

International Positive Youth Development



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4-H is the youth development program of USDA's Cooperative Extension System, under the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Its 110-year history of programming in positive youth development in the U.S. is widely recognized around the world. It is USDA-NIFA's policy to draw upon that deep experience to assist with positive youth development activities in other countries. Wherever they live, young people are a treasure, and their becoming contributing, competent adults depends on deliberate and creative attention.

NIFA is ready to facilitate connecting you to experience and expertise in the US and internationally for positive youth development programs that can be pertinent to food assistance programs. For example:

- NIFA can **introduce you to experts** at the widely diverse state land-grant and minority-serving institutions throughout the US who have experience in planning, delivering, monitoring, and evaluating positive youth development programs in all parts of the world.
- A positive youth development **tool kit** describes how the 4-H Youth Development program is designed and implemented within the U.S. The toolkit may be useful to people leading youth development programs in other countries. Materials can be adapted to local needs and conditions. http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/res/youthdev_toolkit.html
- NIFA has learned many **lessons from the field** – including from Africa, Asia, the Americas, and the Middle East – that may be useful to positive youth development professionals. NIFA can convene webinars and similar discussions of best practices.

For more information on NIFA's International Positive Youth Development work, contact Dr. Lisa Lauxman (llauxman@nifa.usda.gov) or Dr. Hiram Larew (hlarew@nifa.usda.gov).

Join our webinar June 13, 2012, 2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT for more information on how to form youth development partnerships with NIFA and land-grant and minority-serving institutions for McGovern-Dole Food for Education, Food for Progress, USAID programs, or similar proposals.

Contact mary.crave@uwex.edu for webinar connections and an agenda.

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Networking and
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Tuesday, May 8, 2012
6-7 PM

Century A Ballroom
Westin Crown Center

Learn more about

*international positive youth
development programs*

*a network of global 4-H
partners*

FAO-UN's youth materials

and how food assistance programs can collaborate with these organizations on literacy, life skills, agri-business skills, leadership development, democratization, and civil society programming for youth.

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