PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP IN TOGO THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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History
• Environmental education as the central activity of JVE since inception (Nov 2001)
• Participation in the Education caucus in the context of WSSD, August 2002, Johannesburg
• Introduction to a Brazilian initiative called ‘Ecology and Conscience’
• Adaptation of the main document in 2002
• Contact with 3 schools in early 2003
• Recruitment of volunteer teachers

Progress
• Beginning of the program in early 2004
• 1 school, 5 teachers
• 2005: 3 schools, 7 teachers
• 2006: 4 schools, 15 teachers, introduction of Pachamama handbook
• 2007: extension to 15 local branches in 15 cities
• 2008: 5 schools in Lome, 20 teachers and extension to neighbouring Benin and Cote d’Ivoire and DRC; Establishment of a Solar Generation group on the Lomé University
• 2009: more than 10 schools, 250 volunteers, introduction of the SPARE program

Content of the ECP
• Introduction to ecology
• A man and his environment
• Water
• Land
• Air
• Fauna & flora: biodiversity
• Development and poverty
• Globalisation and activism
• Energy
• Sustainable development

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Impact

- Main document revised twice, supporting document for teachers drafted
- 150 young and benevolent teachers well trained as eco-teachers
- More than 5000 students per year reached since 2005
- 5 conferences per schools
- 2 extra-school activities
- Creation of Youth Earth Clubs in various schools
- A interdisciplinary committee set up to rewrite the document taking into account new concepts from the SPARE Program
- JVE known as the leading organization in Environmental education
- A study conducted by international volunteers about ways to integrate EE into Togo education system
- Advocacy towards the government for EE to be integrated in official curriculum
- More than 500 copies distributed to teachers and education specialists

Short review of the relevance of the program

2004

2005
2006-7

2008

EXTRA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

2009

Akpe loo!!!