

Empowering young women with disability (deaf) through ICT

Buea, Cameroon



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Organization type:

nonprofit/ngo/citizen sector

Project Stage:

Idea

Budget:

\$1,000 - \$10,000

Website:

<http://www.ruwdec.org>

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Project Summary

Elevator Pitch

Concise Summary: Help us pitch this solution! Provide an explanation within 3-4 short sentences.

Rural Women Development Center is an NGO which seeks to improve on the living standards of local communities with focus to women, youths, orphans and vulnerable children.

About Project

Problem: What problem is this project trying to address?

The world is gradually becoming a global village thanks to ICT as it plays a major role in the growth of every nation, business and even individuals. Young people with disabilities most especially girls are no different. Being women in some areas of Cameroon, means being a property with limited socio economic benefits. If being a woman already comes with lots of social and economic exclusion, then being a young girls with disability may be a life trauma. 10% of Cameroons population are disabled of which 30% are blind and visually impaired and 20% deaf and/or dumb. It is worth mentioning that in addition to disability, they are highly marginalized in our communities and giving little opportunities in our communities.

Solution: What is the proposed solution? Please be specific!

ICT for disabled girls bridge the gap that exit between women and ICT, increase their access to information, socio economic opportunities, make their voices hear and help them overcome the challenges they face and lead autonomous lives.it will also give young women with disabilities, with that desire to excel in their communities the opportunity though ICT to do so. We propose to training young girls with disability on basic Microsoft skills, access to internet, blogging, networking, and documentation.

Impact: How does it Work

Example: Walk us through a specific example(s) of how this solution makes a difference; include its primary activities.

We shall establish an ICT center through which we shall recruit and train at least 20 girls for each session of 6months on basic micro-soft applications, interest browsing, networking, blogging, research, documentation management etc. Tutors shall include Deaf person serving as catalyst and inspiration to girls. Inspirational lessons, mentorship and leadership orientation shall guide them towards their future aspirations. A social network shall be created for information dissemination and sharing of opportunities. A blog as well will be created to enable them share their experiences as they will be tough how to Blog and encourage to create Blogspot.

Sustainability

Marketplace: Who else is addressing the problem outlined here? How does the proposed project differ from these approaches?

In our local community, we have many organizations and institution that provide ICT training. What makes our initiative different from theirs is the

fact that we shall focus on providing training course exclusively to girls with disabilities who have a special need, do not have the means and the possibility of having access to such training.

About You

Organization:

RURAL WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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About Your Organization

Organization Name

RURAL WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Organization Country

, SOU, Buea

Country where this project is creating social impact

, SOU, Buea

Age of Innovator

18-34

Gender of Innovator

Female

How long has your organization been operating?

More than 5 years

Has the organization received awards or honors? Please tell us about them

The information you provide here will be used to fill in any parts of your profile that have been left blank, such as interests, organization information, and website. No contact information will be made public. Please uncheck here if you do not want this to happen..

Innovation

How long have you been in operation?

Still in idea phase, but looking to launch soon

Which of the following best describes the barrier(s) your innovation addresses? Choose up to two

Access, Cost.

Social Impact

What solution(s) does your initiative address to better the lives of girls and women by leveraging technology? (select all applicable)

Access to technology, Access to education/training, Access to economic opportunity.

What has been the impact of your solution to date?

Given that this is a new initiative no results have been obtained yet. Interactions with these young girls never the less show great promise of success as they are highly motivated and long for opportunities like this to reach their utmost potentials. Deaf tutor serving as catalyst will definitely encourage these girls to work and hence there shall be a multiplier effect. Girls moral, social and financial status shall be enhance.

What is your projected impact over the next 1-3 years?

We look forward to reach out to over 100 in 3years so as to create great impact in the lives of these young girls. We hope to build their interpersonal skills through the creation of a lasting social networks, create forums for peer exchange and mentoring. Create a generation of inspiring, fulfilling, confident and inspiring young girls with disability. Change community stereotypes on the ability of disable people to excel in our communities.

What barriers might hinder the success of your project? How do you plan to overcome them?

Resistance of parents to enroll their children to these program might be a major threat as we understand that some people in our communities still regard disability as a taboo and would not like to expose their child with fear of being marginalize. Secondly, communication will be one great constrain because of the listening barrier that may exist between tutors and student. We shall work hand in gloves with the ministry of social affairs and institutions catering for disabled children and well as carry out outreach campaigns to increase awareness and encourage parent to enroll their children. Finally deaf computer literates shall serve as tutors to facilitate communication as well as lecture shall be base more on practicals.

Winning entries present a strong plan for how they will achieve and track growth. Identify your six-month milestone for growing your impact

Identify three major tasks you will have to complete to reach your six-month milestone

Task 1

Establishment of ICT center

Task 2

Recruit and Train tutors

Task 3

Recruit and train girls

Now think bigger! Identify your 12-month impact milestone

Identify three major tasks you will have to complete to reach your 12-month milestone

Task 1

Establish curriculum to suite needs of students

Task 2

Increase visibility through blogging and networking

Task 3

create platform for exchange and mentorship

Sustainability

Tell us about your partnerships

we shall be working hand in hand with the ministry of Social affair. Our major partner is Women for a Change a local women's voluntary group, working together to promote the empowerment of women in creating a caring community cutting across the gender barriers and constraints.with great expertise is social media and the school for the deaf.

Please elaborate on any needs or offers you have mentioned above and/or suggest categories of support that aren't specified within the list

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