Presentation to Strategies for Nonviolence in Education Conference on Peace Clubs

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PEACE CLUBS
What is a Peace Club?

- Club, usually an extra-curricula program, in schools

- Peace Clubs provide a platform where young people can learn skills, exchange experiences, teach others and apply the knowledge of peace in their everyday life.
Background to Peace Clubs development

- 2006: Originated in Lusaka Zambia
- 2012-13 schools in Lusaka, 18 schools in Choma and a waiting list
- 2012: Peace Club exchange
- Training for interested teachers
- 2012-13: 3 pilot schools in South Africa: PMB, Elanskop
What does a Peace Club require?

• Ideal is to have two trained teachers (a male and female) to lead the club.
• Curriculum developed so teachers/learners need limited preparation and training.
• Weekly meetings
• Conducted in discussion format, not a lecture
• Ideal to have support from an outside coordinator
PEACE CLUB
Format

Teachers act as coaches, students leading the club meeting
Pupils in turn, are expected to use the knowledge acquired from teachers in three ways:

They have to share this knowledge with:

1. other non peace club members

2. their parents and friends in the community

3. they have to apply this knowledge in their daily life
PEACE CLUB MEETINGS IN SCHOOL

• Peace Club curriculum based on one hour meetings
• Key: students understand the topic and know how to apply
• 25 to 50 members works well

STUDENTS ROLL PLAYING AT CHINIKA HIGH SCHOOL
Curriculum

Introduction: Teachers handbook

1. Section one: Conflict (14 lessons)
2. Section two: Violence (9 lessons)
3. Section three: Gender-based conflict (13 lessons)
4. Section four: Journey to Reconciliation (12 lessons)

• Available at http://tinyurl.com/peacematerials
The Impact:

• Banda’s story – used the lesson on violence to get out of a morally compromising situation
• Poem from student in Elandskop, while studying bullying section
• Testimony from student who was a bully
• Leading to work on corporal punishment in school.
The Bullying Circle

Bully/Bullies

Followers/Henchmen

Supporters/Passive Bully/Bullies

The Target

Defenders of the Target

Passive Supporters/Possible Bully/Bullies

Possible Defenders

Disengaged Onlookers

Image from Peace School Book 3: Restoration, The Frontiers Peace-building Conflict Areas, pg. 120