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**SELECTION OF SUB-CONTRACTOR TO LEAD  
IMPROVEMENT AND INTEGRATION OF YOUNG AFRICA  
MONITORING EVALUATION & LEARNING (MEL) SYSTEM**

**FOR**

**DIGITAL VET FOR YOUNG AFRICANS (D-VETYA)  
PROJECT**

## **Milestone Description Sheet**

**Milestones:** M17 – Sub Contractor Hired (for Improvement of YA MEL System)

**Due Date:** Month 3 (31<sup>st</sup> March 2023)

**Actual Completion Date:** Month 4 (18<sup>th</sup> April 2023)

**Work Package Concerned:** WP 4 – Improvement of Young Africa MEL System

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## 1. Background

The Digital VET for Young Africans (D-VETYA) project will be implemented by SERVE and Young Africa (YA). The project timeframe is January 2023 to December 2024. SERVE is an international development NGO based in Ireland. YA is a confederation of independent NGOs and includes YA International Netherlands, YA International Africa Hub Trust (Zimbabwe), YA Zimbabwe, YA Mozambique, YA Zambia and YA Namibia. YA has a dissemination network with 23 organisations across 11 African countries whereby it shares successful models of its work. YA provides holistic and accredited VET to marginalised youth through 6-12 month training courses in 46 disciplines, life skills, entrepreneurship and ICT.

The objectives of the D-VETYA Project are (1) Coordinating implementation of the Project Workplan and achievement of Project Deliverables; (2) YA's eLearning Platform available for 8,150 disadvantaged youth across southern and Eastern Africa; (3) YA's Postgraduate Service Toolbox (PGST) contributes to a substantial increase in the percentage of YA graduates in employment; (4) 4 YA Affiliates and 23 dissemination partners using the PGST across Africa; (5) 2 new YA models (eLearning & PGST) integrated into YA MEL system and 73 YA and dissemination partner staff trained in MEL system leading to improved data driven performance; (6) Evaluate the impact, successes, challenges and lessons learned of the Project; and (7) Increase awareness about Digital VET in Africa amongst 50 policymakers and 3,500 members of the public in Ireland and the Netherlands.

There are five Work Packages – (1) Coordination and Management; (2) Development of the YA eLearning Platform; (3) Development of the YA Postgraduate Service Toolbox (4) Improvement of the YA Monitoring Evaluation and Learning System; (5) Impact and Dissemination. SERVE is the Coordinator, YA International (YA NL and YA Hub) are Beneficiaries, and the four YA Affiliates are Affiliated Entities. YA's dissemination network will also benefit.

## 2. Milestone Details

SERVE and Young Africa have chosen Spur Technologies (<https://spurtechnologies.com>) to complete the Improvement of the Young Africa MEL System (Work Package 4).

A comprehensive and competitive tender process led to the shortlisting of 7 technology companies who submitted detailed proposals and completed interviews with SERVE and Young Africa. A second round of calls were held with 3 companies who provided product demonstrations. Spur Technologies emerged as the leading candidate, and after further correspondence to clarify technical and logistical queries they were chosen to undertake this work.

Given the close coordination between Work Package 4 (Improvement of the Young Africa MEL System) and Work Package 2 (Development of the Young Africa eLearning Platform), SERVE and Young Africa decided to combine these activities when developing the Terms of Reference used to find a suitable sub-contractor.

SERVE and Young Africa are delighted to work with Spur Technologies to complete this work which will make a significant contribution to our overall project goal.

**SIGNED:** 

(SERVE, PROJECT COORDINATOR)

**DATE:** 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023