Voice of the Family in Africa International



Secretariat Profile,

Strategy & Direction 2014

Nostalgia?

Prof. Richard Wilkins



VOFA Background I

- 2004 International Seminar in Nairobi, Kenya appointed Raymond Mutura as a Project Manager to bring together all initiatives of the family in Africa togerther to pave way for Family Policy work.
- Key Collaborators (Kenyans): Strathmore University,
 Strathmore School, Kianda, Family Network International, Pied
 Pipers, Family Enrichment Kenya.
- Key Collaborators (others): Family Enrichment (Ug), Association for the Family (Congo), Project for Human
 Development (Nig), Nigerian Association for Family
 Development, Family Network (Cote d Vore)

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VOFA Strategy

• Vision:

"To Develop & Build Strong Families"

• Mission:

"We are a Regional Secretariat that promotes a culture favorable to the family through always, policy intervention based on scientific research and education"

- Strategic Themes/Focus (2006-2010):
 - Sound & Scholarly Research
 - Develop Strong Networks
 - Build our Brand.



VOFA "key" Project

Promotion of a "coalition spirit" and motivate an increase in "members" or "affiliates" to join the "Voice of the Family in Africa. Through the "voice" we can "further" a campaign for **"family friendly policies"** in African Nations, AU Systems, the UN System and the Corporate or the "arena" of "the World of Work".



VOFA Motivated Projects I

- Family Friendly Policies at the Work Place through collaboration with The Centre for Research on Work & Family, a project of Strathmore Business School (original Architect is International Centre for Research on Work & Family-IESE). Lagos Business School and Institute for Family & Work Integration-Nigeria
- **Promotion of Family Friendly Schools** and schools as avenue for 'gaining learning tools" through collaboration with Bahari Educational Trust
- Promotion of Family Friendly Entertainment through collaboration with Pied Pipers Family Entertainment
- Promotion of Parenting Courses through Family Enrichment
 Kenya/Uganda, Nigeria Association for Family Development and
 International Federation for Family Development



VOFA Motivated Projects II

- Family Friendly Policies at the UN & African Goverments, through Representational Status of the President at the Economic Commission for Africa on behalf of International Federation for Family Development.
- **Promotion of couples skills on Natural Family Planning** through a project dubbed **"Well Couples Clinic"** by the Family Enrichment Kenya and the Mater Hospital.
- To promote a project for a more Family Friendly Media by formulating through Pied Pipers a viewers strategy and embark towards establishing a radio/TV/newspaper that would respect the dignity of the person.



Quote from Francis

•One of the more serious temptation which stifles boldness and zeal is defeatism which turns us into "sourpusses". Nobody can go off to a battle unless he is fully convinced of victory before hand. If we start without confidence, we have already lost half the battle and we bury our talents. While painfully aware of our frailties we have to march on without giving in.



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