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On April 18, 2021. I participated in a training workshop organized by a Non-Governmental Organisation called Change Communications with the theme "Youth Click For Peace". The event consisted of training Internally Displaced Youths on the right use of the Internet and the measures & tools they can use to be peacebuilders in their community. We were thought so many things which I can explain all but in the following lines, I am going to briefly describe some of the major articulations that were discussed on that day.

-Avoiding and denouncing any form of hate speech, bullying or assaults.

-In case of conflict, don't play the hero and put your life in danger. Save yourself first.

-Respecting the customs and traditions of your host community.

-Negative effects of propagating fake news. We were then taught the fact-checking method(5W+H) to properly screen information to test its validity.

-Virtues of living together; love, selflessness, humility, kindness among others. All these aspects being those of a typical African Philosophy called 'UBUNTU', a word in Zulu meaning "I am because we all are" with founder Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. We were not just taught these but given details about the life of this great South African President and World Icon.

-We were also told the story of Malala, how despite her poor background and many challenges she faced was able to overcome and become a great person. The take-home message was "I can do it, and I must do it"

An UBUNTU family platform was thus created and we have been interacting with one another and equally enhanced our quest for the return of peace in our community through several activities.

Personally, since I joined this organisation, my life has not been the same. It has shaped my way of seeing and doing things. I have also talked to many about what I have learned so far. Each time, I get to an event and I call the name UBUNTU, the appreciation I receive makes me proud to have been part of Change Communications. The organisation has also on several occasions given me moral and financial assistance. It's not possible to narrate such a great experience in a single message but I can testify I am a better person today thanks to this wonderful organisation.

THANK YOU