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**H.E. Antonio Guterres,
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International Transformation Foundation wishes to submit its communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's effort to support implementation of ten principles and engagement with Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption for the period March 2021 to March 2022

In this communication of Engagement, we describe our actions that our organization has continually taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders.

Yours Sincerely,

**Venuste Kubwimana,
Secretary General**

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ITF BACKGROUND

International Transformation Foundation (ITF) was established as a youth-led, non –profit organization that provides youth leadership and entrepreneurship programs. This encourages creativity in the youth as well as provides a system that provides jobs to ensure security, opportunities to grow and contribute to better communities.

VISION: To offer the best programs that ensure an empowered youth and developed communities.

MISSION: Providing the most effective educational and self-development programs to the youth and community at large

ITF has different projects that focus on four main areas:

1. **Economic Empowerment**-ITF aims to ensure that the youth and community at large grow through provision of resources and opportunities like financial services or jobs where they get to add on to their work experiences.
2. **Water, Sanitation & Hygiene**-This involves implementation of sustainable clean water drinking systems to the communities. Environmental conservation is also key and is achieved through encouraging the community to use reusable water bottles.
3. **Education Empowerment**-This entails working with communities and schools to ensure children are not absent from school because they traveled for long distances to search for clean water. They are also taught some basic business management skills through a sustainable water delivery system.
4. **Partnerships & Capacity Building** – one of ITF strategies is to partner with youth friendly organizations around the world on collaborative projects that achieve mutual goals.

ITF runs the Join the Pipe, a project that aims at installing sustainable public water stations. This is done near schools, playground areas in communities, city centers, parks, and bus stations in Kenya and Rwanda. The project is run in partnership with The Join the Pipe Foundation based in Amsterdam, whose aim is to cut down on single use plastic bottles as well as ensuring everyone has access to drinkable water in the world. The foundation also provides sustainable and unique products designed to characterize the project in Kenya and Rwanda through:

A) **water Tap Stations**-They provide clean drinking water and help in saving water, through the help of the auto-stop taps that are installed. They give community members around a long-term water solution as the taps are fixed permanently and are vandal resistant.

B) **Drip taps for Hand washing facilities**- We build toilets and hand washing areas to prevent waterborne illnesses. The drip taps also help reduce water wastage by around 90%.

C) **Water Bottles**-we provide refillable water bottles that are BPA-free plastic and are distinguished with a Dutch Design Award.

D) **Jerry Carry Carts**-They reduce physical injury from frequently lifting heavy loads of water on children's heads. They also help local businesspeople who supply water to homes in estates or neighborhoods, rather than lifting them or carrying the jerry cans on their shoulders.

The year 2020-2022, ITF has continued to partner with Erasmus plus program of the European Union (EU) that focus on education, training, youth, and sport in Europe through below projects:

A) **Evergreen**-The overall objective of this project is to support the raising of awareness on environmental and climatic goals, as well as taking up innovative practices in a digital era.

B) **GO-PRO**-The project's objective is to create space for the development of key information and communications technology (ICT) competences in the field of programming for children and youth.

C) **Reflect Experiment Capture (REC)** -Through this project experimental filmmaking is used, as an effective intervention model to equip youth and organizations with the know-how to prevent violence

Description of Actions

JOIN THE PIPE

The Join the Pipe project aims to install sustainable tap water stations near city centers, parks, schools, bus stations and playgrounds, not only in Kenya but Africa at large. The initiative is to ensure accessible clean tap drinking water as well as create awareness on the environmental impact of production and waste of single-use plastic bottles.

The project is achieved through four main activities:

1) **Public Tap Water Station**- This station is set up in a busy urban center for the public to freely access the clean tap water. This kind of project is implemented with authorization from the city water council and development partners so that the project can start and run smoothly.

ITF through JTP has 2 public tap water drinking stations

2) **A water kiosk at school**-This project is set up in a community with no tap water system, thus serves as a source of clean water for households around. It is a school-based project, that is, the actual water kiosk is set up in a school (which is founded on a public ground). Up to date we have over seventeen water kiosks at schools both in Kenya and Rwanda, serving over 100,000 community residents and school children.



Foundation base for the water kiosk at Kamataa Primary School (left). An almost complete water kiosk at Peresten Primary School (right).



Water station at Madoya (Kenya)

Other successfully completed water kiosk projects for the period March 2020-March 2022 in Kenya included Peresten ACK Primary school, Kamaata SA primary school in Cheptasis Bungoma County and Madoya, in Matharee slums in Nairobi. The latest water kiosk is still in its initial stages of implementation at Karugia secondary school in Murang'a County, Kenya.

3) Refillable Water Bottles-ITF gives environmentally friendly and refillable water bottles that are BPA-free plastic. The bottles are distinguished with a Dutch Design Award. Children are therefore able to carry a bottle with water from home to school, in schools with no water pipeline



Muhanga District Water Bottle Distribution

Between October 2021- November 2021, ITF and JTP embarked on a water bottles distribution activity in Rwanda in 3 different districts (Muhanga, Rulindo, and Gasabo). It took place in 14 governmental schools and 10920 school children benefited.



Water Bottle distribution in Kibera

Between January 2022- March 2022, Kenya also had 5 water bottle distributions projects in both Nairobi and Machakos County.

4) **City Water**- The Nairobi City Water project is the Join the pipe newest project as a commercial entity. The project provides local habitants and visitors with affordable, sustainable, and attractive alternatives to single-use plastic water bottles and tap water refill station installations. The proceeds from the sale of these products finance city clean ups and access to clean drinking water projects.



Madoya Cleanup

On 28 January 2022, a clean-up was held in collaboration with Nairobi Metropolitan Services, A youth self-help group (Downyard Self Help Youth Group) in Madoya, Nairobi. After the cleanup, participants were awarded with the refillable water bottles.

On 25th February 2022 another cleanup accompanied by bottle distribution was done around Furaha Community High school in Matungulu, Machakos County in Kenya.

Erasmus + Projects

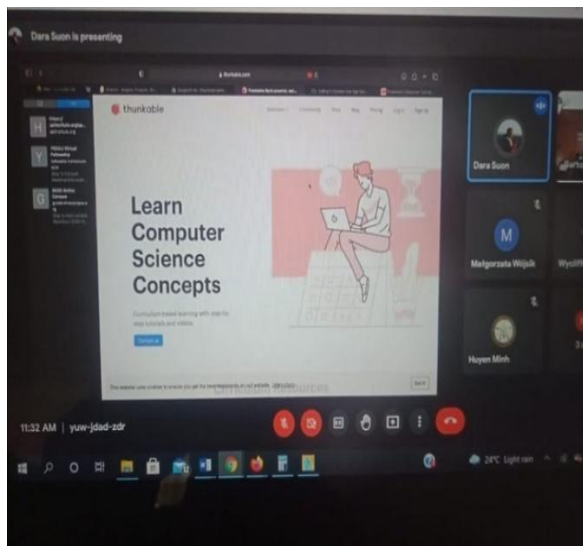
Erasmus plus is an EU's programme that support education, training, youth, and sport in Europe. It has an estimated budget of €26.2 billion. This is nearly double the funding compared to its predecessor programme (2014-2020). The 2021-2027 programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people's participation in democratic life.

Erasmus + projects support priorities and activities set out in the European Education Area, Digital Education Action Plan, and the European Skills Agenda. The programme also:

- Supports the European Pillar of Social Rights.
- Implements the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027.
- Develops the European dimension in sport.

Some of the ITF's current erasmus Plus projects include:

A) **Evergreen**-The overall objective of this project is to support awareness raising on the environmental and climatic goals as well as taking up innovative practices in a digital era. Thereafter the aim is to contribute to the just and inclusive transition to sustainable living through empowering the youth work sector, across the globe to raise awareness on environmental issues. The project will be done in collaboration with the Association for European Cooperation Development and Communication (CODEC), Belgium. The Project was started in December 2020



An Online GO-PRO training Session

B) **GO-PRO**-The project's objective is to create space for the development of key information and communications technology (ICT) competences in the field of programming for children and youth. It plans to achieve this by creating GO-PRO centers where modern programming education can take place. This in turn will awaken the passion to code in youth. The project is done in collaboration with Meritum (Poland).

C) **Reflect Experiment Capture (REC)**—Through this project, experimental filmmaking was used as an effective intervention model to equip youth and organizations with the know-how to prevent violence. This was achieved by transforming it into fiction. Experimental filmmaking (in contrast to conventional genres) is well-known for its powerful communication potential and by the freedom and experimentation in the editing process with only one goal: do not leave anyone indifferent

Measurement of Outcome

Join the Pipe

- Since March 2020, we have successfully launched a total of 3 water kiosk at schools: 3 in Kenya at Peresten ACK Primary school, Kamaata SA primary school in Cheptasis, and 1 in Rwanda at Rutarabana Primary school.
- The Number of children served by water kiosk at schools
Total 1604: Kenya 1000, Rwanda 604.
- The number of community residents served by water kiosk at schools:
Total 2500: Kenya 1500, Rwanda 1000

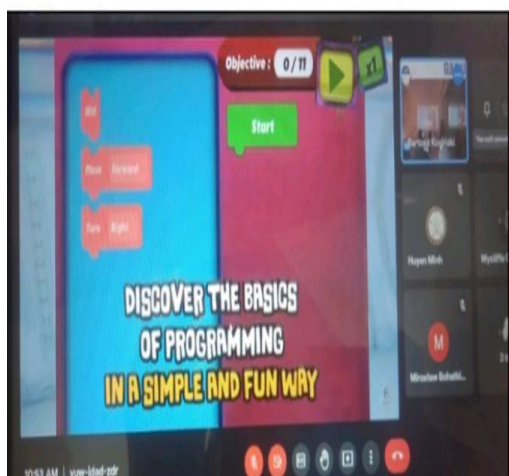
Table showing distribution of bottles across various institutions in Kenya and Rwanda

#	AREA/SCHOOL NAME	LOCATION	BOTTLES DISTRIBUTED
1.	PalmOlive Academy	Nairobi (Kibera)	267
2.	Furaha Community High School	(Matungulu)	190
3.	St. Vincent De Paul Nursery School	Nairobi (Kibera)	110
4.	Huruma	Nairobi	100
5	Downyard Self Help Youth Group	Nairobi (Huruma)	100
6	Groupe Scolaire de Kivumu(GS Kivumu)	Rwanda	1260
7	Groupe Scolaire Murambi (EP Murambi)	Rwanda	583
8	Groupe Scolaire Murambi(GS Murambi)	Rwanda	968
9	Ecole Primaire Kiragama(EP Kiragama)	Rwanda	655
10	General distribution in other schools		7454
11.	General Distribution to community members		377
	TOTAL		12064

Erasmus + and ITF

The table below shows the number of youths impacted by the projects REC and GO-PRO

Activity	Location	Number of youths impacted
GO-PRO	Nairobi, Kenya	20
Reflect Experiment Capture (REC)	Nairobi, Kenya	122
TOTAL		142



An Online GO-PRO training



REC Participants Implementing Lab findings



REC Exhibition at UON, Lower Kabete campus