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Organization Name:
ICT4TD Learning Centre

Organization URL:
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Project Name:
Sisi kwa Sisi (US for US)

Please select the category in which you are submitting your entry.
Collaboration

Please provide an overview of the nominated project. Describe the problem it was intended to solve, the technology or approach used, how it was innovative and any technical or other challenges that had to be overcome for successful implementation and adoption. (In 300 words or less.)

SISI KWA SISI is the social-based project in Tanzania which means "all for us" or "together as one" (literally it means "us for us" in Swahili). This is the community Program in Tanzania, initiated by Africa Upendo Group (NGO) in collaboration with ICT4TD Learning Center. We deal with communities. We connect the organizations around the country with the global youth to promote change in the society by using internet. The work in each organization is done on a team-based structure formed by different interns who will be able to volunteer for the society development. The trainings are done on a 2-month basis to ensure the needs of our society are met, interacting with each other in a sustainable network.
MISSION: Connect local organizations and youth talent to empower themselves

for the improvement of their communities' reality. VISION: We envision the communities to live and grow sustainably in a collaborative network empowered by the work of local organizations with young change makers from around the globe. SISI KWA SISI's aim within the community is to: Increase life skills; improve education and access to it; provide a better future perspective; give access to and improve the quality of life basic needs; achieve financial, environmental and social sustainability. VALUES: Transparency, excellence innovation, commitment, collaboration, sustainability. PARTNERSHIP IN THE AREAS OF: a. Education (schools, training centers and entrepreneurs) b. Community Development c. Environment (recycling centers, other initiatives) d. Health (HIV, Malaria, Disabilities, etc.) e. Entrepreneurship. BENEFITS: Receive a team of young people full of ideas and drive them to bring growth and improve your organization's performance; cultural exchange and diversity in your organization; raise youth awareness and interest in other countries and cultures; get access to the practices of other organizations working in your field.

When was this project implemented or last updated? (Please specify month and year.) Has it incorporated new technologies and/or other innovations since its initial deployment? (In 300 words or less.)

We started 01/06/2011 and updated in 01/07/2012. Please visit http://www.ict4td.webs.com. UI – User Interface & The Beauty Of Learning Programming TANICT conducted an Event at COSTECH, and anyone with programming interest was welcome to come around and learn the beauty of learning with Tanzania Google boys, followed by UI – User Interface Presentation. The events were so beautiful as in terms of our own perception. We learned a lot and expect to use the skills we attained from the training. I think most of us here in Tanzania are not aware of this opportunities that COSTECH is offering to the society so we urge anyone who sees this article to try and alert his/her friends of what's happening. To see more pictures of the training please click the link below. See more pictures: http://ict4td.webs.com/apps/photos/album?albumid=13206274).

Is implementation of the project complete? If no, please describe the project's phases and which phase the project is now in. (In 300 words or less.)

CURRENTLY SISI KWA SISI CAMPAIGN OFFERS: Training: all disadvantaged groups currently learn how to use computer and English language, and how to use the Internet (social media). Also positioning the organization as a learning partner of SISI KWA SISI Campaign in the communication channels: Name of the organization in the email signature of the members, logo of the organization in the promotion materials of SISI KWA SISI Campaign, link to the website of the organization on the SISI KWA SISI's website, use of the organization's

promotional materials at the events and projects within the Campaign. COLLABORATE WITH IN KIND SISI KWA SISI Campaign involves community based organizations and schools. Lack of resources is a common challenge among all of them. SISI KWA SISI Campaign is building a strong network between these organizations and is looking for an In Kind partnership to improve the services provided by the organizations. All the raised In Kind materials and products will be distributed among the organizations' participants according to needs and used for events run by the Campaign. WE ARE LOOKING FOR: Education materials: books, stationary, etc., food and beverages, furniture Items for the kitchen, clothes, sports equipment, toys, other items.

Please provide at least one example of how the technology project has benefited a specific individual or organization. Feel free to include personal quotes from individuals who have directly benefited from the work. (In 300 words or less.)

http://ict4td.webs.com/trainees.htm

Would this project be considered an innovation, a best practice or other notable advancement that could be adopted by or tailored for other organizations and uses? If yes, please describe that here. (In 300 words or less.)

SISI KWA SISI is open for community-based organizations to receive a team of interns from different universities from around the world. The team will work to help your organization to grow and improve the services you provide. HOW DOES IT WORK? The leader of the team together with the administration of the organization defines the goals, needs and challenges faced by the organization. The team is formed and selected based on these needs. The team works for 2 months on the short-term plan towards the realization of the organization's goals. If the organization likes the partnership, it can apply for receiving another team to continue the work. SISI KWA SISI CAMPAIGN PROVIDES: Team selection and delivery to the organization; accompanying the interns on legal issues, integration into the country and other issues during the internship; communication between AIESEC and the organization during the Campaign International network. ORGANIZATION'S ROLE: Provide the interns with a proper work environment (place for meetings, table, and access to the resources of the organization); help with accommodation issues such as finding a house to rent or finding host families around the area; provide lunch at the organization; work transparently with the intern's team.

If there are any other details that the judges should know about this project, please note them here. (In 300 words or less.)

SPONSOR THE CAMPAIGN: Most of the organizations involved in SISI KWA SISI Campaign are non-profit organizations with lack of infrastructure and financial resources. We are looking forward to build a strong network among them and help them achieve financial sustainability. SISI KWA SISI is looking for financial support to improve the social services of these organizations. We are looking for financial partnerships: A. LEVEL 1: Monthly contribution with agreed amount during 1 year. B. LEVEL 2: Monthly contribution with agreed amount during 6 months. C. LEVEL 3: Only one fix contribution. BENEFITS: Showcase your passion and causes and relate the company to the social responsibility sector, brand yourself as an organization that values youth leadership and excellence, indirect interaction with talented youths, make many projects possible for the organization's development.