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ASYA

Advocacy for Street based Youth work and networking Action

Asociación Navarra Nuevo Futuro (Spain)

CAI - Conversas Associação Internacional (Portugal)

DYNAMO INTERNATIONAL (Belgium)

CPCS Child Protection Centers and Services (Nepal)

TUONG LAI CENTRE FOR HEALTH EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Vietnam)

VIRLANIE FOUNDATION INC. (Philippines)

TPO-Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation (Camboya)

YOUTH AND PEACE - (Timor Lest)

PLAYGROUND ADDOCIATION (Hong Kong)



Aim:

Improve the socio-educational action on the care and support of young people in situation of vulnerability.

Goals:

- Strengthen the skills of social street workers in the field of social street work;
- Strengthen or modify the youth policies of each partner country by integrating socio-educational street activities and recognition of a status for youth social street workers;
- Promote the Social street work methodology as an innovative tool for youth policies around the world;
- Generate a multiplier effect of the actions carried out beyond the project partners, through the sensitization of other organizations, inside and outside the network;
- Provoke a replication effect of good networking practices within the international network

Specific objectives:

- Strengthen, through the **training** and exchange of good practices among peers, the Social Street Workers skills around the world (micro level);
- Strengthen the international **network of social Street youth workers (networking)** who use the Social street work methodology (meso level)
- Carry out **advocacy** and awareness-raising actions to lead decision-makers in partner countries to strengthen, in the long term, the legal framework for the recognition of the Social street work methodology and the **social Street youth workers** status (macro level).

Ultimately, the inclusion or development of the Social street work methodology in youth policies have to be discussed in all partner countries, following the development of recommendations.



Why undertake this project?

The social exclusion phenomenon continues to worsen, in Europe and elsewhere, and situations of violation of the rights of the most vulnerable populations are increasing, particularly among youth in street situation, who often find themselves isolated and far from socio-educational services.

The inclusion of this target group represents one of the greatest social challenges in the world.

The EU, aware of the need for a more inclusive society, has set as its priorities, through its Europe 2020 strategy, the education and training of young people, thereby seeking to promote the strengthening of social cohesion and the fight against poverty. However, it turns out that most existing socio-educational measures are struggling to reach the most vulnerable populations, and that the answers to increasingly globalized challenges must be found, in particular through international cooperation at the level of civil society.

The ASYA project partners thus seek to build together local responses to the increasingly global forms of exclusion. As in other parts of the world, ASYA partners are confronted with contexts where inequalities are glaring and where a part of the population, completely destitute, does not benefit from any adequate social security system, especially young people and children from the rural exodus of poor families to large urban centres. While it is true that most of these countries have ratified the International Convention on the Rights of the Child (1990) and the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (2000), the application of these texts and national laws dedicated to the protection of children is problematic, especially with regard to young people in street situations, who are most often ignored.

The ASYA project proposes to put the finger on this inefficiency and to promote in each country an accompaniment of the marginalized groups through the Social Street work methodology approach based on a non-formal educational action (situations of marginalization, non-employment / education / training, wandering, stigmatization, prostitution, drug or alcohol consumption, problems with the authorities).

The Social Street work methodology seeks to meet the young person at his place of life and to build an educational relationship based on trust and promoting emancipation. With the aim of improving the action of youth policies in the face of exclusion, the consortium plans to set up an international strategy aimed at strengthening the capacities of Social Street youth workers in the field of social street work (micro approach) and a better political recognition of the methodology of Social Street Work (macro approach). It also proposes, through an intense work of exchange and mutualisation, a scheme allowing the creation and reinforcement of networks of Social Street Workers at the local, regional and international levels (meso approach).

The consortium is convinced that through an internationalization of training strategies, exchange of practices and advocacy for this recognition (macro approach), it will be able to participate actively in the effort to improve local youth policies in favour of the most vulnerable young people.



Project Activities methodology and Timeline

ASYA will be implemented on the basis of a methodological model involving a constant synergy between training, creation/reinforcement networks and advocacy. This model will have to ensure that activities are carried out using active and participatory techniques in order to allow the exchange of practices contributing for the main source of knowledge.

The skills thus generated will then be exploited to create and strengthen networks and will be the support of advocacy actions about the target population issues and rights and about social street methodology and social street workers recognition.

The participation of partners in all phases of the project should ensure that they become the guarantors of this methodological model, contributing to its monitoring/evaluation and continuous improvement during its implementation.

Activities

R1: The skills of 700 social street workers have been strengthened

Organization of:

- Five modules of Training e-Learning (Open Educational Resource - OER)
 - **A workshop on "Networking and teamwork" (Pamplona)**
 - **A seminar "Exchange of practices in advocacy" (Mobility in Nepal)**
 - **An "Exchange of practices for trainers in street social work" seminar (Blended-learning + Mobility in the Philippines)**

A.1.1 Training for Social Street Workers by OER (Open Educational Resources) [Jan. 2018-August 2019].

The course consists of five modules:

- # 1 - Social Work of Street _The fundamentals
- # 2 - Advocacy and Street Social Work
- # 3 - The figures of the Social Work of Street: Collective Action _ Community Action _ Individual accompaniment
- # 4 - Street Social Work _ Human Rights-Based Approach
- # 5 - Social Work of Street _ Networking and teamwork

The modules are implemented through the pedagogical coordination of the **SwTI (Street work Training Institute)**, based on inputs from the various partners (participatory methodology). Learners register on the Moodle platform. The works/contributions of the learners must be uploaded on the **OER (Open Educational Resource)**, where they will be commented by the tutor and by the learners. Learners are also invited to share contents related to the topic, as well as educational tools. A certificate of participation for each module is given to learners who participate at least six times during the module and who download the two tasks proposed on each module. The SwTI coordinates the work of the tutors and monitors and evaluates the process.



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A.1.2 Workshop "Networking and Teamwork" (5 days) [Mars 2018].

Training on the theme of networking brings together in Pamplona (Spain) 9 socio-educational leaders indicated by the partners of the project. Working language: EN. Product: training package. (Coordinating Meeting # 1 coupled_2 days) (Total work days= 3+2=5 work days)

A.1.3 Seminar "Exchange of Advocacy Practices" (5 days) [Oct. 2018].

A seminar on advocacy techniques in favour of the methodology of Social Street Work, in Kathmandu, Nepal, 2 Social Street workers indicated by each partner (activity included in Activity A.2.3 International Meeting of Social Street Workers of Dynamo International Street Workers Network). Working language: EN. Product: training package. (Coordination Meeting # 2 coupled_1 day) (Total work days 4+1=5 work days).

A.1.4 Training of Trainers "Exchange of Practices in Street Social Work"[July-December 2018].

Blended Learning (OER modules + 5-day face-to-face training in the Philippines). Participants: 16 trainers (1 participants per partner).

A.1.5 Training for trainers in each partner country. [January - February 2019].

The trainer who participated in the training of trainers trained in A.1.4 set up a training workshop for Trainers in Social Street Work in their national language (multiplier effect with trainers), during 5 days, 15 participants.

A.1.6 Workshops on Social Street Work. [January - July 2019].

The Participants trained in A.1.5. set up a training workshop open to 15 participants of local level about social street work Basics (multiplier effect), during 5 days.

R2: The networks of social workers using the methodology of social street work have been created or strengthened at the local, regional and national levels.

A 2.1: Implementation in each country of 8 meetings of socio-educational leaders from different organizations, in order to:

- Elaborate a state of art of the youth policies and a doc with good practices and what doesn't work in social intervention within the local partner organizations (Meetings 1 and 2). [April 2018]
- Build up an action plan for the creation and/or strengthening of the local network of socio-educational leaders (Meetings 3, 4 and 5). [Mars-October 2018].
- Agree in an Advocacy action plan and its implementation strategy (Meetings 6, 7 and 8). [Oct. 2018-August 2019].

A 2.2: Implementation 4 virtual meetings at Asia level in order to produce: [April 2018]

- A pooling of good practices and pooling of experiences (working methodologies, youth policies) (Meeting 1)
- Common recommendations at the regional and international levels (Meeting 2)



A 2.3: International meeting of socio-educational leaders (Nepal) [October 2018]

Study case on “Youth Policy in Asia and Social Street work approach” in order to compare sharing and the processes of creation/reinforcement the local networks in each partner country and to produce recommendations at the regional and international levels.

A.1.3 Seminar "Exchange of practice in advocacy" + Coordination meeting # 2).

Five work days included in the Pilot Group of DSWN in Kathmandu.

R3: The general public and policy makers in nine countries have been reached by advocacy campaign.

3.1 Advocacy for the recognition of the methodology of Street Social Work and the status of socio-educational leaders [Oct. 2018-Sept. 2019]:

- Production of the 9 national vademecums (1-state of art, 2-good practices, 3-networking action plan, 4-strategic advocacy plan and national recommendations), regional supplement and the synthesis "Youth policies in Asia: analysis and perspectives"
- Information/awareness-raising campaign: Strengthening youth policies and enhancing socio-educational leaders as a reinforcement strategy (the socio-educational leader = key player for a more effective youth policy). Production of national videos. International video production with project partners and other countries in the international network. Advocacy campaign guide (also for other members of the international network).
- Proposals and recommendations for youth policies recognizing the role of Social Street Work and a status of Social Street workers.
- Collecting signatures of personalities approving your proposals and recommendations in each partner country.
- Production and edition of Issue # 6: "Networking, teamwork and Street Social Work"

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