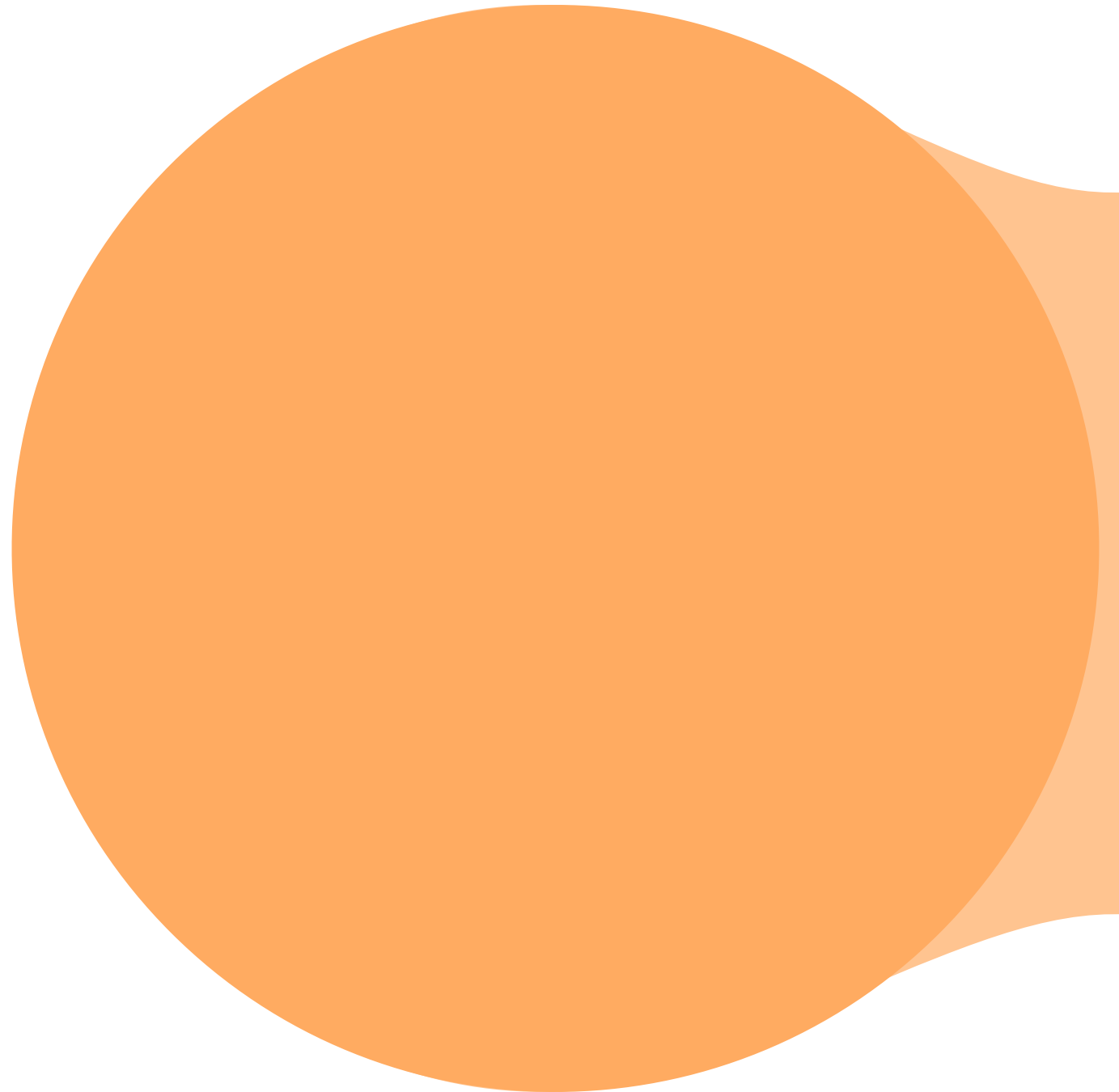


Our values and actions





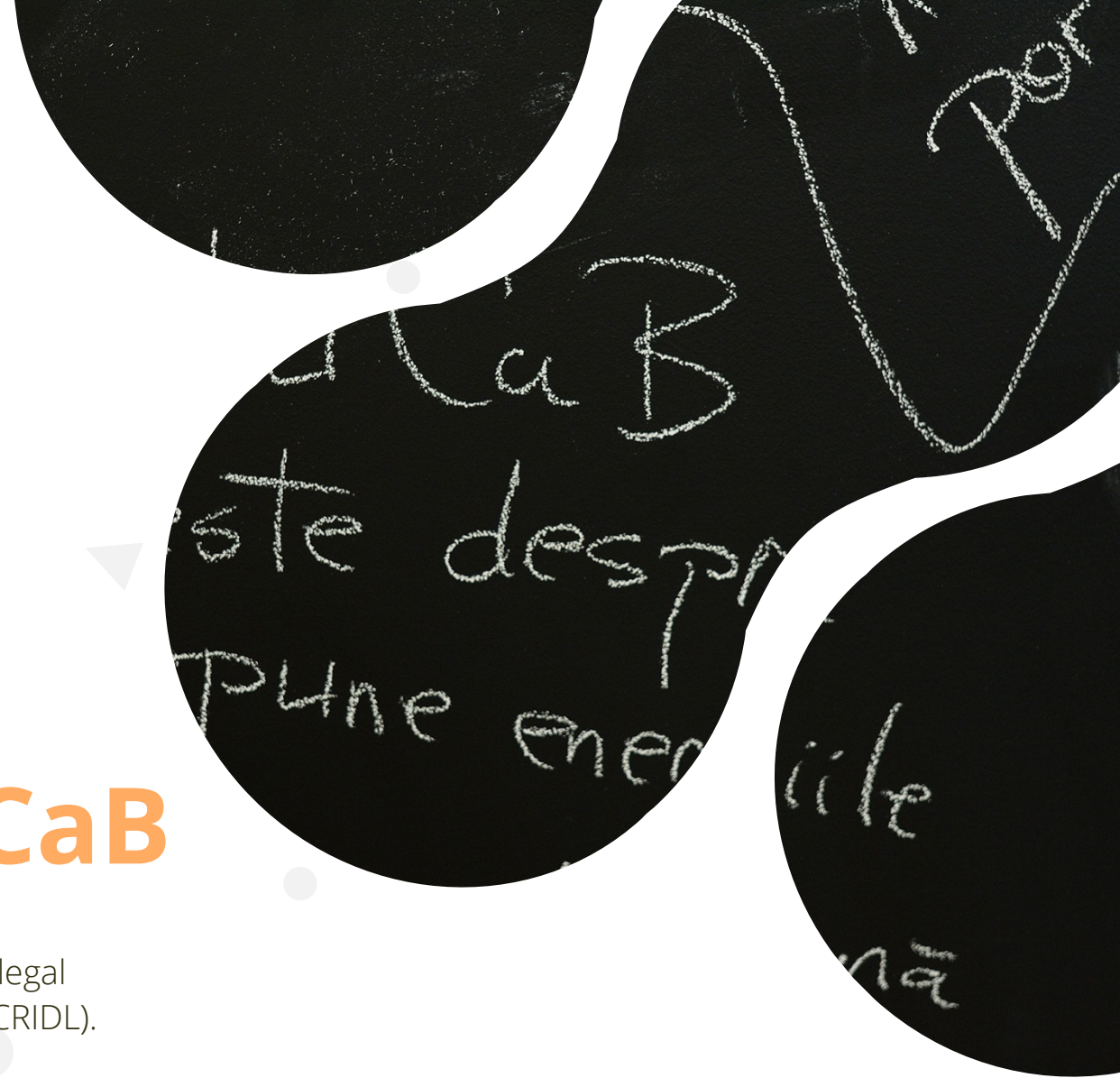
We are **EduCaB**

EduCaB is an international platform, program and methodology, aiming to circulate quality educational, cultural and civic content, expertise and physical resources between large and small communities.

The idea behind EduCaB is to foster middle to long term learning and civic ecosystems in small counties for both youth and adults to maximize their potential as individuals and as communities.

Legal entity for **EduCaB**

The EduCaB concept was designed and developed under a Romanian legal entity, i.e. The Romanian Centre for Innovation in Local Development (CRIDL).



A man with a joyful expression, wearing a traditional gold beaded shirt, stands in front of a chalkboard. The chalkboard is filled with Swahili text, including the word 'kusoma' (to read) and 'ibu' (mother). The scene is overlaid with large, semi-transparent orange shapes. The overall mood is educational and positive.

Before continuing

One of the reasons we are honored and happy in developing the EduCaB concept in Tanzania.

This is Vitalis, one of those amazing humans of the planet, a force of nature, a humble person and an inspiration to anyone who has a chance to see him for at least 10 seconds. He dedicated his life to strengthening the educational infrastructure of the communities in Lugarawa area, Ludewa district in south-western part of the country.

EduCaB

TIMIȘ

VÂLCEA

DÂMBOVIȚA

BRAILA

DOLJ

TELEORMAN

EduCaB

Business model

Hai să ne unim forțele

pentru a acoperi nevoile de calitate
în cele **626 de biblioteci**
unde implementăm momentan

AȘTEPTĂM INVESTIȚIA TA:

până pe 21 decembrie

în timpul programului de

în **Librăriile Cărturești**, în

României, sediile bibliotecarilor

- Flat organization, no hierarchy, no office, no employees. All team members are volunteers, mobilizing resources from their professional, personal and partners' networks for the EduCaB's interventions, in this way becoming part of the platform.
- We use inter-disciplinary and inter-institutional approaches in all the undertaken programs.
- KPIs:
 - a) the quality of the educational experiences the communities are exposed to;
 - b) the degree of dispensability of EduCaB to the communities served;
 - c) the number of meaningful connections nurtured (individual, organizational).
- The organization curates resources and expertise, it doesn't act as financier/donor.
- The program is interested in contributing to long term

What We Do

We are more than this, but one can always find us doing those below:



We invest in educational ecosystems



We nurture community development mechanisms



We put together the energies of the society



We have a systemic, interdisciplinary, inter-institutional approach



A bit of our History



2013

We have started with a pilot in

Romania

First county was Dâmbovița, first community, Crângurile, Ms. Gabi, the first librarian to work with.

EduCaB officially launched

in Nepal

We started by activating one library in Dandagaon village / Dhading district, in Central part of the country.

2014





2016

The Indonesian chapter was launched

After helping to build the first privately financed library in Bangladesh, in 2015, the next year, we have launched EduCaB also in Flores island / Indonesia (in Maghileko, Labuan Bajo, Komodo and Moni).

More people to care about

Currently, we are running activities, have pipeline initiatives and support groups in hundreds of communities in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Europe: Romania, Italy, Germany

Asia: Nepal, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia

Africa: Tanzania, Senegal, Kenya, Uganda, Somalia

America: United States, Guatemala, Mexico

now



Why Libraries?



Under-used

Under-used in terms of their educational and community mobilization potential.



Way of operating

They function well both individually and in network.



Versatility

Neutral and versatile as space and educational offer



Community memory

The librarian knows the community

GUATEMALA

WE ARE HERE



Inclusiveness

They promote inclusiveness, they are free, they serve all the community, can act as democratic spaces.



Stability

The stability of the institution (e.g. law attrition).



Neutrality

They are usually perceived in positive or neutral terms.



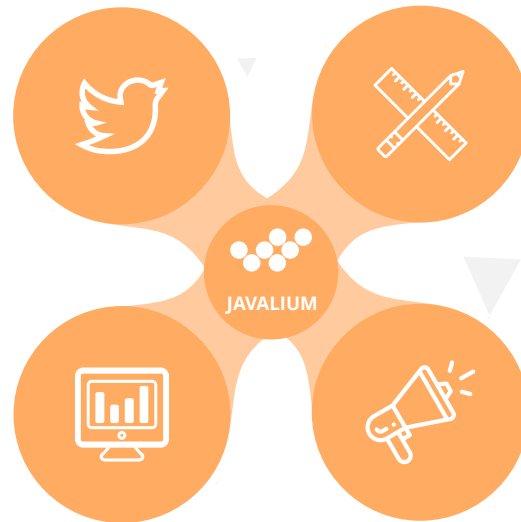
They are already here

And they are 470,182 public and community libraries in the world.

Why do we need Community Hubs?

To offer contexts for residents in communities to learn and exercise citizenship behaviors on a daily basis, throughout their lives.

To enhance the quality of life in local communities.



To meet local needs and address challenges by using existing resources within the community and those of the nurtured networks or groups connected to that community.

To contribute to stronger community bonds and the sense of pride of belonging to that community.

From libraries to libraries as community hubs

EduCaB is working with public libraries around the world, strengthening their potential to introduce 'jointly solving' approaches to community problems, to those organizations that are interested in middle to long term interventions. The project is now covering 1100+ libraries/communities.



Our Achievements

Growing friendships

By investing into nurturing quality friendships we commit to growing our relationship by starting long-term initiatives.

Open model on change dynamic

We are investing our energy into keeping our model open and constantly exposing ourselves to different contexts, trying its strength by looking to prove we were wrong.



Non-PR

Our PR strategy is non PR, we aim to be as less visible as possible, in this way we can focus all our attention on the essential, i.e. nurturing good quality knowledge based ecosystems in smaller communities.

Aproximations

So far we've been probably investing, organizing, and curating over 100,000 books and magazines, over 3,000 furniture pieces, over 200 computers, over 400 projects and activities in 600+ communities in 14 countries. But we are not exactly sure because it's not our main focus while growing EduCaB.

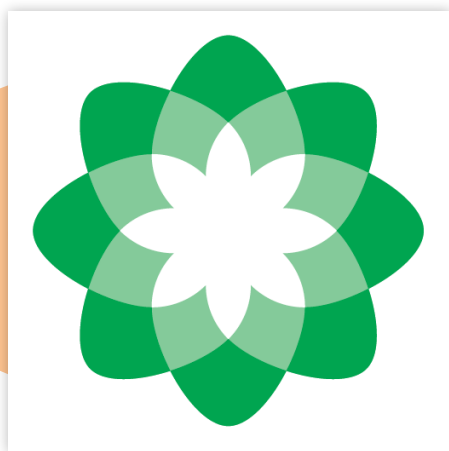


Before continuing

One of the reasons we are honored and happy in developing the EduCaB concept in Indonesia.

This is Valentino, he is a medical assistant in Maghileko village, in Flores Island. He used more than a half of his land to build both a school and a reading garden as we call it there, i.e. a library.

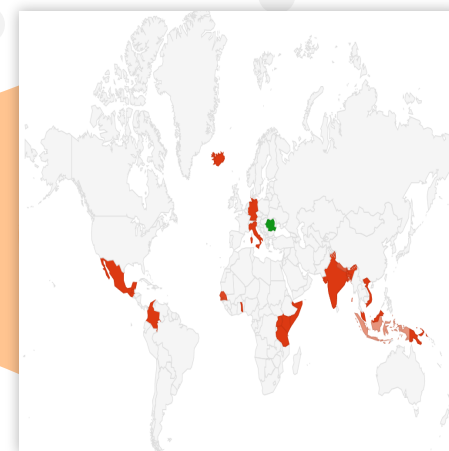
Action lines 2019-2024



Nurture more strategic partnerships with NGOs, private companies, public structures and citizens.

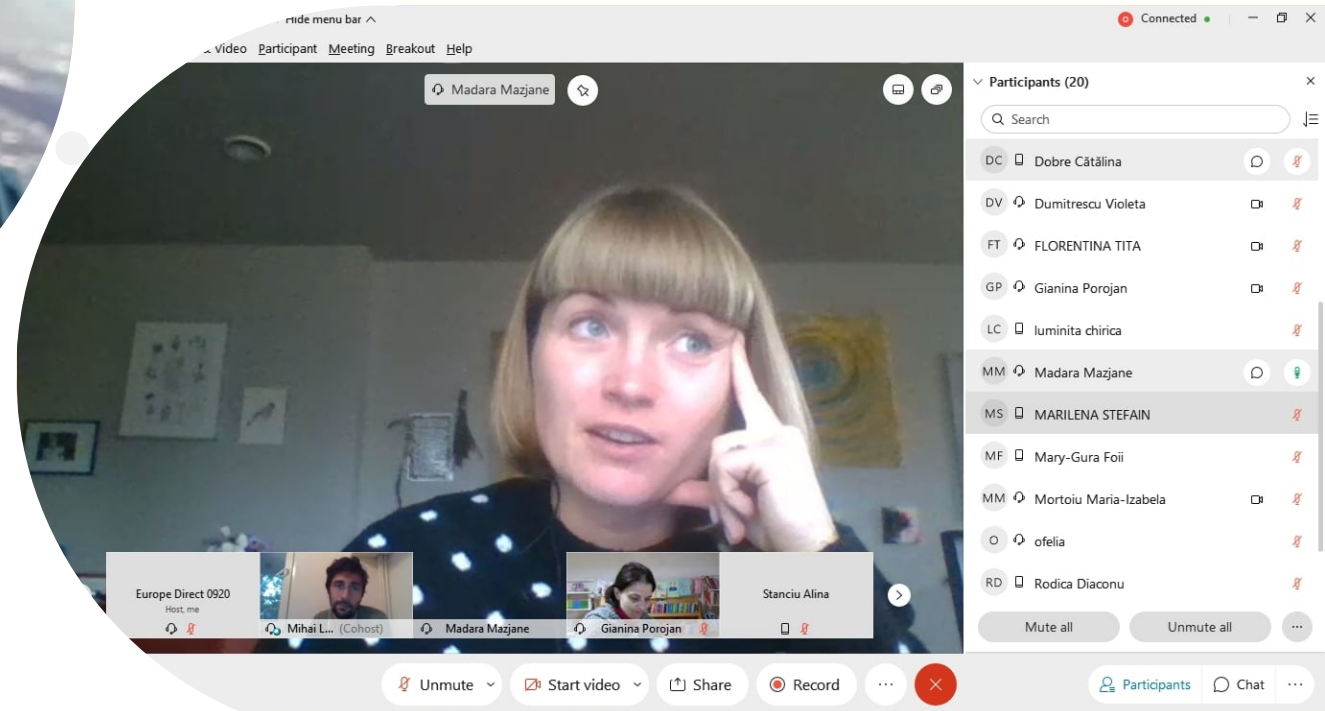


Get more quality long term programs in local communities.



Strengthen the EduCaB organization and network.

Priority actions **Romania**



Capacity building

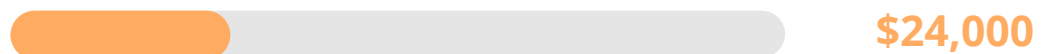
Organizing trainings for public librarians on three topics,:

1. project management;
2. attracting and working with volunteers;
3. attracting resources.

Timing



Budget



Target group



Science and Technology

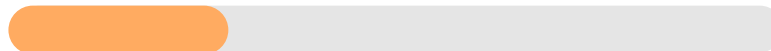
Start monthly workshops on promoting the usage of science and technology in entrepreneurial initiatives and domestic life, in 20 rural communities in 4 counties.

Timing



24 months

Budget



\$24,000

Target group



400 adults



Programming and webdesign

Organize programming / web design courses in 120 rural communities, via libraries.

Timing



Budget



Target group



Local heritage

Organize documentary making courses in 120 rural communities, in order to subsequently document the social challenges of rural Romania, and to surface and document the local heritage (material and immaterial).

Timing



Budget



Target group



Computer fleet

Renew the computers fleet of 240 rural public libraries.

Timing



24 months

Budget



\$16,000

Target group



240 libraries



Book collection

Renew the book collection of 1000 public libraries in rural area of Romania.

Timing



Budget



Target group



EduCaB in Mountains

Start 6 reading spots in chalets in the Carpathians mountains.

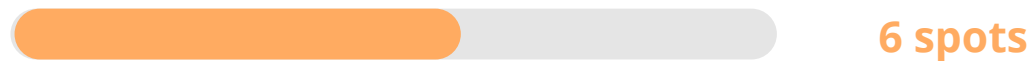
Timing



Budget



Target group



EduCaB in

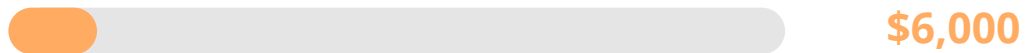
Renew the book collection of the libraries of 6 jails in Romania.

penitentiaries

Timing



Budget



Target group



Ei probabil că ar vota. Dar nu
TU POȚI.



Before continuing

One of the reasons we are honored and happy in developing the LouCaB concept in Romania.

This is Cornelia, the librarian from Mircea Vodă, in Brăila county. She transforms the bad luck in good-luck. Always.

Global Projects

The Largest Network of Rural Cinemas

Start a network of 50 rural cinemas, hosted and run by 50 libraries in 17 countries where we implement EduCaB projects (in partnership with Short Film Breaks).



Fighting Back with Democracy

Translating 68 indicators for measuring democracy into matrixes of products, actions and services that a library can tackle; pilot in 8 communities.



Capacity Building for Librarians

Training of 1000+ librarians in 17 countries where we are having operations (or pipeline actions) in community mobilization, attracting and curating resources and working with volunteers.



Social entrepreneurship

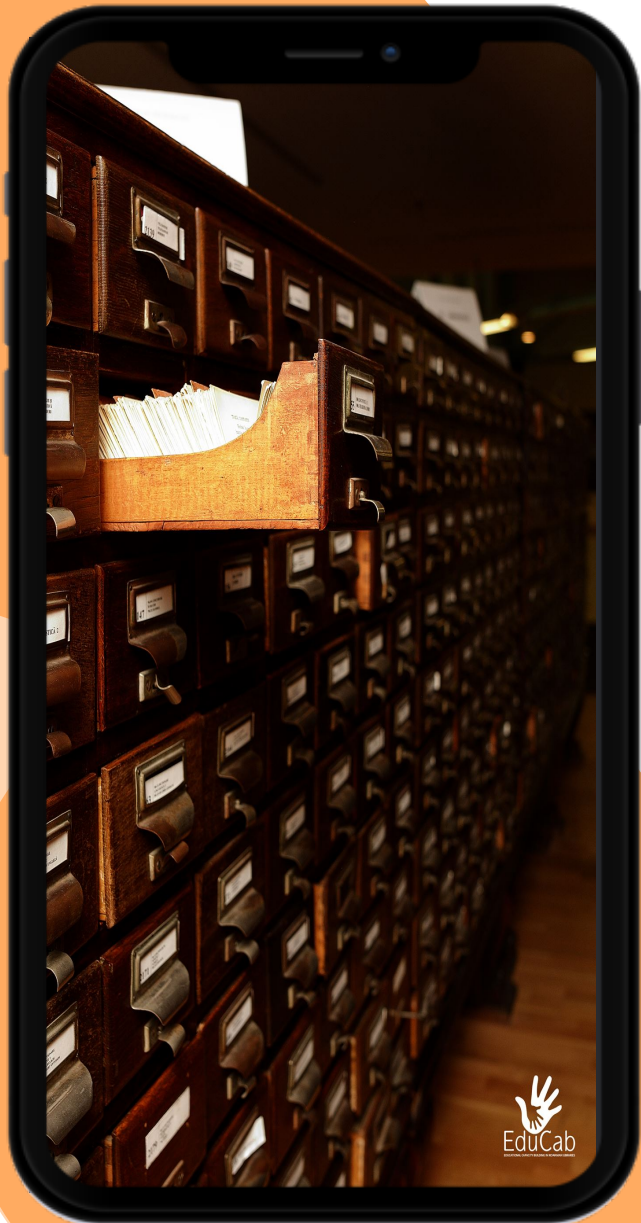
Launching social entrepreneurship initiatives in 30 communities, in 7 countries, as sustainability instruments for EduCaB.



Knowledge Sharing Platform

Start an EduCaB knowledge sharing platform for information and practices exchange among the librarians we are working with.





How is this **working?**

Why are we optimistic.

EduCaB uses the strengths of various institutions functioning as networks, for them to have a bigger and more profound impact within communities.

It aggregates an integrated platform that combines available resources from various organizations and local communities, willing to join forces to solve community problems, on long term.

The project already involves over 75 organizations, each contributing in various ways, depending on their level of availability and comfort.

Some of our partners and friends



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