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Expanding Scouting to underserved and vulnerable communities to promote diversity and inclusion and amplify the social impact of Scouting.

The Challenge

Millions of children and young people - especially those living in poverty, displaced communities, or excluded from social life - lack access to quality non-formal education, life skills development, and supportive youth networks. Their effective participation is hindered by social and economic disadvantage, disability and marginalisation, displacement due to conflict or migration, lack of inclusive youth programmes in underserved communities, and limited access to opportunities that build life skills, resilience, and employability. Additionally, many youth organisations struggle to measure and communicate their social impact, limiting their ability to scale and attract sustainable support.

The Solution

World Scouting will widen access to its transformative Youth Programme by expanding inclusive initiatives that reach vulnerable communities, strengthen food security, and embed diversity and impact measurement into the movement. Through flagship programmes and strategic support to National Scout Organizations (NSOs), the initiative will:

- Deliver tailored Scouting programmes for disadvantaged children and young people.
- Strengthen inclusive policies and outreach strategies.
- Develop tools to measure and communicate Scouting's impact.

Together, these efforts will enable more young people - especially those furthest from opportunity - to develop skills, confidence, and agency to transform their communities.

Activities

- Expanding the Ticket to Life initiative (that provides holistic services through special implementation of the Scouting's Youth Programme that addresses education and training needs along with social support and life skills) to new countries to support vulnerable children and youth, through tailored Scouting programmes for street children, refugees, and marginalised youth.
- Training Scouts and communities in sustainable agriculture and food production through Food for Life to promote nutrition education, environmental stewardship, and sustainable farming techniques.
- Supporting NSOs to develop diversity and inclusion policies and strategies that remove barriers to participation for young people with disabilities and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Developing and deploying social impact measurement tools for Scouting programmes, provide capacity-building resources and training for NSOs and to share stories, evidence, and data demonstrating the impact of Scouting worldwide.

Beneficiaries

The initiative will benefit children, youth, and communities in selected countries across all five regions of World Scouting (Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Europe, and InterAmerica).

Primary beneficiaries include street children and out-of-school youth, refugees and internally displaced youth, young people with disabilities or living in poverty or marginalised communities, and volunteers and leaders supporting inclusive Scouting programmes. Through these interventions, thousands of young people will gain access to life skills, education support, leadership training, and community engagement opportunities.



Impact

- Expansion of Ticket to Life programmes to new countries reaching and engaging thousands of vulnerable young people in Scouting programmes to improve their self-confidence, resilience, and life skills.
- Increased membership diversity, social inclusion and community participation within National Scout Organizations.
- Adoption of social impact measurement tools across regions resulting in enhanced ability of Scouting to measure and communicate impact.
- Increased participation in sustainable agriculture and food security programmes leading to strengthened community food security and sustainable practices.

“The Plant, Grow, Share, and Sustain project empowers young people to improve food security, promote healthy nutrition, and care for the environment. As a result of the Food for Life training, I learned how to make seedbeds, prepare compost manure, and create a market for my produce. I increased my production, grew healthier plants, and can now take care of my family through the income I earn.”

~ Luciano Kabwabwa
Scout Association of Malawi

Why Partner with World Scouting?

World Scouting is uniquely positioned to widen access to Scouting's educational benefits due to its global reach in 176 countries and territories, a proven youth development and non-formal education model, and tried and tested scalable programmes like Ticket to Life and Food for Life that are driven by a community of millions of volunteers delivering local impact and a coordinated contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Through partnership with World Scouting, donors can reach vulnerable youth at scale, invest in evidence-based youth development programmes, demonstrate measurable social impact and strengthen community resilience and sustainable development. Join World Scouting in ensuring every young person - regardless of background - has the opportunity to learn, lead, and build a better world.

“I don't know where I would be if not for Scouting and the Ticket to Life Project. It gave me a sense of purpose, confidence to dream and develop aspirations to serve others. Most of it all, a family.”

~ Joseph Anderson
Boy Scouts of the Philippines



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Join us in this journey of empowering the next generation. Reach out on partner@scout.org to explore how we can collaborate to deliver transformative learning experiences for every young person, everywhere.