

Tackling Poverty Together

The Role of Young People in Poverty Reduction

TPT Document 3: Selection Process Documents

Application Form

*A joint initiative of the National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations (LSU)
& the United Nations Programme for Youth*

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These strategic plans, envisioned to contain small but realistic and concrete actions, will be implemented during the period between the first and second workshops, during which time the participants will continue to share information and interact through electronic and/or teleconference communication. The second workshop, to be held **27-30 January 2006**, will focus on reviewing the strategic plans and discussing problems encountered, lessons learned and next steps. Participants are expected to dedicate time to working on the project before, between, and after the two workshops.

Specific objectives for the *Tackling Poverty Together* project include:

- To further an understanding of youth poverty by 1) soliciting the experiences and views directly from young people; 2) incorporating existing research, and 3) examining the gender and intergenerational dimensions of poverty;
- To find out the particular characteristics and needs of young people living in poverty and, in particular, where they differ by gender, and to identify factors that need to be considered in developing effective poverty reduction strategies for youth;
- To review current poverty reduction strategies in Africa and their efforts to include youth, drawing out lessons learned and identifying opportunities for further application.
- To assist young people in developing skills in research and analysis, strategic planning, advocacy and understanding decision-making processes for the purpose of strengthening their role in the development and implementation of national policies.
- To support partnerships and collaboration between youth organizations from different countries.
- To create a model for strengthening youth policy development that involves cooperation between the youth organizations, Governments and the United Nations.

Practical Information

Both workshops will take place in Africa. All costs associated with attending the two workshops will be fully covered by the project for all selected participants. Upon confirmation of selection, participants will receive information about the logistical arrangements for the workshops.

Selection Process and Criteria:

Applications will be reviewed by an advisory group to the project consisting of five representatives from youth organizations, academia, and the United Nations system.

The following criteria will be used to select participants. Participants must be:

- a young person preferably between 15 to 24 years of age
- be a resident of one of the following six countries: Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia
- be an active member of an organization or network that works on social issues
- have experience in some or all of the following areas:
 - working on a project or program that aims to reduce poverty and/or help disadvantaged youth
 - advocating for policy change related to an economic or social issues
 - mobilizing people to take part in a development activity at either a national or grassroots level
 - working to improve gender equality in public policy or projects
- bring gender balance to the team

All selected participants must:

- be available to attend the full duration of both workshops
- be committed to reading the background papers and preparing feedback based on one's experience
- be able to contribute time for research and other preparations before, during, and after the workshops (approximately 3-5 hours a week, for approximately 8 months)
- be available for email discussions and/or teleconferences
- be interested in developing and implementing an action plan for strengthening the role of young people in poverty reduction in one's own country
- be willing to share the information and related outcomes with other youth organizations and networks in one's own country
- be ready to continue to work with the issue in their respective countries after the workshops

If you are interested in participating in the Tackling Poverty Together project and fulfil the above criteria and commitments, please complete the following application form to the best of your ability.

Please return the completed application form on or before **12 September 2005** by sending it to:

Ms. Heidi Huusko at LSU:

E-mail: heidi@lsu.se

Fax: +46 (0) 8 440 86 80.

Incomplete applications or applications received after 12 September 2005 will not be accepted. When your application has been received your application will be confirmed by e-mail.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Heidi by email, fax (+46 (0)8 440 86 80) or phone at: +46 (0) 8 440 86 79.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:
Date of Birth (day-month-year):	Nationality:
Sex:	Passport number:
Full mailing address:	
Phone number: (include country code)	
Fax number: (include country code)	
Email address:	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please answer all questions in the space provided

A- Why are you interested in participating in the Tackling Poverty Together project?

B -Please describe the organization(s) to which you belong and the work you do there.

C -This project encourages participants to have experience in the following areas:

- working on a project or program that aims to reduce poverty and/or help disadvantaged youth
- advocating policy change related to an economic or social issues
- mobilizing people to take part in a development activity at either a national or grassroots level

Which of these do you feel applies to you? Please describe your experience.

D- Please describe any experience you may have in working for gender equality?

E - How would you go about researching existing policies to reduce poverty in your country? What are some of the steps you might take?

List three persons of reference and their contact information (e-mail and/or phone). One of these reference should be someone at the organization (s) listed in Question B.

Thank You

Sample Ranking Sheet

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Person completing this form: _____

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Ranking	Name of Applicant (first, last)	Comments (if any)
1 (strongest)		
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Recruitment Letter

Dear Chairperson of XXXX,

The United Nations Youth Programme (UNYP) together with the National Council of Swedish Youth Organizations (LSU) would like to invite your organisation to nominate candidates to participate in a project called "Tackling Poverty Together: The Role of Young People in Poverty Reduction".

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The project will recruit a team of 28 youth participants, four from each of the following countries: Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Sweden. Participants are expected to dedicate time to working on the project before, between, and after the two workshops.

Please find attached further information on the project as well as an application form. I encourage your organization to circulate this information as widely as possible and to select strong youth representatives. Because we will be seeking to ensure good gender balance among participants, I urge you to encourage young women to apply.

We are looking forward to receiving a full application form by September 12 2005.

Best regards,
Leif Holmberg
Vice President
The National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations (LSU)

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