Gateway for Life

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SOCIETAL ISSUES THAT THE 'GATEWAY FOR LIFE' PROJECT AIMS TO TACKLE

By 2030, around ⅔ of today's children and youth will work in jobs that have not yet been invented. This development will further impoverish the already poor and marginalized. There is limited access for underprivileged youths to gain access to higher education in Vietnam, thus decreasing their chances of securing decent employment and further perpetuating the poverty cycle.

Passerelles numériques (PN) Vietnam provides technical and professional training in the digital sector to these underprivileged youths by leveraging their potential and willpower through a 3-year-long educational program. It endeavors to truly develop the beneficiaries' employability, allowing them and their families to escape poverty in a sustainable way, while contributing to the social and economic development of their country. PN also work in Cambodia and the Philippines.

WHAT IMPACT WILL THIS PROJECT HAVE?

The support of the Amaris Foundation will enable 8 3rd year students to attend this quality educational program and graduate in August 2020.

Graduation is a way to employment: 100% of PN Vietnam 2017 Alumni were employed two months after passing the diploma and 93% of them now work in IT-related jobs. Moreover, their starting salaries averaged 269 USD per month, almost twice as high as the regional minimum salary which allows them to escape poverty in a sustainable way. The Alumni give on average 30% of their salary back to their families, creating a ripple effect for local communities and helping to finance their siblings' education etc.

PROJECT MILESTONES

The Amaris Foundation's grant was used for innovative initiatives during the 3rd and final year of the beneficiaries training for PN Vietnam. Please find below some of the milestones throughout the year, leading up to the students' graduation in August 2020.

● Entrepreneurial training fostering the students' independence: one of PN's main goals is to foster entrepreneurial and problem-solving skills among its students by allowing them to develop and pitch their innovative ideas in the form of a tangible IT product.

● Professional on-the-job training: students are required to undertake a 5-month "professional internship" during their 3rd year. This 3rd year internship aims to enhance the employability of students by equipping them with analytical and creative thinking skills, information technology competencies and problem-solving skills. The interns are expected to develop practical skills in IT and adopt professional values and attitudes with an emphasis on work ethics, professional behavior, discipline and self-reliance.

● Developing leadership skills: "leadership week" gives them the chance to demonstrate their leadership capacity in the form of a social project.

● Career orientation workshops: interview coaching and CV reviewing are regular activities during the final academic year in order to prepare them as best as possible for the post-graduation job search.

● Graduation: the students' professional and financially independent life begins.

3 WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE PROJECT

INNOVATIVE AND STUDENT-CENTERED
The whole PN educational experience is tailored to its beneficiaries and making them employable: from teacher-centered to student-centered approaches, from exam-oriented to personal development and from textbook-dominated to multimedia learning environments.

RELEVANT
Regular market surveys help to shape and adapt the innovative curriculum, which prepares the students for the future demands of the digital industry.

TRUST AND PARTNERSHIP
PN values its partnerships with local, regional and international corporations who play an essential role in the students' development towards becoming well-rounded professionals.

Watch this space! Alongside Passerelles numériques, we are currently looking into the different types of additional support we could provide to them, such as technical support, student mentoring, organizing company visits to our Vietnamese offices etc. We will keep you posted!

ABOUT US

Every year, the Amaris Foundation helps non-profit organizations to make their innovative, charitable projects a reality. Our members are at the heart of this process: they are the ones putting forward the projects as well as voting for them.