

Youth Crime Watch of Liberia Paynesville Site
RAPE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The Youth Crime Watch of Liberia Paynesville Site on Saturday March 18, 2006, had a one day Rape Awareness Campaign on the theme “**Rape is a Crime, Report Rape**”. The Program brought together both adults and youth from the Wood Camp Community, the Displaced Camp and its surrounding areas.

The program was done in collaboration with United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) Public Information Section. The program is youth crime own way of buttressing National Government and women organizations who have over the period concentrated a lot on rape prevention, education and public awareness.

Despite the recently signed Rape Bill, cases of rape have been reported daily to police stations and courts especially in the Paynesville areas. It was in this vein, that Youth Crime Watch decided to educate girls, boys and children which are either perpetrators or victims of rape. The program was attended by Georgio Boutini, Liberia’s best comedian and entertainer who is normally used for such occasion because of his ability to purr crowd.

The program was characterized by Drama, lecture section, questions and answer period. The youth in the community as well as the elders gave their views as it relates to rape and what should be done about it.

Meanwhile, UNMIL delivered two footballs, few T-shirts and flyers about rape. During the program, those who answer questions correctly about rape benefited a T-Shirt (Rape is a Crime). The flyers were shared to all participants and the balanced were placed at public places.

At the end of the program, the head of the community extended thanks and appreciation for the far sightedness of the Youth Crime Watch for such a program. He then called on the young girls to report all form of rape cases to the police or the nearest youth crime sites; he advised the youths to do away with crimes which have the propensity of destroying their future.

The program was climaxed by a grand Kickball and Soccer match, Each team that won benefited a football.



One of the banners printed by Youth Crime Watch of Liberia Paynesville Site before the program.



Youth Crime Watch members used Megaphone to reach out to people in the community



Rape Message at the back of Youth Crime Watch T-Shirts



A Core Group member of Youth Crime Watch of Liberia Paynesville Site explains about Youth Crime Watch During the program



From Left to right Mulbah Yorboh of Youth Crime Paynesville Site, Georgio Boutini and Friend from UNMIL Public Information Section



Youth Crime Watch of Liberia Paynesville Site members distributing flyers during the program



young girls selecting team members for the Kickball match



Liberia's best comedian Georgio Boutini giving jokes
And stories about rape



From left to right Thomas Varla,
Aaron Holt and Ballah D. Corvah
Secretary, Youth Crime Watch of Liberia
Paynesville Site sharing views during the
program



Children listening carefully during the program



An elderly woman of the community shares
her views about rape during program



The program was well attended by both men , women
And children



The head of Wood Camp Community Mr. David
Varla shakes hand with Georgio Boutini of UNMIL



Some members of Youth Crime Watch of Liberia Paynesville Site posed for a photo with the head of the community at end of the program.



Youth Crime Watch football team posed for a photo before the soccer match