



## Statement - June 11 2020

After several weeks of confinement, the 39 LP4Y structures (Life Project Centers located in areas of extreme poverty, Green Villages, Little Angels Academies, Youth Hostels, Labs) are gradually resuming face-to-face activities.

Obviously, the situation is different in each of the 7 Asian countries in which LP4Y operates, so we are adapting our recovery plans to the specificities of the Youth concerned and to the local measures taken by governments.

But **EVERYWHERE** the goal is to **MOBILIZE**. It is imperative that all the Youth resume activities with their teammates and with the support of their coaches. More than ever, they need to prepare for the future and not just live day by day. Most of the centers have thus established shifts, allowing the Youth to visit the center an average of 5 afternoons per week in small groups in order to attend training sessions and receive active support in their job searches. The rest of their training continues via e-learning.

After more than two months under lockdown, the Youth need to take a fresh look at the commitments they made when they joined LP4Y. Rigor, professionalism, motivation, the will to make it; a multitude of values to which they must make a fresh commitment today. They have to understand that while they have faced very tense situations over the past few weeks, and problems that they overcame with the support of the LP4Y Catalysts, they now need to assume control. It is up to them to find solutions; it is up to them to actively commit, to identify and then seize the opportunities that will arise in these troubled circumstances.

The coronavirus will have repercussions in all areas of our lives, but economic tension will create the greatest challenges for the young adults we accompany. Where lockdown measures are still in place, shops and businesses may not open until the summer, and employers generally will be reluctant to hire. In short, while the health crisis is not yet over, the economic crisis has only just begun. It is imperative that the Youth supported and accompanied by LP4Y have all the odds on their side as they face the tumult of the months to come: limited access to essential items; high unemployment; dropping out of school; alarming health situation etc.

At present we are therefore carrying out substantive work in order to bring the reality of the Youth, their communities and the business world into line with the reality of the weeks, months and years to come. This requires us to adjust our model, which more than ever will be based on entrepreneurship, with the creation of new micro- economic initiatives to meet the very concrete **needs** of the communities in which the Youth live and allow them to pursue their training while simultaneously becoming the primary agents of change. Linked to this is the implementation of a new pedagogy, which, along the lines of the pedagogy already applied in Green Villages, will be shorter, denser but also more complete with stronger integration results.

At the same time, we continue the roll out of Digital Inc. This week marks the end of the **test phase**, during which **feedback was collected from 38 young people** from 7 countries in Asia. The **deployment phase** now provides for the integration of e-training within PTE (Professional Training for Entrepreneurs) in several pilot centers.

Our mission is now, more than ever, to **create bridges between the decent world and the world of exclusion**. It is time to reshuffle the cards and allow these amazing Youth to take their place. Together let us mobilize and prepare the Youth; together, that means hand in hand with companies, international organizations, government authorities, in Europe, America, Asia. **Everywhere and everybody, we must gather our energy and pool our strengths to face the many challenges that lie ahead.**

But of course this isn't news to you, since so many of you joined us in May for the online information meetings led by the LP4Y teams in Europe. In total, almost 300 of you connected! Thank you all for joining us, thank you all for following the incredible journeys of all these Youth.

Together, Youth, Catalysts, partners, let's make change happen.