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Good Practice
„Peacemakers”

attached to the statement for the consultation process on the preparation of the “White Paper on intercultural dialogue” of the Council of Europe

1. **Title:** Peacemakers - Training Programmes and Projects on Non-Violent Conflict Transformation
2. **Organiser(s):**
 - Evangelisches Missionswerk in Südwestdeutschland (EMS)
(several regional member churches of the EKD are members in EMS)
 - Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG)
 - Moravian Church in South Africa (MCSA)

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3. **Themes:** training of youth in non-violent conflict transformation, identification of conflicts on local level, practical steps towards conflict resolution
4. **Target groups:** youth workers in churches, local communities, schools
5. **Intervention level:** local (notably in Ghana, South Africa and Germany)
6. **Objectives:** training of youth committees in skills and methods of non-violent conflict transformation, enabling them to make contributions towards conflict resolution
7. **Start and end date:**
 - Ghana: October 2004 to 2009 (Five-year programme of the Presbyterian Youth organisation)
 - South Africa: June 2006 to 2010
 - EMS fellowship in three continents: Project of the Year 2007

8. Description of activities:

Workshop with youth workers in Ghana in 2004, international workshop with 35 participants from Ghana, Germany, Cameroon, South Africa and Indonesia in May 2005, organised in collaboration with the West Africa Network for Peace (WANEP). Since then workshops in all regions in Ghana and establishment of committees addressing local conflicts;

International Workshop in South Africa with 30 participants from South Africa, Ghana, Germany and Indonesia in June 2006, follow-up by the Moravian Youth.

Participation of churches and youth groups in Germany in the “Project of the Year” linking up with the Ghanaian “Peacemakers” Project.

9. Outcomes

Manual on training in conflict transformation, articles in magazines, PowerPoint Presentations, group reports on activities

10. Budget and financial resources

total approx. 40.000 EUR (EMS budget), subsidy for workshop in Ghana from EED

11. Overall project result, evaluation

active youth committees in most regions in Ghana actively involved in conflict transformation on local level, support by many congregations in Germany

12. Follow-up

Ghana: Five-Year-Programme 2005-2009, South Africa: Planned Programme 2006-2009, Germany: Evaluation in 2008

13. Why is this project regarded as an “example of good practice”?

high involvement of youth in Ghana, South Africa and Germany in non-violent conflict resolution, generating interest among youth in other countries, e.g. Indonesia