


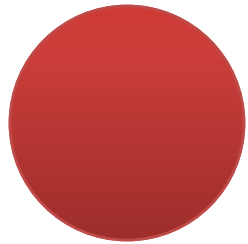
THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING IN AFRICA

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INTRODUCTION

- Avoid presenting something too theoretical
 - Present something practical, basing on a concrete experience of a voluntary project started in Côte d'Ivoire since 2009.
 - This experience is related to open education and the creation of local contents and tackled the unemployment issue.
 - More importantly this project was essentially based volunteering.
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“Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity and is intended to promote goodness or improve human quality of life. There is no financial gain involved for the individual” - Wikipedia

Côte d'Ivoire is a West African country with an **unemployment rate close to 20 %** (according to the local authorities). Most of countries from sub-Saharan area are familiar with this situation.

In the specific case of the Côte d'Ivoire, among the reasons of this unemployment lie **the lack of skill** and very often, the **inadequacy between the knowledge acquired in the academic programs and the needs of the professional world.**

Volunteering is in humble my opinion a remedy to this problem
of skill for the volunteer
but also for other daily issues faced by our local African
communities

The Avenue225 experience

Since 2009

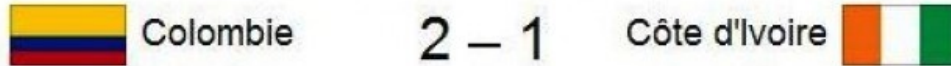
In 2009 Avenue 225 started to train for free young people between 18 and 30 years to write for the web.

DAILY LIFE OF POPULATIONS

INFORMATION ARTICLES ONLINE

CONTRIBUTE IN A VOLUNTARY WAY

Fin du match • Groupe C
Stade National de Brasilia, Brasilia



Direct

Statistiques

Composition

#Mondial14 : Côte d'Ivoire VS Colombie, un grand match malgré la défaite.

Le fait est connu. Pour leur deuxième sortie lors du mondial 2014, les Eléphants de Côte d'Ivoire ont perdu 2-1...

C'est officiel! Le #BEST14, ce sera les 4, 5 et 6 septembre 2014 à Bonoua.



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Sportivement! >
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A l'école >
Les Journalistes et professionnels des médias s'unissent autour de la RSS

Ils étaient 45 à prendre part au séminaire de formation organisé les 16 et 17...

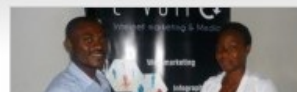


18 JUIN 2014

La Chronique critique, Les + >
Les vers de corrupthius ou l'arnaque littéraire !

A la découverte de ce texte, censé être poétique, le lecteur s'épuise à chercher des...

Jusqu'au 21 juin 2014, votez pour le meilleur Blog de Côte d'Ivoire !



Impact on our community

Huge Information
database about
Côte d'Ivoire

Source for
500 +
articles online

2000 +
articles written

BOCANDO CASE

Bocanda is a village in central Côte d'Ivoire. This village has received donations worth three million CFA (5,000 euros) in kind after we wrote an article explaining the hard life of populations of this area.

<http://www.avenue225.com/bocanda-une-ville-dans-le-coma>

<http://www.avenue225.com/bocanda-millions-cfa-nature-villageois-goli>



This program provided
practical skills training
To **+60 young people**

- More than 60 young people
From Côte d'Ivoire trained
- Variant version of this project in
other African countries (Mali, BF
Senegal, Guinea, Congo
Brazzaville, Benin, Togo ...)
- Gave birth to other projects with social
impact
in Côte d'Ivoire: Classe FM (web radio
training)
OuestAfrikaBlog, E-school, InfoPresse

Impact on our own lives

+60 people
today active in the
fields of
communication,
media or web

NETWORKING

AWARDS

Analysis and conclusion

This experience is limited to the world of ICT and media.

However, there are tons of other areas in which the volunteer may exercise such as health, humanitarian, agriculture, literacy, first aid, politics etc.

But the points are the benefits that emerge.

Collective benefits

- Increasing the power of the community
In term of possible actions
- Reducing cost of projects
- A collective culture of progress
- Thinking about the well being first
and not necessarily gaining money
at any cost

Individual benefits

- Volunteer participates in new experiences
- Finds out varied knowledge and skills
- A Collective culture of progress
- discover new people, new realities, performs with others actions that could never do alone

WMF projects benefits

- WMF projects seem neglected in Africa because volunteering is low.
- Encourage volunteering ipso facto means making WMF projects of Africa come out of their current lethargy



THANK YOU

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