Operational Concept Description (OCD)

LOSE4GOOD.org Database Driven Socially Connected Website

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1. Introduction

The purpose of OCD is to provide a detailed early operational concept in order to achieve the shared vision of the success-critical stakeholders of lose4good.org – Database Driven Socially Connected Website.

The success-critical stakeholders for this project lose4good.org:

- Paul Charron, Client/Project owner
- Users, people who want to lose weight using our website as a motivation.
- Sponsors, who want to sponsor users so as to motivate them to lose weight
- Charity organizations, to whom all the money pledged by sponsors is donated.
- Advertisers, who would like to promote offers/services or their brand using our website.
- Team 08, who will be involved in developing of the project.

This document is an initial reference for benefits expectation, benefits chain, current system and environment assessment, system objectives, constrains and priorities, new operational concept, organizational and operational implications.

The status of the OCD is currently at the Foundations Commitment Package version number 3.0.

2. Shared Vision

2.1 Overview of the system

We are an online tool that bridges peoples' healthy goals to motivation through the use of community and charity by recognizing that each one contributes a unique piece to the success of the other.

In order to understand or know what projects or related initiatives are required for program management we create a Program Model as shown below. The model helps in designing and managing programs. Understanding the concept of a program – how it is different from traditional projects and what it brings to them – is the first major step to embarking on the route to effective, proactive benefits management. The Program Model starts out as shown in the table below

Table 1: The Program Model

Assumptions:

- Families and businesses are willing to sponsor individuals for losing weight.
- Individuals are motivated by sponsorships and charities to lose weight.
- Charities are willing to associate themselves with weight-loss individuals and lose4good.

| Stakeholders | Initiatives | Value Propositions | Beneficiaries |
|--|---|---|--|
| Client Developers Marketing team Charity Organization Sponsors Maintainers | Develop System Form relationships with charities and business sponsors Create a marketing campaign Design reward program | Enable people to get sponsorship for their weight loss goals Increase motivation for people trying to lose weight Improve advertisement opportunities for the sponsors. | Weight loser Charity Organization Sponsors Society |
| Cost | | Benef | its |
| Development cost | Development cost | | eight losers |
| Online space cost to host the website | | Increase user donations and advertisements. | |
| Transaction fee required to get money from | | Decrease manual data monitoring efforts. | |
| sponsors and send to charity | | Increase ease of payment through online | |
| Marketing cost | | transaction. | |
| Maintenance cost | | | |

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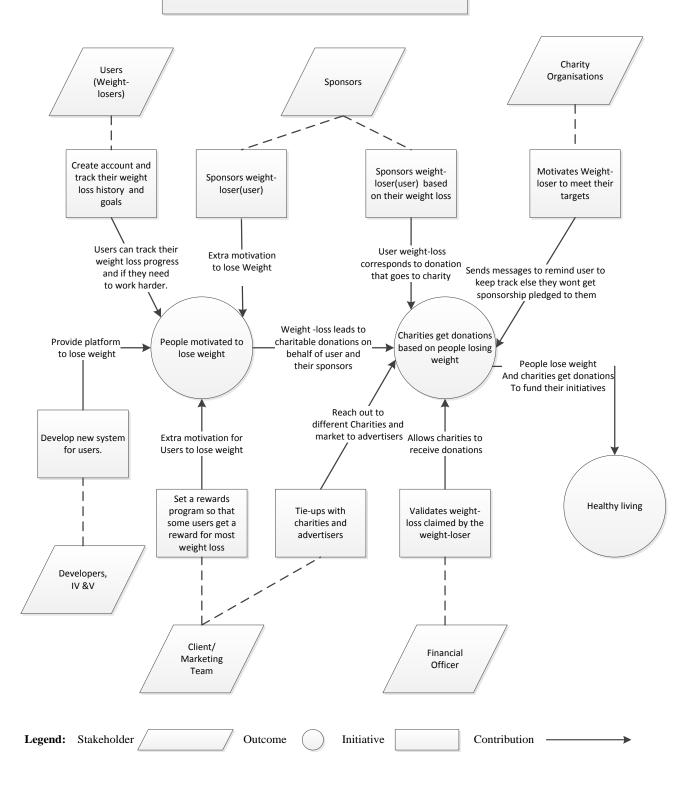


Figure 1: Benefits Chain Diagram

2.2 System Boundary and Environment

The system boundary and environment diagram contains a list of services and functions that the project team will be responsible for developing and delivering, as well as the system environment showing the stakeholders' organizations and other systems for which the project has no authority or responsibility, but with which the delivered system must interface in order to deliver the desired benefits. The figure below shows the system boundary and environment diagram.

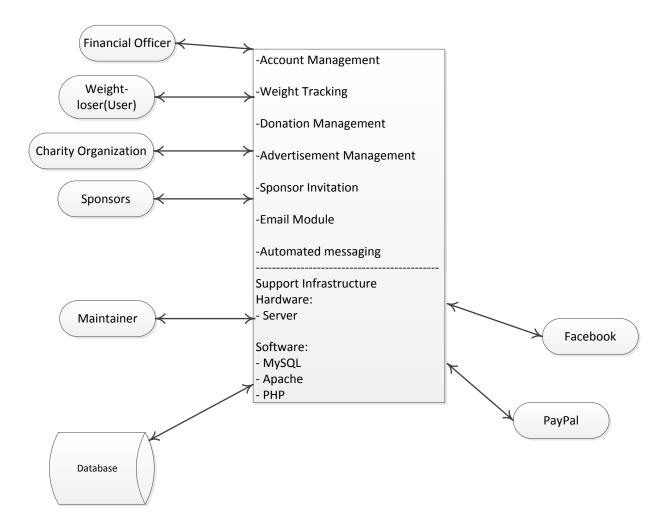


Figure 2: System Boundary and Environment Diagram

3. System Transformation

3.1 Information on Current System

The system is being developed from ground up. Hence, information about current system cannot be mentioned in this case.

3.2 System Objectives, Constraints and Priorities

3.2.1 Capability Goals

| Capability Goals | Priority Level |
|--|----------------|
| OC-1: Create and track weight loss goals | Must Have |
| OC-2: Account management | Must Have |
| OC-3: Donation Management | Must Have |
| OC-4: Sponsor invitation | Must Have |
| OC-5: Ability to advertise products and services | Would Like |
| OC-6: Login using Facebook | Must Have |
| OC-7: Discussion Forum | Would Like |
| OC-8: Reward management | Would Like |

3.2.2 Level of Service Goals

Table 2: Level of Service Goals

| Level of Service Goals | Priority Level | Referred WinWin Agreements |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|
| LOS-1: Payment Ease: The payment system will support monetary transactions in U.S. and Canada. | Should have | WC_2751 |
| LOS-2: Uptime: The system will use a database that has 99.5% uptime (guaranteed by Heroku). | Should have | WC_2749 |
| LOS-3: Compatibility: The system will Support the following browsers: IE 8+, Chrome 25+, Mozilla Firefox 16+ and Safari 6+ | Should Have | WC_2748 |

3.2.3 Organizational Goals

OG-1: Motivate people to lose weight.

OG-2: Make charitable donations

OG-3: Promote healthy living.

3.2.4 Constraints

CO-1: Minimum Monetary Budget: The selected NDI/NCS should be free or of minimum cost as this is a not-for profit initiative

3.2.5 Relation to Current System

Table 3: Relation to Current System

| Capabilities | Current System | New System |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Roles and | The Current System does not have | The new system will have a |
| Responsibilities | any roles and responsibilities | maintenance team responsible for |
| | | keeping the site up and financial |
| | | officer to verify donations. |
| User Interactions | The Current System does not have | The new system will interact with |
| | any user interaction | weight loser, sponsors, advertisers |
| | | and charities |
| Infrastructure | No infrastructure | Website will be hosted on a cloud |
| | | server accessible anywhere in the |
| | | world. |
| Stakeholder | No stakeholders | The system will be used by |
| Essentials and | | weight losers, sponsors, |
| Amenities | | advertisers and charities that can |
| | | access the system from anywhere |
| Future | NA | The new system can be used by |
| Capabilities | | weight losers as a means of |
| | | tracking their weight loss, keep |
| | | themselves motivated. |

3.3 Proposed New Operational Concept

3.3.1 Element Relationship Diagram

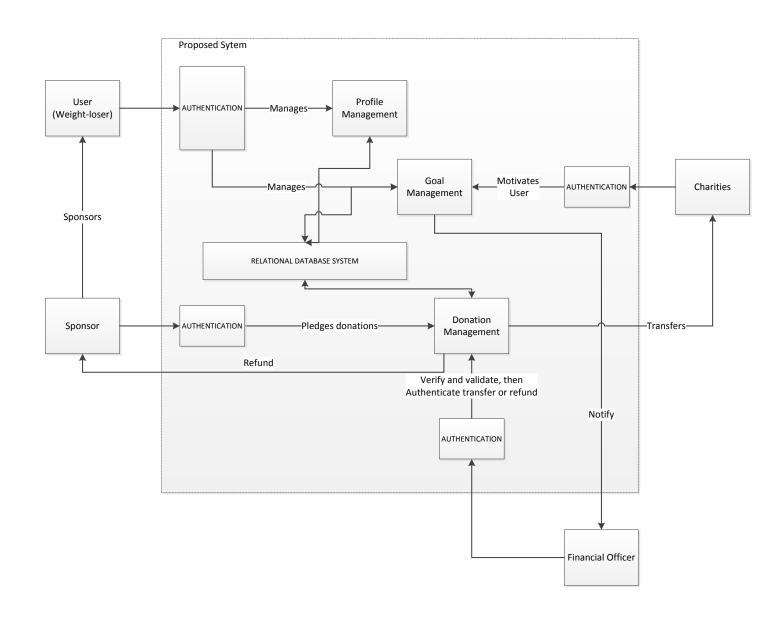


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3.3.2 Business Workflows

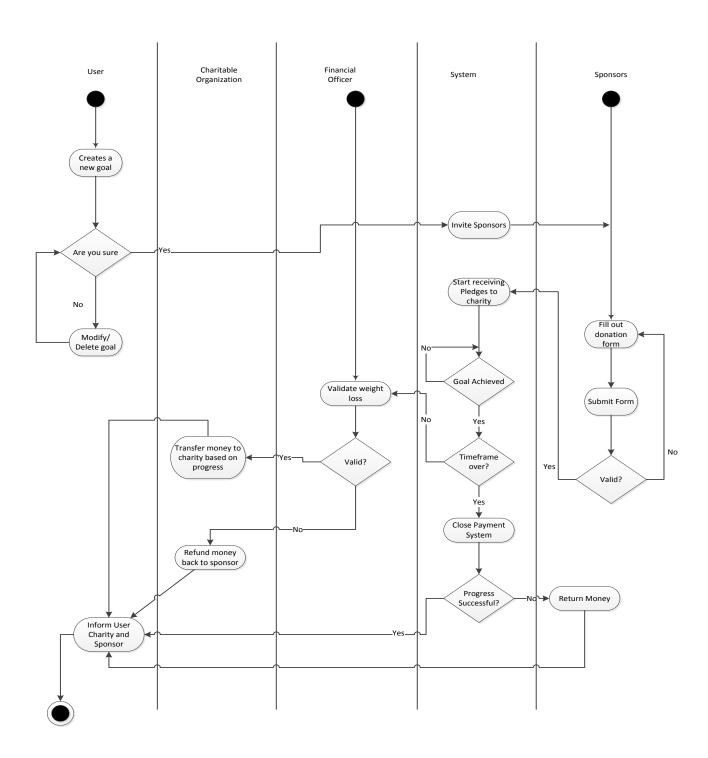


Figure 4: Business Workflows Diagram

3.4 Organizational and Operational Implications

3.4.1 Organizational Transformations

- The need to hire a new system maintainer to take care of the system, a new database manager to maintain the new database.
- The discussion board will need to be moderated and hence need to hire moderators.
- The need to hire a marketing and sales team to pitch this to potential weight-losers and for tie-ups with charities and sponsors.
- The need to hire a financial officer to validate donations.
- The need to tie-up with health clubs to validate weight-losers weight-loss claims.

3.4.2 Operational Transformations

- Lose4good will become a new destination to keep weight-losers motivated in their quest to become healthy.
- Members will have benefit of discussion forum to communicate with other weight-losers and learn from others.
- Lose4good will become first of many 4good future initiatives.