



Call for a Volunteer/ Co-Founder in Uganda



The Social Innovation Academy (SINA) empowers marginalized youth in Uganda to start Social Enterprises. One of them is Live Savers' Strides, which is looking for a volunteer/intern and possibly Co-Founder.

The Social Problem

Uganda has the 4th highest suicide rate in Africa and is ranked 17th worldwide. What makes it worse is that suicide is considered a crime and survivors are considered criminals facing up to two years of imprisonment, instead of getting psychological and emotional support. The entire topic of suicide and depression is considered a taboo in Uganda. Furthermore, the field of psychology is almost non-existent, with only a handful of skilled psychologists in the country and only one university offering community-psychology as a course.

The Solution

Life Savers' Strides aims at a suicide free generation in Uganda through offering a free and non-judgmental emergency hotline and messaging service. It seeks to support victims of depression through counseling, coaching and peer sharing from suicide survivors, who were able to turn their lives into a positive. Advocacy for the removal of the criminal charges for suicide survivors and a change of law are further key components.

Current Status of Live Saver's Strides

First prototyping of a hotline, as well as first sensitization sessions have been made successfully. Two Ugandan psychiatrists are volunteering to support the callers. A partnership has been made with a mental hospital for referral of patients, if needing professional support. So far, 20 users were supported over phone and/or messaging such as WhatsApp.

We need you!

For the further development of this project to become a fully registered Social Business impacting the lives of thousands and saving and transforming lives, we are looking for a full time member of the team with a psychology, psychiatry or Life-Coaching background to support the team on ground in Uganda.

What we can offer

We can offer you free accommodation and food within the Social Innovation Academy (SINA) in Uganda. You will be living in a highly motivational changemaker community. You will receive mentoring and basic training in Life-Coaching. We would wish you to not only be a volunteer or intern but to possibly become a Co-Founder of this Social Startup, to be a full and driving force, working together with the Ugandan team and shaping this startup to success.

More Information:

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