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CENTER UPDATES: **JUNE 2022**



1. Peace fellows from Makerere University Rotary Peace Center represented the Center in the 2022 Rotary Presidential Conference in Houston. The event highlighted Rotary's areas of focus, and how each of them supports the eight pillars of positive peace. Among them included, Patience Rusare from Zimbabwe, Rebecca Mukiibi Nansubuga from Uganda and USA and Jennifer Montgomery from USA. The fellows participated in breakout sessions titled Amplifying Impact: Global Social Change Initiative, which focused on the fellows' social change initiatives.

During the breakout sessions, Patience gave a presentation on her Peace Journalism Initiative project in Zimbabwe. She implemented a 3-month training with the goal of strengthening the role of journalists in peace-building and conflict transformation.

Rebecca also presented on the Refugee Economic Empowerment, an initiative she will be implementing in Bidi Bidi refugee settlement in Uganda for a period of 5-6 months. Her initiative will focus on life-skills, positive peace workshop, computer and digital literacy training, training on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse awareness campaign



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2. Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 Peace Fellows continuing to create change in their communities. In May, Paul Mushaho, a Cohort 1 Peace fellows from DRC organized a peace tournament in Nakivale Refugee Settlement, Uganda under the theme “Sports for Peace”. The event brought together refugees from different ethnic groups who participated in sports and peace talks during the game. On 20th of June, a grand tournament will be organized to also mark the commemoration of World Refugee Day, 2022.



3. Stephen Sempande-Uganda commissioned a construction of a Peace and Leadership Center on Kalangala Island in Uganda. The Center will have two buildings; the first building will house an out- patients section of a well-equipped community medical Centre (lab, small pharmacy, doctors room) and the second will be a Peace Center.

The project is at a 50% completion.

Stephen is also continuing with the peacebuilding work. On June 7th, he partnered with Thomas Sithole, a peace fellow from Cohort 1, to organize a National Level Policy advocacy and Partnership meeting under the theme; Women's land rights and peace building: from rhetoric to reality. In attendance were key stake holders in the women empowerment forum like UN Women.















4. Ronald Kasule Cohort 1 peace fellow from Uganda successfully enrolled for the Cohort 5 Innovate Now program. Innovate Now is a tech program that supports startups offering persons with disabilities in Africa access to digital assistive technology solutions or that leverage digital platforms to help persons with disabilities access assistive technology for education, healthcare, livelihood and other sectors.






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5. Jennifer Montmogery and Gorett Komurembe, Cohort 2 peace fellows have partnered to start up a peace initiative that will target young girls in the slum areas. The initiative will soon be launched in Uganda by July 2022.




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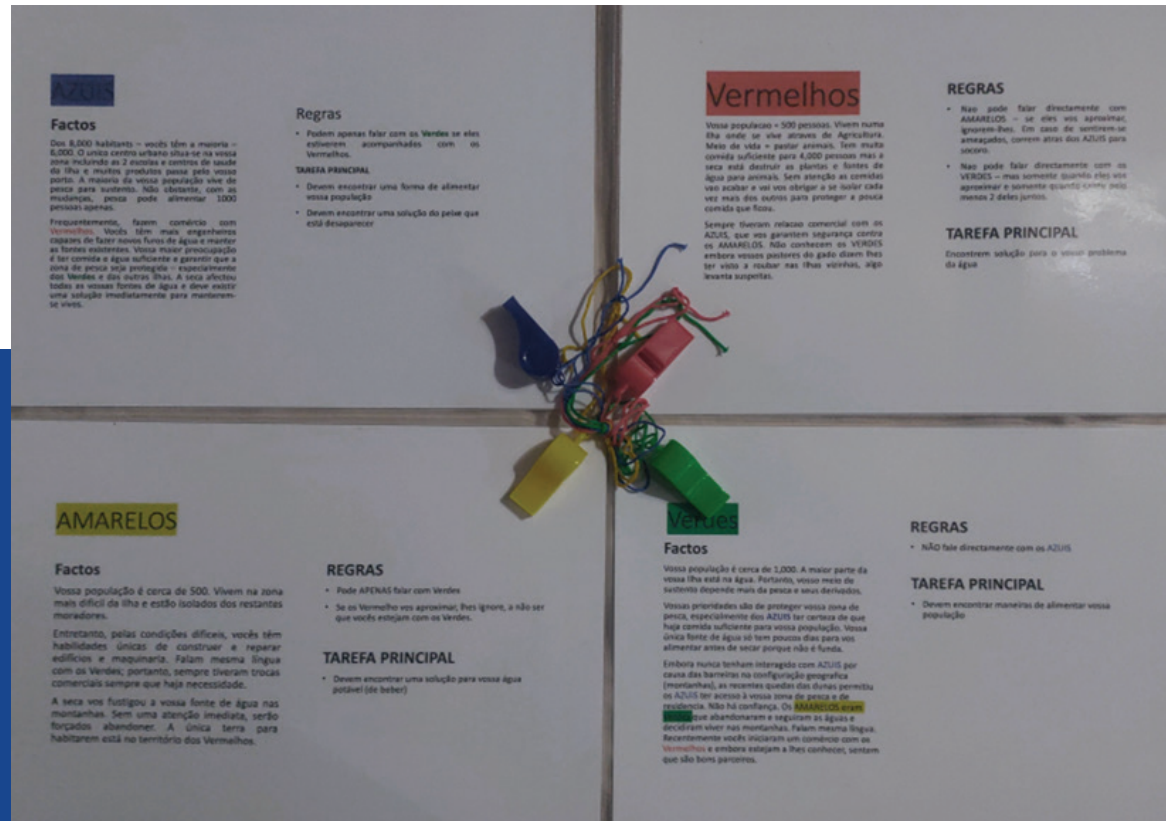
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6. Josue Tambara, Cohort 3 Peace Fellow from Mozambique used the knowledge acquired from Makerere University and the Institute for Economics and Peace, to train District government employees on the Pillars of Positive Peace in the Health and Education sectors respectively to enhance good governance. He translated the Positive Peace Pillar Island game, a hypothetical peace game that incorporates the pillars of positive peace to Portuguese.






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