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1. over view

Rwanda remains the least corrupt country in the East African Community according to the report of *Transparency* International published in 2015. This performance is the result of much effort of different actors in anticorruption battle.

Public accountability, a priority of leadership in Rwanda

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in the Parliament holds regular auditions of public institutions on study of report on general accounts of institutions which use national budget and patrimony.

The sessions are organised between PAC members and Representatives of the Institutions: Ministries, Districts, Public Commissions, Boards, Universities, Agencies etc. The debates are based on the report findings of Auditor General in last fiscal year. Leaders are questioned on mismanagement and imperfections in accountability of public finances observed in their institutions. In this regard leaders are requested to provide explanations to make clear the situation.

On their side MPs formulate advices and recommendations to the institution to be executed in the following fiscal years. During this process of audition some serious cases are discovered. The responsible resign and are sometimes arrested.

On other side the National Public Prosecution Authority, investigated the government official accused of corruption. According to the report of 2013-2014 more than 232 million were refunded by different public servants agents.

According to the office of Ombudsman, sixty (60) cases of corruption were tried by the courts in 2015-2016

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Leaders appear in The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in the Parliament of Rwanda

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2. RIG ACTIVITIES

2.1RWANDA INITIATIVE FOR GOVERNANCE HOLDS TRAININGS ON INTEGRITY IN SCHOOLS

Rwanda is recognized for being less corrupted in East African. Even if the rate of corruption is down in Rwanda, it's not eradicated yet. In this context Rwanda Initiative for Governance (RIG) has program of training on integrity in secondary schools. The integrity is the only efficient army to combat the corruption.

The eradication of corruption is not an event; its long journey and required patience. The education is one of the tools to the mindset change. Youth of Rwanda is the target. They need education in order to grow up with values that will allow becoming responsible in management of the society.

In this perspective, RIG conducted trainings secondary schools. The purpose is to provide skills to youth in order to enable to grow with the spirit of integrity and related values. The trainings are considered as the contribution of RIG in anticorruption campaign in Rwanda.

The activity have been carried out in Kamonyi district, southern Province and Nyarugenge District in City of Kigali.

During the year 2016 **28 secondary schools were visited in this regards.**

Methodology

RIG approved the methodology of active learning. Brochures on which is drawn cartoon are used. Students are asked to interpret what are seeing.

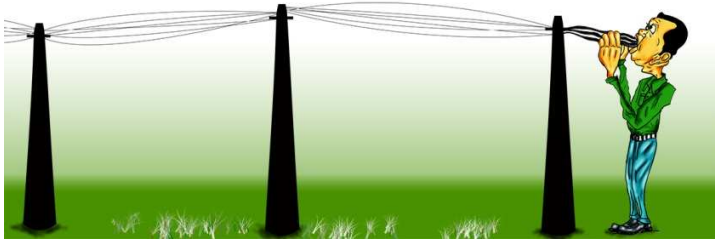
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Cartoon used in trainings

On other side a paper has been prepared. This is used as guidance to the trainer in order to be inspired of lesson behind the cartoon.

This methodology is very useful because it leads students to discover themselves the lessons. Further they contribute to the interpretation of images by bringing news ideas.

At the end the trainer gives the summary of the session during which he gave the keys messages prepared RIG .

Observation

Students are motivated because the training focus on matters related to the courses learnt and education as whole.

They wish the program could be extended to the parents because they are also involved in abuse of the society, consequently they serve bad example to the youth.

For the leaders this program is perceived as a support in context that it enhances the education of the youth. Integrity is an interesting topic not only at school life but also in the future.

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Pics of trainings in schools in Rwanda



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2.2. RIG IN MONITORING OF LOCAL LEADERS ELECTIONS

In February and March 2016 took place the elections of local administration. RIG was among the observers during those elections.

The said elections are the followings:

- Villages committees
- Cells committees
- Members of Council of districts
- Members of City of Kigali Council
- National Women council
- National Youth Council
- National Council of Disabilities

2.3 PEACE AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

a. Survey on violence cases

Every year RIG carried out a survey on violence cases in its program of conflict management. The methodology consists in registering cases related to violence that have been published in newspapers.

During this year 2016 , 55 cases of violence have been registered in our records. It means 0,16 per day.

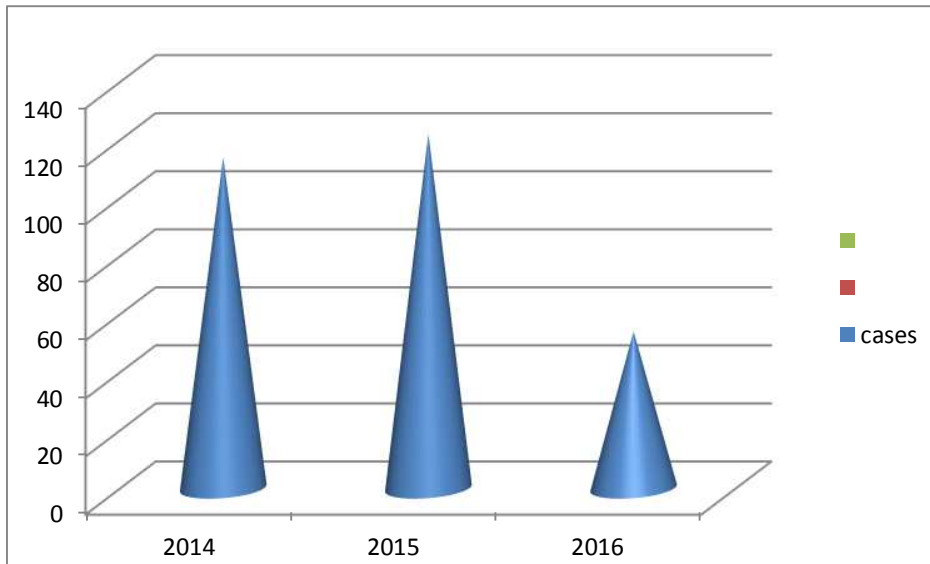
Among the causes of violence there are murders, gender based violence, theft, terrorism etc.

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b. Celebration of International Day for Peace

21 September the World celebrates International Day of Peace (IDP). The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by resolution 36/67 of the United Nations General Assembly.

In 2016 the celebration of IDP was marked by Youth-Parliamentarian exchange in the national parliament under the theme *Building blocks for peace: The role of youth in Promoting peace and sustainable development*. The exchange bring together young people from different districts of Rwanda engaged in peace building activities to discuss the achievements, challenges and opportunities as well as strategies to promote sustainable peace in their communities.

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Youth-Parliamentarian exchange

The day was also celebrated at grassroots level. The activities were focusing on dialogue, debates on peace topics, community work, plantation of tree of peace etc.

Conclusion

The activities of RIG in 2016 focused on trainings especially in schools. Education is the key channel of mind set change. Seeing the impact of trainings in 2016 and previous RIG will pursue them in other districts of Rwanda.

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