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| **Proposed Title** | **EduAssist : Student Financial Assistance System** |
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| **Project Description** | **Needs/Problem**   1. **Inefficient** **financial assistance** - Many students face difficulties in applying for financial assistance due to fragmented processes, manual paperwork, and unclear guidelines. This leads to delays, missed opportunities, and unequal access to funding. 2. **Limited Accessibility** - Students in rural or underserved areas often have limited access to financial assistance information and digital application platforms. As a result, deserving students fail to avail of financial support. 3. **Poor Data Management** - Baranggay offices struggle to maintain accurate records of student beneficiaries, financial transactions, and performance monitoring. This lack of systematic data management prevents transparent decision-making and hinders program evaluation.   **Proposed Solution**   1. **All-in-One financial assistance Platform** Develop a mobile system where students can browse Students Assistance Posting, submit applications, track their status, and receive notifications—all in one place. 2. **Automated Application & Evaluation** Digitize the application process with automated eligibility screening, ranking, and document verification to reduce bias and improve efficiency. 3. **Data Reporting & Insights** Integrate reporting features to help administrators monitor financial assistance utilization, track student performance, and generate detailed reports for policy-making.   **Differentiation or Novelty**   1. Unified System: EduAssist brings all grants, and financial aid programs together in one easy-to-use Application. 2. Smart Recommendations: The system suggests financial aid programs that best match students’ profiles, including academics, finances, and location. 3. Transparency & Accountability: Simple dashboards allow students and administrators to track fund allocation clearly and fairly.   **Benefits and Significance**   1. **Increased Accessibility**: Students can easily access information and apply for scholarships using mobile devices. 2. **Efficiency & Transparency**: Streamlined processes reduce paperwork, duplication, and errors while promoting fairness. 3. **Student Empowerment**: Enables more students to pursue education without financial burden. 4. **Data-Driven Policies**: Administrators and policymakers can make better decisions using timely and accurate information. |
| **Objectives** | **General Objectives**  To design and implement an integrated Student Financial Assistance System that enhances accessibility, efficiency, transparency, and equity in financial assistance distribution.  **Specific**   * + Develop a user-friendly mobile application for Students Financial Assistance within 18 months.   + Establish partnerships with government agencies, NGOs, and private institutions to create a comprehensive ecosystem.   + Automate basic application review and approval processes to improve efficiency.   + Provide simple reporting tools for monitoring scholarship usage and financial tracking.   + Conduct training for scholarship offices and students to ensure adoption and maximize impact. |
|  | **General Methods**  The project will follow an **agile software development methodology** combined with participatory design involving students and scholarship officers. Implementation will include iterative development, user testing, integration with existing school systems, and training programs. |
| **Expected Outputs** | **Expected Outputs**   * **EduAssist Mobile Application** – A fully functional financial aid system. * **Training Materials** –Video tutorials, and localized Digital training modules for both students and administrators. * **Financial Assistance Network** – A formalized digital ecosystem connecting students, schools, government agencies, and donors. * **Research & Publications** – Studies on digital Financial Assistance, student financial inclusion, and education accessibility. * **Policy Recommendations** – Evidence-based policy briefs on scholarship digitization and equitable financial aid distribution |