proud to be part of this organization and look forward to seeing what the future holds for our movement.

Thank you to MAEJT

I would like to thank MAEJT for the opportunity to be part of this exceptional movement.

I am grateful for the skills I have acquired, the experiences I have shared, and the friendships I have forged. I am proud to represent the MAEJT and will continue to work to defend the rights of working children and youth in the DRC.

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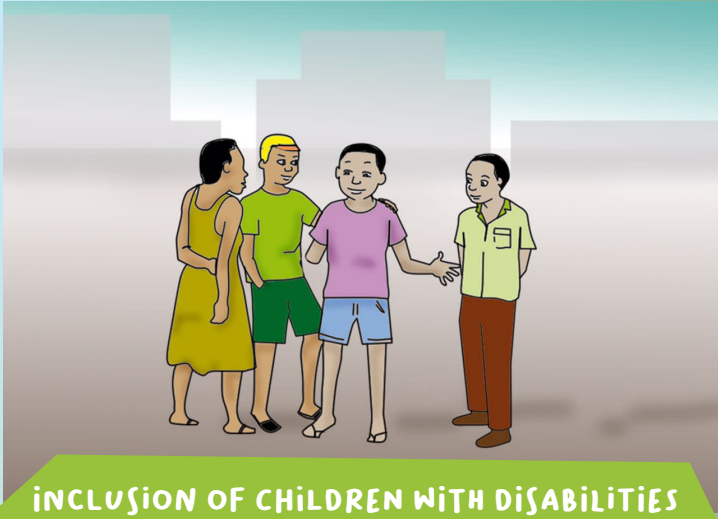
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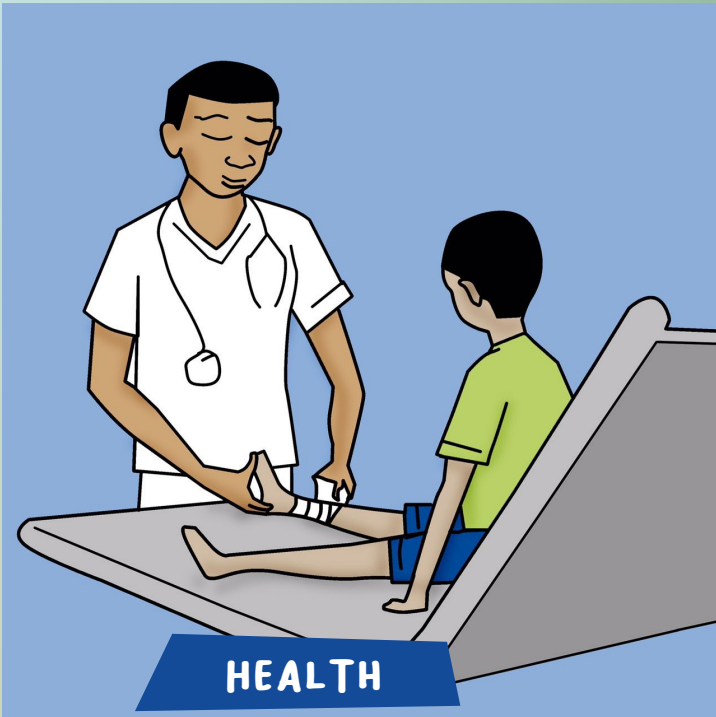
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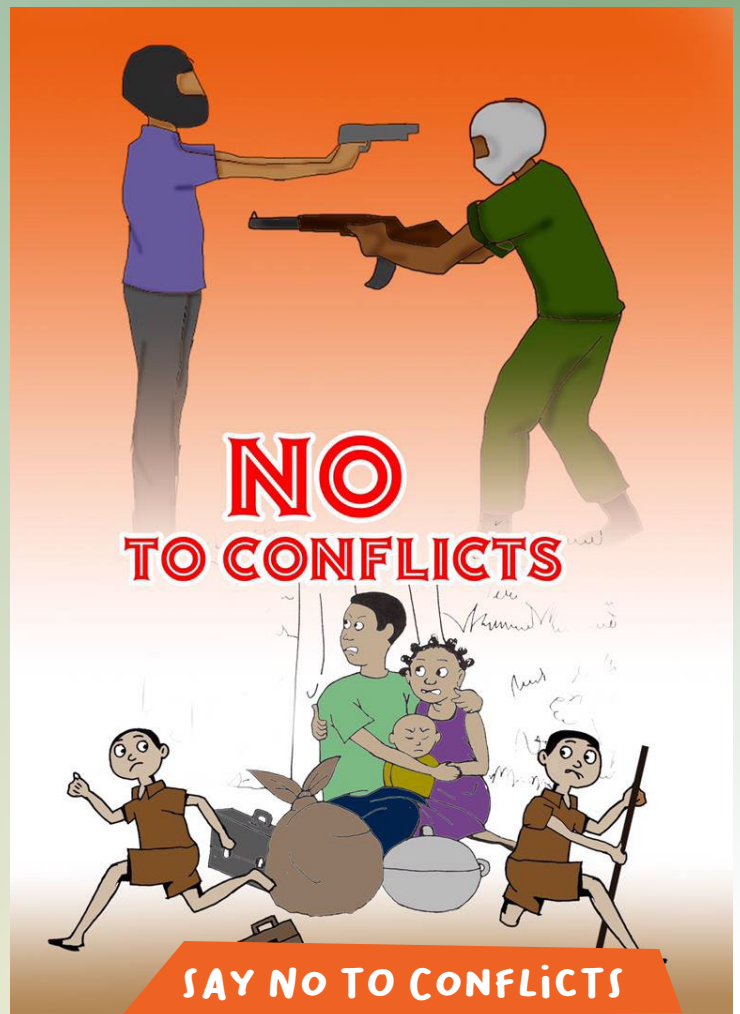
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TO CONFLICTS

SAY NO TO CONFLICTS



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People with disabilities also have their place in society.



SONGS



MY RIGHTS FIRST

I have rights, yes I do!
Every child does, me and you!
Right to learn and right to play,
Safe and happy every day!

Chorus: My rights first, let's all say,
Growing stronger every day!

From the villages to the cities bright,
African children shining with their light!
Food to eat and clean water too,
A loving home for me and you!

Chorus: My rights first, let's all say,
Growing stronger every day!

My voice matters, hear me speak,
Strong, not small, never weak!
Health and joy, we all deserve,
Every child's rights we must preserve!

Chorus: My rights first, let's all say,
Growing stronger every day!

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AFRICA WITHOUT VIOLENCE

Africa is strong and full of love,
Children hold hands, look up above.
We use kind words, we do not fight,
Peace and love make everything right.

Chorus: No violence, no fear today,
We choose peace in every way.
Sing and smile, live in joy,
Girls and boys, girls and boys!
We sing together, we share and care,
Hope and happiness everywhere.
Africa bright, Africa free,
A peaceful home for you and me.

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