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Project Location

Country: Uganda
City: Kampala

Organization

Organization Name: Kampabits
Organization Type: Company

Website

www.kampabits.org

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Project Type

Education up to 29 years

Project Description

Description Frase (max. 500 characters):

Kampabits exists to positively change the lives of vulnerable youth in Uganda by improving their access to productive employment as well as their ability to cope with their social environment through creativity and innovation.

Project Summary (max. 2000 characters):

We work with several community based organizations to identify and recruit out of skill youth.

We train for a year in ICT skills, entrepreneurship, Sexual reproductive health rights and life skill/work related and social etiquette. Trained youth are sent to our business partners to work as interns for 3 months while developing skills learnt. We lobby business partners to provide employment to the interns.

The concept is a 'chip-off' the concept used by Nairobits since 1999. Nairobits has been implementing the project targeting vulnerable unemployed youth from the slums in the city of Nairobi (Kenya).

With support of Butterflyworks, Nairobits and Terre Des Hommes, the concept was turned into a project and implemented in Kampala (Uganda) in 2010. The project has been implemented by Kampabits since. The organization derives its name it's from the city where it exists i.e. Kampala-Kampa, and Bits-smallest unit in computing hence the name Kampabits.

How long has your project been running?

2010-05-30 22:00:00

Objectives and Innovative Aspects

Globally, youth make up 25% of the global working age population, but account for 43.7% of the unemployed. This means that every other jobless person in the world is between the ages of 15-24 years (UN-Habitat, 2015).
Uganda has a high population growth rate and over 80% of its population is below the age 25. In 2013, an estimated 63% of Ugandan youths aged 15-30 years were reported unemployed. Research by the International Labor Organization (ILO) shows a strong correlation between youth unemployment and social exclusion, and suggests that this may lead to political and social instability, and possibly violence.

Objectives.
-To improve the prospects of formal employment for youth from informal settlements.
-To increase the prospects of self-employment on the part of youth from informal settlements.
-To improve the capacity of youth from informal settlements to deal with those social factors that affect the quality of their lives.
-To assure relevance, effectiveness, learning, replication and innovation in Kampabits.

Skills training, employer liaison and advocacy with businesses, partnership with community based organizations to identify and recruit vulnerable youth.

Results

Describe the results achieved by your project How do you measure (parameters) these. (max. 2000 characters): 200 bene
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How many users interact with your project monthly and what are the preferred forms of interaction? (max. 500 characters):
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Sustainability

What is the full duration of your project (from beginning to end)?: From 1 to 3 years
What is the approximate total budget for your project (in Euro)?: From 75.001 to 500.000 Euro
What is the source of funding for your project?: Grants
Is your project economically self sufficient now?: Yes
Since when?: 2018-11-29 23:00:00

Transferability

Has your project been replicated/adapted elsewhere?: Yes
Where? By whom?: Arua; Aruabits Ghana, Tamale; Tamabits Pakistan; Indusbits Addis Ababa; Addisb
Zanzibar; Zanzibits The concept has been replicated elsewhere with technical ass
Butterflyworks, and consultancy from the older bits in corporations with individuals
passion for using technology to empower the youth.
What lessons can others learn from your project? (max. 1500 characters):
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-Having strong personal
for the businesses to en
-Limited access to finan
their own businesses.
-Short term empowerme
with more competence a
-ICT based interventions
equipment, internet, sof
-Using open source soft
alternative platforms for

Are you available to help others to start or work on similar projects?: Yes

Background Information

Barriers and Solutions (max. 1000 characters): -Lack of mid-term/long term Funding. -Stigma toward
physical space to scale; we are actively seeking and
in establishing training centers in slums around the ci
main facility when we increase the number of benefic
resource mobilization officer was hired. The organiza
CSO advocacy coalitions that -Beneficiary drop out b

training -Low confidence of potential employers to recruit empowered beneficiary; Employer liaison officer recruited to convince and induce businesses to take up interns.

Future plans and wish list (max. 750 characters): -Empowered beneficiary becoming agents of socia communities. -A bits project established in every to whole of Africa; we will tell the success story of the funding proposals for funding to establish the proje achieves financial sustainability and profitability; we design agency to increase its profitability; we will ir organization to ensure diversity in funding sources.

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