

Schools Integrated Environmental Design Initiatives (SIEDI), formerly known as the ReSCOPE Programme



Reconnecting with nature & culture

Full Name: Schools Integrated Environmental Design Initiatives

Acronym: SIEDI (read SEED)

Type of organization: Regional Partnership Non Profit Organization

Founded: 19th December 2006 at Lusaka, Zambia

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Background

The younger generations are the future custodians of the planet's resources and many initiatives must be taken to educate them for sustainable development and also to improve the present situations of food and nutrition insecurity. One such initiative is the Schools and Colleges Permaculture (SCOPE) Programme of Zimbabwe which has used the Integrated Land-Use Design (ILUD) process as a tool to assist schools to redesign their grounds in an ecologically sound manner with impressive results.

In addition, the SIEDI Programme has been established to promote the sharing of experiences by partners who are committed to assisting schools and colleges to demonstrate sustainable land use with a view of enhancing healthy environments in and out of school.

All SIEDI partners work with schools and colleges to promote productive and healthy environments.

Vision

Quality of life in African communities is improved

Mission

To transform schools in Africa to become productive centres that are rich in agro-ecological resources for their communities

Long term goal

School and College communities producing nutritious food and useful products; providing countless learning possibilities for the curricula; serving as resource centres within communities; and contributing to the development of the whole person.

Core values

- Caring for the earth and respect for all forms of life
- Children as custodians of the future
- Integrity, transparency and accountability
- Partnerships, empowerment, democracy and sharing
- Creativity, innovation and fun
- Non discrimination.

Programme strategy

The SIEDI Programme provides technical support to partners in each participating country to design and implement Permaculture programmes and projects. The Programme seeks to work closely with relevant government Ministries, NGO's and CBO's. The partners will be assisted to establish in-country networks, partnerships and programmes that will enhance the implementation of these programmes and projects.

The Programme facilitates the sharing of relevant information between partners in their countries. The SIEDI Programme is therefore not an implementing partner in itself but provides technical support to the implementing partners in the participating countries. The experiences of the SCOPE Programme in Zimbabwe and those of other Permaculture and Sustainable Agriculture projects and programmes in the region are used as opportunities for sharing information among partners.

Committee and the Board. In addition two Trustees from the host country serve as signatories to the SIEDI accounts and are members of the Programme's Finance Committee. The day to day running of the SIEDI Programme is the responsibility of a secretariat that is headed by the Regional Coordinator.

Each country elects or appoints a lead organization implementing Permaculture in school and college communities in which they are working.

Lead organizations

Country	Lead Organization	Contact Person
Kenya	Resources Oriented Development Initiatives (RODI)	Eliud Ngunjiri
Malawi	School Health and Nutrition Programme of the Ministry of Education	Charles Mazinga
South Africa	Biowatch South Africa Kwazulu Natal Programme (interim)	Lawrence Mkhaliipi (interim)
Uganda	Kulika	Elijah Kyamuwe ndo
Zambia	Community Youth Concern (CYC)	Gertrude Zulu-Shinkanga
Zimbabwe	Schools and Colleges Permaculture (SCOPE) Programme	Daniel Sithole

Area of activity

East and Southern Africa.

Programme outputs

- Partnerships between organizations involved in Permaculture are strengthened.
- Guidelines for practical and sustainable land-use in schools are produced and shared.
- Healthy environments in institutions of learning and communities are created.
- Partnerships with relevant Government Ministries are established.
- Relevant learning packs are produced.
- Information sharing mechanisms for partners are established.
- Capacities of partner organizations are enhanced.
- Joint monitoring and evaluation systems are set up.

Funding partners

The Tudor Trust
Other potential funding partnerships are in process.

Structure

The SIEDI Programme is run by a Board that is made up of one member representing the lead organization in each participating country. The Board appoints a five member Management Committee that meets every six months. The chair and the vice chair of the Board are also the chair and the vice chair of the Management Committee. The host country member serves the function of Treasurer in both the Management

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