

Global Social Benefit Fellowship Action Research Plan

Name of social enterprise: Ikamva Youth

Mission: to enable disadvantaged youth to pull themselves and each other out of poverty and into tertiary education and/or employment.

Webpage: <http://ikamvayouth.org> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEFfIXglk28>

GSBI (2014) business plan presentation: <http://www.scu.edu/socialbenefit/events/investor-showcase.cfm>

Headquarters: Cape Town, South Africa

Location(s) of research: many locations in South Africa

The challenge: Ikamva Youth has a proven educational program that has the potential to scale across South Africa and has requested help with technology development and in-field development of a marketing campaign. Ikamva Youth has requested help from both [Dr. Silvia Figuera's Mobile Lab](#) and the [Global Social Benefit Fellowship](#).

Action Research Projects requested of the Global Social Benefit Fellows:

1. Develop a screening protocol to maintain quality of volunteer tutors and registered organisations.
2. Conduct a comprehensive marketing campaign pilot, evaluation and strategy for 'Call to Action'

These would be part of a joint project to be conducted in four stages 2014-2015:

- 1) Information technology development (fall 2014/winter 2015, by Dr. Figuera's students)
 - Technology Development led by Mobile Lab computer engineering student
 - Design and create a matching IT system with screening protocol
 - Mapping software identified and customized
- 2) Mapping technology development (winter and spring 2015, by Dr. Figuera's students)
 - Mapping data integrated into mapping software
 - Mapping software integrated into IY sites
- 3) Marketing (summer and fall 2015, by GSBFs)
 - Development and implementation of marketing strategy for volunteer recruitment using IT system/mobile app
- 4) Evaluation and recommendations (fall 2015, by GSBFs)
 - Field research into application and uptake of technology conducting by the GSB fellows
 - Market research to inform marketing strategy for 'Call to Action'

Student skills needed: computer engineering, marketing, tutoring, volunteer screening, social science.

Keywords: educational access; youth economic empowerment; tutoring, volunteer management