

State and Impact of A.M.OR's Actions - 2019

"You gave us powerful tools and we will give them to our children " - M. Goronescu, Director of the center for children's protection Bucharest Sector 6

" I want to play coding! " - Alessandro, 12years old

The Association *Mondiale pour les Orphelins* (A.M.OR) aims to give a digital education to children living in precarious conditions.

Through its main project « **HiTech4Orphans** » which started in 2017, educational programs in graphical design and programming have been implemented in thanks to partnerships with schools and institutions. Those institutions receive materiel goods and innovative pedagogic tools promoting their student's learning of digital competences, which are more and more important in their future workplace. We promote the use of **opensource** and **openaccess** tools (LibreOffice, Atom, Freecodecamp, GIMP, Scratch...). We also use *codecombat* and *roblox* for initiating the youngest of our beneficiaires.

After getting IT material given by public and private actors, and after having established a partnership with the local institutions, IT rooms and learning programs are implemented for the children's benefit. We give courses and tools to students but foremost to teacher and local structures as it is the best way to build sustainable and autonomous learning. Indeed, our on-field partners will teach these digital skills weeks after weeks, years after years ; like a lasting pollination.

We have been warmly welcomed by authorities, the pedagogical staff and foremost, by the children. Thousands of them have now access to computer and are initiated to coding.

In 2019, HiTech4Orphans shows its first results :

●**Romania** : In coordination with the *Centre de Protection de l'Enfance de Bucarest* (CPEB6), which takes care of approximatively 1180 children, 37 computers have been sent to Romania. A new IT room, equipped with 18 computer towers allows the teaching of programming and graphic design to children. The waiting time for the IT classes of the CPEB6 has been cut in 4, going from 12 months to 3 months. Seven laptops have been given to a center for handicap children. Twelve computers have been installed in foster homes. A.M.OR gave administration, programming and web and applications development on-site classes for 3 weeks (mainly in JavaScript, Python, HTML and CSS). 3 adolescents - including a girl - particularly motivated are currently getting support and personalized help to realize an individual project : an internet webpage or an application.

●**Mauritius** : With the support of the canton the Vaud, A.M.OR gave 4 laptops and classes for a whole semester to the *Maison Familiale rurale du Nord* (MFR du Nord de Calebasses) - a pedagogic institution for children living in precarious conditions.

● **Côte d’Ivoire** : Our Founding President, Mr. Tigori Aka, Ivory, will go this autumn to Yamoussoukro where we organized two editions of the FestiA.M.OR. This festival is very successful (2 to 3 thousand people for a 3 days event) with concerts, seminars on self-employment, environment, women’s rights,... We negotiate with public actors from the city to hopefully continue our action in many schools.

During these missions, we have been warmly welcomed by the authorities, the pedagogic teams and by the ultimate beneficiaries - the children themselves. Hundreds of them now have access to computers and are learning programming. This observation strengthens our trust in the relevance of our approach and encourages us to continue and amplify our action to **10 countries by 2022.**

- **Sénégal**: Dakar - We are planning a partnership with a local NGO that works for homeless children and aim to open a 25 computers room.
- **Democratic Republic of Congo**: Uvira - We have a partnership with "L'Association des Jeunes pour le Développement Intégré-Kalundu"(AJEDIKA) and will open a 15 computers room that will be used by children affected by conflicts.
- **Togo**: Tsévié - With our partner " L'Association des Jeunes en Action pour le Développement de l'Afrique" we are aiming to instal 40 computers to provide to digital access to four villages and their youth.
- **Maroc**: Casablanca - We are discussing with "L'Association Marocain de l'Orphelin" (AMO) to bring our project in their centers by 2022.
- **Cambodge: Phnom Penh** - We are still exploring different opportunities.
- **Bulgarie: Sofia** - We are still exploring different opportunities.
- **TBD**: If you are working in a local institution dedicated to education and the integration of young people in precarious conditions. That you want to add digital skills to your teaching. We are willing to provide innovative tools and methods enhancing the autonomy of the student and its skills in coding and graphic design. Interested? Feel free to reach me directly.

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