

# YV Basics

## What is Youth Venture?

**Youth Venture** is a global movement of young changemakers. We are made up of young people –Venturers from around the world who have launched lasting social ventures that create positive impact in our communities. We also include many supporters: adult allies, technical allies, partners, and the Youth Venture global staff team. All of us believe in the importance of supporting all young people to become changemakers. If we are to become a better society that's more able to address the many social problems we face, then we must have more changemakers in the world to take initiative and create positive social change. We believe that you have to start on the path as a changemaker when you're young, while you're still open to the many possibilities of the leader you can become.

**Our Venturers** come from all different walks of life in many different regions around the world. There is no one type of Venturer, but rather what all Venturers have in common is their desire and motivation to create positive change. Venturers can address any type of social challenge they see, and they launch sustainable social ventures to tackle these social needs.

**Allies** are non-controlling adult mentors who offer support and guidance to Venture teams.

**Our partners** are corporate, civil society, and youth organizations that share Youth Venture's desire to support a global movement of young changemakers.

**The Youth Venture staff** team is made up of entrepreneurial people from around the world who are devoted to supporting the Youth Venture global movement.

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