Linking youth from underserved communities with skills and resources.

Inspiring, Empowering, and Engaging youths in becoming changemakers in their communities.

As the international development branch of JUMP! Foundation, JUMP! Development is acutely aware that marginalized youth in underserved areas are often experts in their community’s challenges as they experience these issues daily. We also believe that these youths are the best posited to be changemakers as they are knowledgeable of available local resources to solve these challenges. It is based on these assumptions that JUMP! Development designed our program model. We partner with capable local NGOs to implement our 12-month, three-part entrepreneurship education, attend a two-day JUMP! Leadership Conference (JLC) to design Impact Projects for their communities, and receive seed funding and mentorship throughout the year to make their projects - and indeed their dreams- come true.

Since 2009, JUMP! Development has partnered with local NGOs in various countries and communities throughout Asia, Latin America, and Africa, serving over 3,000 youths and developing the capacity of partner NGOs.
Today, children and youth aged 24 years and below make up nearly 40 percent of the world’s population, many of whom are concentrated in the least developed countries. Major challenges in underdeveloped regions include inequity of wealth distribution, lack of employment opportunities, and rapid urbanization. The marginalization of youth in this context carries enormous negative implication for the global future as it causes a sense of disenfranchisement and lack of upward mobility, which can lead to ethnic, religious, and political conflicts.
OUR APPROACH

JUMP! Development Programs
Target youths 16-28 years of age in under-resourced communities that are struggling with economic, environmental and/or social issues.

To ensure that our program is grounded in local context, we partner with local NGOs that have existing network in the area and content expertise in the sector in which they work.

Our Model
The JUMP! Development program is a year-long, three-part social innovation training that combines education and application with financial resources, mentorship, and social capital provided by JUMP! and partners NGOs.

Phase 1: Training & Workshop
The first phase includes facilitator training (3 days) and a participant workshop (2 days). Youths are exposed to various topics in social entrepreneurship and project planning as they prepare for the community needs assessment day (1 day) and conference.

Phase 2: Project Design
The second phase is a two-day leadership conference. The conference utilizes Open Space Technology. Where participants decide on the agenda and topics of discussion. Youths identify and discuss common community challenges on Day 1, and focus on the most pressing issues for which they design Community Impact Projects on Day 2.

Phase 3: Prototype & Implementation
In each program, the Community Impact Projects are evaluated according to a rubric, and up to two projects are awarded seed funding and matched with mentors to support with the implementation for the duration of the program period. Every participant in the program will also be connected to a global network of young changemakers through JUMP!
PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. To inspire, empower, and engage youths in becoming changemakers in their communities
2. To find local solutions to local challenges
3. To build the capacity of youths and local NGOs

2016 Program Areas and Impact
In 2016, J! Development served 771 underprivileged youths across Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Haiti (Foret des Pins)
Post-Disaster Relief
165 participants
Reforestation of the Wanamet Forest Project

Dominican Republic (Batey 9)
Local Youth Empowerment
205 participants
Finalization of Community Center Project

China (Beijing)
Exploring Diversity
29 participants

Cambodia (Battambang)
Local Educator Empowerment
43 participants
6th Grade After-School Reading Project

Nicaragua (El Hatillo)
Local Youth Empowerment
155 participants
Community Water Pump Restoration Project

Kenya (Nairobi)
Urban Slums
65 participants
Youth Innovation Hub Project
“Positive Ghetto” Project

Thailand (Chiang Mai)
Myanmar Migrant Youth Education
94 participants
Migrant Worker Education on Mosquito-Borne Illness Project
Migrant Worker Traffic Rules Education Project

Thailand (Bangkok)
15 participants
Teen Pregnancy Reduction Project
Plastic Waste Separation Project