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Skydra's Unity through Nourishment (S.U.N.)  
Initiative: Combating Food Insecurity Together

## Mid-term Evaluation Presentation “Halfway There: Progress and Growth of the S.U.N. Initiative”

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# Purpose of the Mid-term Evaluation

The purpose of this mid-term evaluation is to reflect systematically on the progress achieved during the first half of the project. It aims to assess whether the activities and actions implemented so far remain aligned with the project's original objectives and values. This evaluation also provides space to reflect on the strengths that have supported the project's development, as well as the challenges encountered along the way. Finally, it serves as a learning tool, helping the team identify necessary improvements and adjustments to ensure a more effective and impactful implementation during the second phase of the project.



# Project Overview



The S.U.N. Initiative is a youth-led community project that focuses on addressing food insecurity in the area of Skydra. The project is built on the principles of dignity, inclusion, and cooperation, aiming to provide food support while respecting the needs and rights of individuals facing hardship. By actively involving young people and collaborating with local stakeholders such as schools, churches, and businesses, the initiative seeks to strengthen community solidarity. Through cooperation and shared responsibility, the project aspires to create sustainable solutions and raise awareness about food insecurity at the local level.



# Original Objectives Revisited

At the beginning of the project, several key objectives were defined to guide its implementation. These included supporting individuals and families facing food insecurity, strengthening social inclusion and solidarity within the community, and encouraging youth participation in civic and social actions. Another important objective was to build sustainable partnerships with local institutions and stakeholders to ensure long-term impact. Revisiting these original objectives at the mid-point allows the team to evaluate progress, confirm relevance, and ensure that all activities remain focused on achieving meaningful social change within the community of Skydra.





## Activities Implemented So Far

During the first half of the project, significant emphasis was placed on planning and internal coordination among team members. The group worked on developing communication tools and establishing an online presence to support outreach and visibility. Fundraising meetings were held with churches and schools, while continuous outreach efforts targeted local businesses and community actors. These activities created a strong organisational foundation and allowed the project to build credibility within the community. Overall, the implemented actions focused on preparation, relationship-building, and creating the necessary conditions for the successful implementation of upcoming activities.







## Community Engagement Achieved

Community engagement has been a key achievement during the first phase of the project. Active cooperation has been established with schools, churches, and local businesses, creating a network of supportive stakeholders. Volunteer interest has grown steadily, with more individuals expressing willingness to participate and contribute. At the same time, awareness of food insecurity within the local community has increased through discussions and outreach activities. The initiative's values of dignity, solidarity, and cooperation have been positively received, reinforcing trust and strengthening the relationship between the project team and the wider community.

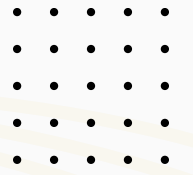


# Fundraising and Partnerships Progress

Progress in fundraising and partnerships has been encouraging at the mid-point of the project. Initial agreements have been reached with local institutions, providing support in the form of donations, resources, and cooperation. These partnerships have helped strengthen trust between the project team and community stakeholders. Through consistent communication and transparency, the initiative has established a reliable foundation for the future implementation of the breadline. Although fundraising remains an ongoing effort, the progress achieved so far demonstrates strong community willingness to contribute and support the project's social mission.



# Communication and Visibility



Communication and visibility have played a central role in strengthening the project's presence within the community. The launch of the project website provided a central platform for information, updates, and values. In addition, digital brochures and posters were created to support outreach efforts and explain the initiative's goals. Social media channels have been used to share updates, engage supporters, and reach a wider audience. These efforts have significantly improved the project's visibility and contributed to increased awareness of food insecurity and the initiative's activities at the local level.



# Role of Youth in the Project



Youth play a central and active role in every aspect of the project. Young participants are directly involved in planning, coordination, and decision-making processes, ensuring that the initiative remains youth-led. They are also responsible for communication, outreach, and engagement with community stakeholders. Through hands-on involvement, participants develop valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. This active participation strengthens their sense of ownership and commitment to the project while empowering them to contribute meaningfully to addressing social challenges within their community.



# How Contributions Will Be Used

All donations financial or material will directly support the preparation and distribution of meals. Funds will be used for ingredients, sustainable packaging, utensils, communication materials, and event logistics. Our priority is transparency, ensuring that every contribution is tracked, documented, and applied toward essential project needs.



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## Support of the Coach

The support of the Coach has been an important factor in the project's progress so far. The Coach has provided guidance in planning and organisational matters, helping the team structure activities more effectively. Support has also been offered in developing communication strategies and improving outreach approaches. Through regular feedback during meetings and evaluations, the Coach has encouraged reflection, learning, and continuous improvement. This guidance has contributed to a more structured process, supporting the team in overcoming challenges and maintaining focus on the project's objectives and values.

## What Has Worked Well

Several elements have worked particularly well during the first half of the project. Strong teamwork and collaboration among team members have created a supportive and motivated working environment. The initiative has received a positive response from local stakeholders, confirming the relevance of its goals. A clear project identity and consistent message have helped build trust and recognition within the community. Additionally, high motivation and commitment among team members have driven progress, even when challenges arose, contributing significantly to the project's overall positive development.





# Challenges Identified

Despite the positive progress, several challenges have been identified during the implementation process. Coordinating schedules among team members has sometimes been difficult due to differing personal commitments. Communication with external partners occasionally required additional time and follow-up, affecting timelines. The project also demanded continuous flexibility and adaptation to changing circumstances. Managing multiple tasks simultaneously proved challenging, especially during periods of increased activity. Identifying these challenges at the mid-point allows the team to address them proactively and improve efficiency in the next phase.





## How Challenges Were Addressed

To address the challenges encountered, the team adopted several practical solutions. Regular communication through digital tools helped improve coordination and information sharing among members. Flexible planning and task distribution allowed responsibilities to be adjusted according to availability and capacity. Continuous dialogue with external partners helped clarify expectations and maintain cooperation. Additionally, the support and guidance of the Coach played a key role in resolving difficulties and encouraging reflective problem-solving. These strategies strengthened the team's resilience and contributed to smoother project implementation.



## Learning Outcomes So Far

The first half of the project has resulted in significant learning outcomes for the team. Participants have improved their organisational and communication skills through practical experience. The team has gained a deeper understanding of local community needs and the complexities of food insecurity. Problem-solving abilities and adaptability have been strengthened as members responded to challenges. Furthermore, involvement in the initiative has fostered a stronger sense of social responsibility and civic awareness. These learning outcomes not only support the current project but also contribute to participants' long-term personal and professional development.



## Impact Observed at Mid-point

At the mid-point of the project, several positive impacts are already visible. Community awareness of food insecurity has increased, encouraging dialogue and empathy among local residents. Cooperation between youth and local institutions has been strengthened, creating new opportunities for collaboration. Volunteer engagement has grown steadily, reflecting trust and interest in the initiative. Most importantly, the project has established a solid foundation for upcoming activities, particularly the implementation of the breadline. These early impacts demonstrate the project's relevance and potential for lasting community benefit.





## Alignment with Initial Plan

The mid-term evaluation confirms that the project remains well aligned with its initial plan. Core objectives have remained unchanged and continue to guide decision-making. Most activities have been implemented according to the original timeline, with only minor adjustments made to improve effectiveness. These adjustments have strengthened the project rather than altering its direction. Overall, the initiative remains consistent with its original vision and values, ensuring continuity and focus as it moves into the second half of implementation.



## Adjustments for the Next Phase

Based on the evaluation, several adjustments have been identified for the next phase of the project. Strengthening volunteer coordination will be a priority to ensure efficient implementation of activities. Communication with partners will be further enhanced to improve clarity and timing. Finalising logistics for the breadline implementation will require focused planning and coordination. Additionally, dissemination efforts will be increased to reach a wider audience and attract further support. These adjustments aim to build on existing strengths while addressing areas for improvement.





# Priorities for the Second Half

The second half of the project will focus on key priorities that ensure successful completion. The primary goal is the effective implementation of the breadline, providing dignified food support to those in need. Continued community engagement will remain essential to maintain trust and cooperation. Systematic evaluation and documentation of activities will support learning and accountability. Finally, preparation of final outputs, including a handbook, will ensure that knowledge and experiences gained during the project can be shared and potentially replicated in other communities.



## Conclusion & Next Steps

In conclusion, the project is on track and continues to grow steadily. The progress achieved so far demonstrates strong community engagement, effective teamwork, and alignment with initial objectives. Lessons learned during the first half will guide future actions and improvements. Continued cooperation with partners, volunteers, and community members remains essential for success. Moving into the next phase, the team is motivated and confident, sharing responsibility and commitment to achieving meaningful impact. With clear priorities and strengthened foundations, the project is well positioned for successful completion.





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