### A. Mindlift Implementation Plan

### Phase 1: Setup & Recruitment (Month 1-2)

#### **Key Actions:**

- ✓ **Partnerships:** Sign agreements with 2 local NGOs for participant referrals
- ✓ **Venues:** Secure 1 main training center + 1 backup location
- ✓ Recruitment:
  - Host 3 community info sessions
  - Mobilize alumni to refer candidates via WhatsApp
    - ✓ Baseline Data: Conduct skills assessments and mental health screenings

#### **Team Roles:**

- *You:* Finalize partnerships
- Operations Manager: Book venues
- Marketing Coordinator: Run info sessions

## **Phase 2: Core Training (Month 3-4)**

# **Key Actions:**

## ✓ Skills Training:

- Deliver vocational sessions 4 days/week (AM)
- Provide tools/laptops for hands-on practice

#### ✓ Mental Health:

- Group counseling 1 day/week (PM)
- Private sessions for high-risk participants
  - **✓** Employer Engagement:
- Organize 2 "Meet Your Future Boss" events

## **Team Roles:**

- *Trainers:* Lead skills workshops
- Counselors: Conduct therapy sessions
- You: Coordinate employer events

# Phase 3: Job Linkages (Month 5-6)

### **Key Actions:**

### ✓ Job Placements:

- Match graduates to 20 pre-vetted employers
- Guarantee 3-month internships for top performers

# ✓ Entrepreneurship:

- Award \$500 seed grants to 15 best business plans
- Pair with mentor entrepreneurs
  - ✓ **Mock Interviews:** Weekly practice with real employer feedback

#### **Team Roles:**

- You: Negotiate internship terms
- *Trainers:* Conduct interview prep
- *Operations Manager:* Distribute seed funds

#### Phase 4: Transition (Month 7+)

### **Key Actions:**

# ✓ Alumni Tracking:

- Monthly WhatsApp check-ins (employment status)
- Annual skills refresher workshops
  - ✓ Employer Surveys: Collect feedback on graduate performance
  - ✓ **Graduation:** Public ceremony with success stories

#### **Team Roles:**

- Marketing Coordinator: Document outcomes
- Counselors: Provide alumni mental health support

### **Execution Principles:**

- 1. **Parallel Processing:** Skills + mental health work happens simultaneously
- 2. Community Ownership: Participants help shape weekly agendas
- 3. Flexible Adaptation: Weekly team huddles to adjust tactics

#### Tools Used:

- WhatsApp for daily communication
- Google Sheets for real-time tracking
- Physical progress boards at training centers

### **Contingencies:**

- If recruitment lags  $\rightarrow$  Extend info sessions to rural areas
- If employers hesitate → Offer trial work placements
- If funding gaps → Prioritize mental health components

## **B. Progress Tracking System**

## 1. Daily Monitoring

### • Participant Attendance

- Tool: Physical sign-in sheets + WhatsApp check-ins for remote days
- Action: Call/text absentees within 1 hour to address barriers (transport, health, etc.)

#### Skills Practice

- *Tool:* Trainer notes in shared Google Sheets (e.g., "Alice built 3 websites this week")
- Red Flag: Participants with <50% task completion get 1:1 coaching

## 2. Weekly Verification

#### • Mental Health Check-Ins

- *Tool:* Counselors update a 3-color system in notebooks:
  - (Stable)
  - (Needs follow-up)
  - (Crisis immediate intervention)
- Employer Feedback (During Internships)
  - o *Tool:* Friday SMS to supervisors:

"Rate [trainee] this week: 1-5 stars. Reply with 1 improvement tip."

## 3. Monthly Reporting

# • Progress Dashboards

- *Tool:* 1-page visual report showing:
  - Skills mastery (% completing modules)
  - Job placements (# and sectors)
  - Mental health trends (% **(%)**/(**()**/(**()**))
- o Shared Via:
  - Printed posters at training centers
  - WhatsApp images to partners

# 4. Quarterly Deep Dives

- Focus Groups
  - Participants: "What's working? What's not?" (30-min discussions)
  - o Employers: "How can we improve graduate readiness?"
- Toolkit Adjustment
  - Revise training materials based on feedback

## **Tools & Protocols**

Purpose	Tool	Frequency	Owner
Attendance	Sign-in sheets	Daily	Operations Manager
Skills Progress	Google Sheets	Weekly	Trainers
Mental Health	Counselor notebooks	Weekly	Mental Health Lead
Employer Feedback	SMS surveys	Weekly	You
Alumni Tracking	WhatsApp check-ins	Monthly	Marketing Coordinator

#### C. Success Measurement

## **Quantitative Success Metrics (Hard Numbers)**

### 1. Employment Outcomes

- 60% job placement rate within 6 months post-training
- 25% average income increase for employed graduates
- 80% job retention at 12-month follow-up

## 2. Training Effectiveness

- 75% certification/completion rate
- 90% attendance rate for core sessions
- 40% improvement in skills test scores

### 3. Mental Health Impact

- 50% reduction in reported anxiety/depression symptoms (using PHQ-9/GAD-7 scales)
- 85% participant satisfaction with counseling services

## **Qualitative Success Indicators (Lived Experiences)**

- 1. Participant Stories
- Video/audio testimonials showing personal transformations
- Before-after narratives (e.g., "I went from unemployed to shop owner")
- 2. Employer Feedback
- Written recommendations about graduate performance
- Willingness to hire more Mindlift graduates
- 3. Community Impact
- Family reports of improved household well-being
- Local leader observations of reduced youth idleness

#### **Data Collection Methods:**

- Employment verification: Pay slips/contract copies
- Skills proof: Certified test results
- Mental health: Anonymous pre/post surveys
- Stories: Consent-based interviews

## **Reporting:**

- Monthly internal dashboards
- Quarterly public impact snapshots
- Annual comprehensive evaluation