Interview Trainer

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Trying to come up with hub, aksotec, did some training, in cameron

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRAINER:

• What is your professional background?
Product of asknet, was participant, learnt things in the askotec, started trainings
South Sudanese male, living in Eden Rhino camp refugee settlement in Uganda

• Which topics have your workshops?
Introduce askotec to new ppl, open source trainings, how to build something or so out of the kit,
We go to University, talk about software open source stuff like Arduino
We go to community where ppl have a lack of education, we build simple prototypes like solar charger, 3 or 4 days training

• Do you prepare yourself in the topic of the workshop or do you rely on your experience?
Preparation for new topics, but doing since 3 years, no preparation, most of the time we analyze the participants

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PARTICIPANTS:

• Who are the participants (e.g. school kids, adults, etc.)?
To anybody, electronics more for school, university love programming
Also girls and woman, games for the kids,

• What are the numbers of participants?
20 above

• Is assistant needed (e.g. a lot of attendance)?
Two of them, also alone

• How do you find / invite participants?
Rhino camp, talk to the leader, tell them what ppl you want to meet, the seachr for them, leader are responsible

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE VENUE:

• In which venues, or places does the workshop take place?
We rent things, community spaces build by NGOs, rent chairs, tables

• Which materials do you use (e.g. tools, wood, etc.)?
Buy spare materials, like in electrical shops, examples from the kit

• Is an internet connection needed and is it possible?
Yes we need, mostly a challenge, for documentation, not accesible for everybody

• Which kind of media (projector, flip-chart, whiteboard, handouts, etc.) is used?
All of them we use, handouts depend on topic, like media training

• Are there snacks and beverages provided?
Depends on the budget, try to provide food. When not only drinks

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE WORKSHOP / TRAINING

• Can you describe how your last workshop / training was planed, step by step?
Rhino camp training was last one, ladies how to repair things
First thing come up with the proposal in the team (Stephen asked about it)
Made a program, days, target group, etc
Went to the leaders to find the ladies
Leaders also provided also a space
Then come up with the learning ressources what the are learning
Did a survey of the divices they have in the village ->> telephons, radios, lights
Did research who to fix this devices, callculated the budget for this devices

On final day, have to know the participants, invite them, try to reach them one to one and talk to them, then we met, than the introduction of askotec and ourselfs, explained why we are there, and what they can use out of the kid

training was 2 days, first day was introducing, talked about gender issues about repairing is not only one sex, „what if is a male one is not around, how do you fix your lightning" —> trying to drive them into repair (number of hours to convince them!!) Slowly start with fixing wires
Last day introduced them about radios and so, checking a few sources, like power? Etc. not the hole radio

Feedback: its easy to fix them, in the camp its very expensive, then we introduced them to the repair space, that they can work there and continue learning

It was more like a start

• What were the challenges?
Research how to handle training we are not passionate about
Like internet use is not part of askotec, we have to do a lot of learning

Most challenging stuff, participant are mixed up, no knowledge about some stuff, we have to bring nubys on the same level like ppl who know a bit

Language is different, e.g. special terms of electronic
West africa French, east africa in English, need a translation that is mostly not perfect

Mobility, we have to move long distances to train ppl. You need generator and fuel, we have to bring a lot of stuff and do a lot of preparation

No internet, connecting is really hard, with ppl who running same stuff

Adequate funding is also a problem. Also no funding, only little funding from asknet, (not a full funding)
A three months project, would be easier to fund, we only do small trainings
Thats why we come up with an organization

• What would it make easier for you to plan a workshop / training?
More funding

A platform with resources with all the training materials inside, like a website, like a guideline with all materials to rely on also in offline
Just look inside the system and adding more to the system, learners don't have to rely on me to get knowledge, so anyone can run a training

Participants could check out recourses in advance, also after using askotek, they could see the guide lines how to put all the stuff back into the

Difficult because of internet access, but shouldn't be limiting the problem, but offline server would be nice

• Do you provide material about the workshop for the participants (e.g. handouts, blueprints, summaries tables / charts with specific informations, etc.)?

• If you provide material, in which form do you provide it (e.g. printed on paper, online, participants have to make their own nodes)?

- How long does a workshop usually take?

- Is there a certificate for participating the workshop / training?
For 3 or 6 months trainings, but also for intense trainings (2 weeks) that cover everything, but nor vor 3 or 4 days trainings

- Do you use games or similar things before and in between the lessons? (e.g. to find out about other participants, loosening technics, etc.)

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE HUBS

- How ist the training organized inside the hub?

- Are the trainings related to each other, or do they build on each other?

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE FUNDING:

- How is the workshop / training financed?

- How are the materials for the workshop / training financed (e.g. Participants have to pay for their own)?

- If there is any funding, does it require documentation and how do you do that?