

## Harnessing Internet Services for Youth Empowerment: Case Studies from Nigeria

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<b>Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unemployment</li><li>• Drug issues</li><li>• Militancy</li><li>• Debased value system</li><li>• The youth need jobs, health facilities, participation in governance among others</li><li>• Lack of sound policy on youth employment, no current national youth policy, no policy on youth exchange, no policy on youth leadership training.</li><li>• Lack of proper understanding of the concept of youth development</li><li>• Lack of appropriate technology solution</li></ul>
<b>Solutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Policy that utilizes emerging technologies to address the needs of Nigerian youth.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The policy covers youth in education, health, employment, science, sports communication and others. It provides for youth in drugs, youth in prostitution, youth on the streets and others.</li></ul></li></ul>

- Email based tele-mentoring system
- Online entrepreneurial system
- Internet enrolment into the NYSC Scheme
- AJEGUNLE.ORG Capacity building programme organised by Communicating for Change (CFC), in partnership with LEAP Africa and Paradigm Initiative Nigeria

Applicants:

- \* Reside in Ajegunle- a high density low income neighbourhood in Lagos, Nigeria
- \* Be available from September to October 2010
- \* Hold a Senior Secondary School Leaving Certificate

- Enough is Enough coalition: has evolved the RSVP (*Register. Select. Vote. Protect*) campaign to mobilize and motivate young Nigerians to participate fully in the 2011 general elections.

## Assessing the Situation

The state of the youth is challenging

Internet has been promoted as an important tool in ensuring that the youths are included in the development of the global information society

There are quite a number of internet- based initiatives offer additional ways to educate young people.