**LP4Y update on March 17, 2020 - Crisis communication**



*Dear friends, families, administrators, members, partners…*

*The current situation, unprecedented and unpredictable, is one that requires us, like the rest of the world, to take exceptional measures.*

*Our coordination team is in close contact with embassies, local governments and sending organizations, and is scrupulously following all directives, taking into account the evolution of the situation, to ensure the security of the 140 LP4Y Catalysts currently in the field and to determine a plan of action for the days ahead.*

*LP4Y's mission remains the same: to support excluded Young Adults living in extreme poverty.*

*Our first responsibility is to do everything in our power to prevent the spread of the virus. It is our priority to ensure everyone's safety, including that of the Catalysts in the field. For this reason, containment measures have been taken, and starting today, all normal activities, training sessions & Micro-Economic Activities have been suspended in the Centers in India, the Philippines, Vietnam and Bangladesh. We are closely monitoring the situation in Indonesia, Nepal and Myanmar.*

*However, our involvement does not stop there. We are responsible for the Young Adults who follow our programs and will, to the best of our ability, support the communities in which the LP4Y Centers are based, in close proximity to the Youth, their parents, brothers and sisters and their children.*

*The Centers will therefore remain open in the event of emergency. We will continue to support each Youth (via the internet and by telephone) and ensure they receive their weekly allowance. More than ever, they are going to need all our support, both moral and financial. We are already facing difficult situations due in particular to the precariousness of very recently obtained jobs…*

*Today, more than ever, we must commit to the development of innovative solutions that will allow us to continue our mission.*

Thierry Delaporte, on behalf of the Board of the LP4Y Alliance