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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 are a federation of independent NGOs and includes YA International Netherlands, YA International Africa Hub Trust (Zimbabwe), YA Zimbabwe, YA Mozambique, YA Zambia and YA Namibia. YA have a dissemination network with 23 organisations across 11 African countries whereby it shares successful models of its work. YA provide 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 YA Affiliates are Affiliated Entities. YA's dissemination network will also benefit.

2. The Technical Brochure (English Version)

The Project Consortium has developed this Technical Brochure to contribute towards the impact and dissemination of project results (Work Package 5), especially amongst policymakers at EU and African level. The aim is to increase awareness about the project results, advocate in favour of the importance of VET for young people in Africa and provide a call to action and opportunity for further engagement between policymakers and SERVE and Young Africa. *To comply with donor rules, the personal details of the contact person are redacted for this report.* The Brochure contains the following sections:

YA E-LEARNING

Digital Vocational Platform for Africa's Youth



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INTRODUCTION

Africa is the world's youngest continent, with a median age of 19.7 years. According to the World Bank, Africa's working age population is expected to grow by 450 million people, or close to 70 percent, by 2035. However, this demographic dividend can only be realised through investments in education, skills development, and job creation, especially for women and youth.

The World Bank further notes that:

- Eleven million youth are expected to enter Africa's labour market every year for the next decade, yet they lack the critical skills to be employable or start their self-business enterprises.
- Investments in youth talent are crucial for the continent's development trajectory and for increasing Global South and African ownership over the path ahead.

BENEFITS

By investing in our mission, you can help us empower more young people across Africa to build sustainable livelihoods. Your support can:

- Expand access to TVET programs, especially in remote and underserved areas
- Strengthen our e-learning platform to deliver flexible, personalized, and free training
- Create more success stories like Isabella, Miriam, and Habitat, who have gained skills, confidence, and independence

ABOUT YOUNG AFRICA

The mission of YA is the integral development of underprivileged youths aged 15 to 35 years with a special focus on young women and youths with disabilities. YA does this through imparting to youth skills of the hands to make them self-reliant, skills of the heart and mind to help them live with dignity, and skills of the soul to help them live with a purpose. We do this because:

- 60% of Africa's population is under 25 years old
- The International Labour Organisation (ILO) further notes that:
 - The lack of productive and decent jobs remains the largest labour market challenge for young people in Sub-Saharan Africa.
 - At 21.9 per cent in 2023, the youth NEET (not in employment, education, or training) rate in sub-Saharan Africa exceeded the global rate (at 20.4 per cent).
 - The region is one of only three global regions judged to be "off track" in its SDG commitment (under target 8.6) to lower numbers of young NEETs.
 - Young women face significant additional barriers when trying to enter the labour market. Three in five young NEETs in sub-Saharan Africa were women in 2023, and the gender gap in youth NEET rates was 10 percentage points (at 27 per cent and 16.9 per cent, respectively)
 - 70% of Africa's population live in rural areas far removed from formal training possibilities.



SERVE (www.serve.ie) and **Young Africa** (YA) are implementing the Digital VET for Young Africans (D-VETYA) project to promote access to quality Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and leverage digital learning platforms. It is supported by the EU Erasmus+ Fund. YA's holistic model provides:

- Up to 13 TVET 6—12-month courses and 2 Life skills courses
- Pathways to self-employment and wage employment

JOIN US

Your support can make a lasting impact on the lives of young people and contribute to the sustainable development of African communities.

We invite you to partner with Young Africa International and be a part of this transformative journey.

- Join our webinars- check our social media platforms for updates
- We conduct regular meetings with partners in Europe. Details are shared via our website and social media platforms



Together we can bridge the skills gap!

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3. The Technical Brochure (Dutch Version)

YA E-LEARNING

Digitaal Platform voor Beroepsonderwijs
voor de Jeugd van Afrika





INTRODUCTIE

Afrika is het jongste continent ter wereld, met een gemiddelde leeftijd van 19,7 jaar. Volgens de Wereldbank zal de Afrikaanse beroepsbevolking naar verwachting met 450 miljoen mensen groeien, ofwel bijna 70 procent, tegen 2035. Dit demografische potentieel kan echter alleen worden gerealiseerd door te investeren in onderwijs, vaardigheidsontwikkeling en het creëren van banen, met name voor vrouwen en jongeren.

De Wereldbank merkt verder op dat:

- Elk jaar zullen de komende tien jaar elf miljoen jongeren de arbeidsmarkt in Afrika betreden, maar zij missen vaak de cruciale vaardigheden om inzetbaar te zijn of een eigen onderneming te starten.
- Investerings in jong talent essentieel zijn voor de ontwikkelingsrichting van het continent en voor het vergroten van het eigenaarschap van het Mondiale Zuiden en Afrika over hun toekomst.

VOORDELEN

Door in onze missie te investeren, kunt u ons helpen om meer jongeren in Afrika te ondersteunen bij het opbouwen van duurzame levensonderhoud.

Uw steun kan bijdragen aan:

- Toegang tot TVET-programma's (Technisch en Beroepsonderwijs en Training) uit te breiden, vooral in afgelegen en achtergestelde gebieden.
- Het versterken van ons e-learningplatform om flexibele, gepersonaliseerde en gratis trainingen te bieden.
- Het creëren van meer succesverhalen zoals die van Isabella, Miriam en Habitat, die vaardigheden, zelfvertrouwen en onafhankelijkheid hebben verworven.



OVER YOUNG AFRICA

De missie van Young Africa (YA) is de integrale ontwikkeling van kansarme jongeren tussen 15 en 35 jaar, met speciale aandacht voor jonge vrouwen en jongeren met een beperking. YA doet dit door jongeren vaardigheden bij te brengen die hen zelfredzaam maken, vaardigheden van het hart en de geest die hen helpen waardig te leven, en vaardigheden van de ziel die hen helpen met een doel te leven. Dit doen we omdat:

- 60% van de Afrikaanse bevolking jonger is dan 25 jaar.
- De Internationale Arbeidsorganisatie (IAO) verder opmerkt dat:
 - Het gebrek aan productieve en fatsoenlijke banen de grootste uitdaging blijft voor jonge mensen op de arbeidsmarkt in Sub-Sahara Afrika.
 - In 2023 bedroeg het NEET-percentage (jongeren die niet werken, studeren of een opleiding volgen) in Sub-Sahara Afrika 21,9%, hoger dan het wereldwijde percentage van 20,4%.
 - De regio is een van de drie wereldregio's die als "off track" wordt beoordeeld in haar SDG-verbintenis (doel 8.6) om het aantal NEET-jongeren te verminderen.
 - Jonge vrouwen ondervinden aanzienlijke extra barrières bij het betreden van de arbeidsmarkt. Drie op de vijf NEET-jongeren in Sub-Sahara Afrika waren in 2023 vrouwen, en de genderkloof in NEET-percentages bedroeg 10 procentpunten (27% bij vrouwen tegenover 16,9% bij mannen).
- 70% van de Afrikaanse bevolking woont in landelijke gebieden, ver verwijderd van formele opleidingsmogelijkheden.

SERVE (www.serve.ie) en Young Africa (YA) voeren samen het project Digital VET for Young Africans (D-VETYA) uit om toegang tot kwalitatief Technisch en Beroepsonderwijs en Training (TVET) te bevorderen en gebruik te maken van digitale leerplatforms. Dit project wordt ondersteund door het EU Erasmus+ Fonds. Het holistische model van YA biedt:

- Tot 13 TVET-cursussen van 6–12 maanden en 2 cursussen in levensvaardigheden.
- Wegen naar zelfstandig ondernemerschap en loonarbeid.

SLUIT AAN

Uw steun kan een blijvende impact hebben op het leven van jongeren en bijdragen aan de duurzame ontwikkeling van Afrikaanse gemeenschappen.

Wij nodigen u uit om samen te werken met Young Africa International en deel uit te maken van deze transformatieve reis.

- Doe mee aan onze webinars — houd onze sociale mediaplatforms in de gaten voor updates.
- Wij houden regelmatig vergaderingen met partners in Europa. Details worden gedeeld via onze website en sociale mediaplatforms.



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The brochure has been shared with 14 MEPs for Ireland and 31 MEPs for the Netherlands. This is a total of 45 EU policymakers.

It has also been shared with the Erasmus+ National Focal Points (ENFPs) in relevant African countries.