



BOKK JANG

Description of ALS

Bokk Jang is a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) which aims at the economic and social development of Senegal and the rest of Africa through Information Technology and Communication (ICT) and the Internet.

Bokk Jang or 2B1-SN, is an NGO whose intervention in disadvantaged communities counts on volunteers in order to achieve the ideals of solidarity and sharing of knowledge: know-how and knowledge for the benefit of children, youth and women, victims of school dropouts, leaving aside any religious and/or political considerations.

How is it structured?

2B1-SN has a board of representatives composed of: 1 President, 1 Secretary, 1 Treasurer, 1 organization and communication head, 1 Technical head and 1 person in charge of technical committees. The directors committee is appointed by the General Assembly every two years.

Who are the members and what areas do they represent?

Education professionals and IT professionals.

What is the decision making process?

The annual business plan of the NGO is prepared and presented by the board in the general assembly. The plan is held after amendment and approval by the GA. An activity report is submitted to the GA annually.

What are the main activities of your organization?

- Participate in the social and economic development of Africa, particularly Senegal, through education and training of young people with ICT.
- Promote gender equality.
- Promoting access to ICT and internet for those most disadvantaged.

- Promote access to free software to facilitate development and/or adaptation of applications and local content.

Mission

A structured fight against the numerical divide, promoting gender equality and socio-economic development of its targets through Youth Education with Information Technology and Communication (ICT).

The socio-educational project of Bokk Jang fixed the primary goal of "conducting research and action to identify strategies for introduction of Information Technology and Communication (ICT) in local communities to provide education, training and vocational training relevant to children as young as 10 to 15 years old, including girls with committed involvement as mothers in the learning process.

Our objectives

- Educate, train and disseminate ICT and the Internet in disadvantaged areas, involving as much as possible children of 10 years of age and older and mothers.
- Engage the process of training the disadvantaged such as the disabled in rural and urban areas for their harmonious inclusion in the information society while preserving their traditional values.
- Share knowledge and life skills for the benefit of children, youth and women; both in school settings and outside, disregarding any political or religious consideration.
- Promote access to the Internet and free software for application development and African content.

Former and current projects

- Create centers of excellence for education and training (15 centers installed in 6 different regions of Senegal between 2003 and 2005).
- Implementation of Digital Freedom Initiative Program (DFI.) and USAID (2003 to 2006), a program to fight against the digital divide and for private sector development in Senegal.
- E- Riders Senegal of the Open Society Initiative for West Africa NGO (OSIWA) (2006), which consists in supervising a group of Senegalese youth in order to make them free software promoters ICT services providers to service civil society organizations that promote democracy, good governance, rule of law, respect for fundamental freedoms and a general civic participation.
- Bokk Jang is a member of the FOSSFA board and, in March 2008, organized the international conference on Software in Africa (IDLELO3).
- Project to establish a resource center on free software, ongoing since 2007 (training, application development, etc.).