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Part 1: Where are we now?

Assessment

1. External assessment:

We find ourselves in societies where we are a minority, thus we are exposed to clashing cultural and social values: Individualism contra collectivism is just one example: Consequently, organizing and motivating Eritrean youth brought up and influenced by such societies is challenging. As in the assessment of our own potential, we propose the following ideas that have to be enriched and expanded through research.

Opportunities	Challenges
1. Having dual citizenship of cultures	1. Clash a. Ideology (i.e. west's school curriculum & media) b. Clash of generations c. Values (ex. Individualism,

	egoistic) d. Identity (since, as time progresses an increasingly larger share of Eritrean youth in the diaspora will be youth born outside of Eritrea)
2. Local resources: easy and highly Economic crisis and unemployment Developed access to education, Technology, professional development, Means of transport etc.	2.
3. Exposure to different cultures and languages Intensive anti-Eritrea campaign	3.
4. Growing recognition of needed change Subtle racism and discrimination western liberal democracy ideology: the rights of the rest	4.
5. Civil laws	
6. Fast and valuable information network	
7. Access to non-Eritrean communities, Governments, associations and media	

2. Eritrean community

Our movement since its inception, has taken Europe to be a dependable base for our activities, thus this assessment is going to look into those issues that directly or indirectly, positively or negatively, affect Eritrean communities in Europe since they have direct impact on our activities. The strengths and weaknesses of our movement is measured based on our ability to mobilize and lead our communities; thus we hereby present a draft assessment of what we think should be enriched through timely research and study.

Strengths	opportunities
Commitment and tradition of organizing its youth	Generous with financial contribution
Relatively organized and easy to mobilize community	Great youth potential
Decades of experience in	Positive attitude towards YPFDJ

organizing and activism	
Considerate, supportive and patriotic culture	Encourage and support EPLF/PFDJ veterans
Maintained its culture and identity, and is caring of its youth and children	Consultation of embassies and local PFDJ chapters
	New arrivals have not been willing to play into the hands of detractors
weaknesses	Challenges
A community has not yet built effective institutions and organizations	Lack of good academic preparation among the first generation
Immediate post-independence slacking and de-emphasizing a vital organizational structure	Financial limitations
The mixing of priorities	Viewing YPFDJ as competitor rather than partner/collaborator
Lack of leadership and coherent vision	A tendency to see our movement as a narrow sect
Inability to take advantage of the local resources	An attitude that discourages service by saying 'the youth of yesteryear have not gained anything'
Lack to fill important posts in politics and economy of host countries	Lack of cultural diversity of Eritrea and wider participation
Lack of ability in conflict resolution	Mobility of leading and dedicated members
Not paying enough attention to new arriving youth	Overlap and multiplicity of organizations

	Unemployment and social evils (divorce , addiction, bad habits)
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3. Our Movement

Our movement is the outcome of an idea whose time has come. It is a reality, a force that is to be reckoned with. We have reached a stage where we have laid a foundation of networks, experience etc. nevertheless, we have several weaknesses and threats that we must address without delay. These weaknesses are connected to the lack of a consolidated political education programme, recruitment strategy, and the level of commitment of our members.

Strengths	Opportunities
Overcoming dominant ideologies and values of societies we live in and increase our awareness	We have exemplary members that can serve as role models in every field
Follow the foot-steps of the first generation in mobilizing for the cause of Eritrea	Create a positive image in the western world
Internalizing that global change can only come through work	Adolescence baby-boomers (born 1991 -1994) in the coming 3 years (the most acclimatized and largest Eritrean age batch so far
Ability to nurture committed and capable members	
Produce work able to lay the foundation for institutional work and organizing	

We have been able to create vital networks	
Deep knowledge and understanding of the culture and mode of thinking of the societies we live in	

Strategic issues

Considering the effects of the weaknesses and threats that we have identified, YPFDJ is facing some challenges that must be taken into consideration and need more focus. Members of YPFDJ have different backgrounds and levels of commitment, knowledge, education, skills and competencies. It is vital that every potential member is materialized in the organization.

Members of YPFDJ are a determined key factor for the sake of the movement; it cannot be emphasized enough. The challenge of the YPFDJ is how to engage to maximize the skills of Eritrean youth all over the world.

To be continued

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1.2 Development Process

YPFDJ was officially established in 2005, and is a relatively new movement. As with any changes or new ideas there is always some skepticism, and it takes time for it to settle and to be fully accepted and recognized. Most organizations go through a similar development process with different phases as shown in the following graph.

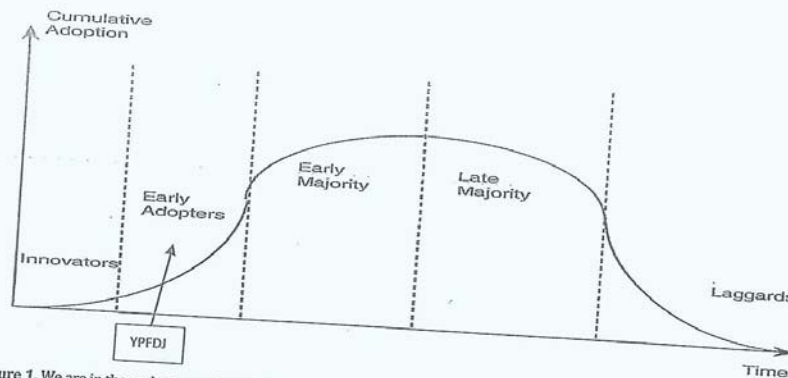


Figure 1. We are in the early stage, where the early adopters are joining the organization. YPFDJ has to prepare itself for the next phase to manage when the early majority takes part in this movement.

Below are general characteristics of each category of individuals in the above graph:

- Innovators:** venturesome, educated, multiple info sources
- Early adopters:** social leaders, popular, educated
- Early majority:** deliberate, many informal social contacts
- Late majority:** skeptical, traditional
- Laggards:** neighbors and friends are main info sources

2. Mission Statement

We will adhere and build upon the ideology and values of PFDJ, and we are determined to continue the legacy of the People's Front that made Eritrea's independence a reality. Guided by the National Charter we are working to ensure that we empower and mobilize Eritrean youth around the world. We will diligently work to transform and strengthen Eritrean communities, and we aspire to ensure that we, the youth, play our historic role to develop a viable and sustainable Eritrea.

3. Vision Statement

YPFDJ's vision is to contribute to the development of a prosperous and just Eritrea and a strong Eritrean community in Diaspora, by serving the interest of Eritrea, through a value-centered, strong, conscious and patriotic youth movement.