

INTRODUCTION:

- *Memos* is a Greek word which means memory and it's an organization created by Rwandan youth aiming at building the capacity of grass root initiatives for peace building and sharing experiences of commemoration in their localities.

-*Our stand* is equity, honesty, love and human dignity.

-*Our mission* is promoting a culture of non violence, reconciliation and Learning from historical aspects of Rwanda specifically among the young people and the communities through training, education, advocacy, debates, culture and sports activities.

-*Our vision* is a peaceful and reconciled Rwandan society.

-Memos target group is the youth communities and as well as civil society organizations from grass root levels, students clubs and associations as well as youth which is out of the school.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

-Strengthening the local capacities of targeted group to promote peace and support commemoration activities in their localities and for fighting the ideologies of genocide.

-Facilitate social integration, post conflict healing in the affected operation areas.

-Getting together with different youth from different background for study tour visit for facilitating the implementation of our activities.

-Supporting genocide survivors both orphans and widows, console and facilitate them in various ways.

-Advocate for appropriate peace initiatives and non- violence, conflict resolution/transformation among the stakeholders in our area of operation.

-Enhance the institutional capacity of Memos to become more reputable, credible and sustainable organization.

-Strengthening the network of organization who are in the same field of intervention.

ACTIVITIES:

-Peace education and conflict transformation / resolution through training within schools, out of schools, associations and clubs.

-Exchange visits and youth peace camps with in and out of Rwanda aiming to bring people of different cultures and background together for both multicultural and intercultural exchange.

-Networking with civil society organization, associations, clubs and local leaders on the issue of commemoration and peace in the way of fighting the ideology of genocide.

-Consultancy in planning and implementation of local peace projects as well as creation of peace clubs.

-Lobbying and advocacy for peace by organizing and producing formation materials.

-Peace fora, conferences, public dialogue, workshops and debates on various levels to actively tackle issues of commemoration, peace building as well as truth and reconciliation in Rwanda.

-Support of environmental protection and also facilitating the clubs and associations for the spirit of volunteerism.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

-The idea of creating MEMOS - *learning from history*, peace organization was conceived by some of Rwandan youth together with Gerd Scheuerpflug a Technical Assistant of DED/ZFD by mid 2003 after realising that there is still remains of people still scattered after discovering the bones of a young child between the age of 5-7 at Kimisagara along the road that goes at the youth centre “Maison des Jeunes” during the construction of that road. As well as Rwanda was preparing to commemorate the 10th anniversary of genocide and the first time in the whole world since 1994. The genocide that left many Rwandan youth and adults families or society suffer and are still suffering from the atrocities of genocide in various ways.

-Memos was started officially in May 2004, with a mission of promoting a culture of non violence and learning from the negative historical aspects. Basically with the youth in school, out of school as well the civil society organisations.

As we know that the youth are leaders for tomorrow as well the resource to change the world. Let us analyse from the past aspect of our history and learn from it.



**STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY OUT
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-MEMOS is open to youth both in schools and out of schools, Rwandans and non Rwandans who recognize the need to interact and move away from conflict and genocide ideologies and avoid violence but instead take a non violent means of conflict transformation / resolution.

It is also open to members of individual groups and institutions who are supporting our objective ideas and activities.

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