

## OTHER YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMMES

**2012 Elections: Youth Participation and Non-violence Campaign:** NAYCOM collaborated with stakeholders, youth-serving agencies and youth organization in the campaign for **tolerant and peaceful 2012 elections**. With the support of various development partners and institutions like the UN Country Team, ENCISS, OSIWA, CGG, etc., many youth organisations and youth-serving organizations including APPYA, YMCA, Restless Development, National Youth Coalition, CCYA, SLYEO, SLUDI, IYF, Women's Situation Room, Artists United for Peace, Anti-Piracy Committee, etc embarked on sensitization programmes. Youth organizations, including the DYCs and CYCs/ZYCs, on their own, organised community peace building activities.



*Planning with the youth for the benefit of the youth*

- **The UNIPSIL led Declaration on the 2012 Elections** was signed by NAYCOM on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 with responsibility to rallying youth-serving organisations and youth organisations in promoting a non-violent culture among youth during the entire electoral process.
- **The YAAG 10% in Governance Campaign** is an advocacy coalition of youth stakeholders, including the National Youth Commission, promoting the implementation of the TRC's recommendation on 10% quota for youth in Governance.
  
- **Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health:** UNFPA's support to young people emanates from its Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP). In the CPAP calls for **“Youth friendly services and peer education networks expanded to promote sexual and reproductive health behaviour for preventing sexually transmitted infections and HIV”**.

*One of the SRH Wisdom Clubs (The Black Street Family) display handbills after training by NAYCOM*

NAYCOM received support from UNFPA to sensitise youths, especially those in ghettos against sexual and reproductive health issues like teenage pregnancy, STIs, HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, etc. Some of these activities include;



- Survey on existing Youth Networks nationwide
- Establishment and training of the Salone Youth and Adolescent Network on Population and Development (SaLYAN).
- Establishment of the Youth Advisory Panel on HIV/AIDS (YAP)
- Development, production and distribution of the “Youth Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Training Manual”
- Training of members of staff on SRH ,HIV and AIDS
- Support of Youth Ghettos to establish **Wisdom SRH Clubs** within their ghetto membership