# SKYE Club Snapshot

#### What is it? The Skills and Knowledge for Youth Economic Empowerment (SKYE) Club emerging project model is an integrated approach to support disadvantaged female and male youth develop the skills, behaviors, and attitudes necessary to obtain sustainable livelihoods and participate constructively in their communities.

Key Components:

**1) SKYE Club Meetings:** SKYE Clubs are groups of young adults who meet weekly to have fun, learn, and serve their communities together. A SKYE Club is typically made up of approximately 10-25 youth (aged 18-26) who gather once a week for two to three hours. The clubs are led by volunteer SKYE Club Leaders, who are selected from the community. These Leaders use a curriculum based on experiential learning methodologies to help the youth in the club cultivate competencies in the areas of active citizenship, leadership, employability and entrepreneurship. World Vision supports this activity by hiring a staff member known as a SKYE Club Facilitator. The role of the SKYE Club Facilitator is to recruit, train, coach and support the volunteer SKYE Club Leaders as they lead weekly meetings and help the youth in their clubs to develop.

**2) Community Service-Learning Projects:** At meetings, SKYE Clubs work together to identify community problems and market opportunities, and then to plan and implement community service-learning and social entrepreneurship-learning projects in response. Youth undertake three to four projects each year, and each project is increasingly complex, delves deeper into community issues, and elicits greater leadership, project management skills, and business development savvy. These projects are SKYE Club’s main learning tool and serve multiple purposes:

* bringing social change to the community;
* applying skills learnt in meetings to consolidate new behaviors and life-skills; and
* developing new ideas to create livelihood opportunities.

Suitable Contexts: urban, peri-urban or rural contexts

Project Length: Five years

Resources Required: USD300, 000 for a five year project

A SKYE Club Facilitator with experience in experiential- education methodologies and youth programming.

Expected Impacts: *Estimated for a five year project)*

* 1,125 female and male youth participating in 45 SKYE Clubs
* 1,125 female and male youth learn and demonstrate critical life, work-readiness and entrepreneurship skills
* 1,125 female and male youth cultivate and demonstrate capabilities in the domains of leadership and community contribution
* 1,125 female and male youth increase their understanding of the local market dynamics and are equipped with the knowledge, skills, experience and networks to find and sustain employment or start their own businesses.
* 5,000 indirect beneficiaries

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