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Establishing **Quality Standards** for **Youth Work** across the **World**

Preliminary Research

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Country: VIETNAM

1. How do you define youth work based on your experience?

Youth work includes activities of education and orientation undertaken by organizations for the youth, as well as the young people themselves. These activities aim to support young people and the community generating social values (eg. community support activities towards the elder, children and the poor (volunteer) and some programs to solve other national issues). They are supporting activities to help, create opportunities for the youth to study, practice, and enhance their intellectual, creativeness, develop themselves, and meet the requirements of developing country and society. Usually, these activities are part of the work of the Youth Union, the Communist Party and the Government.

2. Is there an official definition for youth work in your country?

NO/I DO NOT KNOW

3. Is youth work an officially recognised profession in your country?

It is highly recognized at governmental level and in youth organizations. However, the case is different in at the school level, where youth work is not so much appreciated.

4. What is the "job description" of a youth worker? What do they do?

Youth workers are ambitious, enthusiastic, creative, outgoing, and responsible with respect to their character. Usually, they are quite busy and this work does not offer job security since it is required to have a supplementary job. Youth workers gather and unite the young people: educate them with the ethical living attitude, provide cultural – science and technology education, organize the cultural, artistic, and sport events, provide counseling service on study, science research, production and work, provide skills training and job opportunities, protect the youth form social evils and risks.

5. How can one become a youth worker? Is there special training or education for youth workers in your country/ region/ local community and who provides it?

There is a school for professional training for youth workers called "Academy of Youth and Teenagers" in Hanoi. Alternatively, you must be a member of the youth Union, where you become a youth worker by experience; most of the youth unions provide training for youth workers at different levels.

6. Who works with youth, except teachers, in your country/ region/ local community?

Members of the youth union and youth organizations including the staff such as the secretary

Staff at the university & school managing board

The government and local authorities

Enterprise representatives (youth entrepreneurship)

7. What do youth workers offer to young people through their work?

Soft skills, empowerment, knowledge, direction, create job opportunities, experiences, raise awareness of issues such politics and the environment.

8. Is there a difference between a youth worker and a volunteer working with youngsters in your organisation/ community/ country/ region?

Almost no difference/I DO NOT KNOW

The youth worker organizes, carry out voluntary activities. The volunteer participate in and support those activities.

9. Does your organisation cooperate with other youth organisations currently?

I DO NOT KNOW/YES not the exact figures

-With how many from your country? Please, give a number: 43

-With how many from your local community? Please, give a number: 9

-With how many internationally? Please, give a number: 28

10. Please, explain the background and the national, regional and local needs that make youth work important/necessary in your country/ region/ local community?

Basic education, communication and social skills, historical and political knowledge, social responsibility

11. Is there a strategy for youth in your country?

I DO NOT KNOW/ MAYBE

Youth organizations tend to follow some basic rules