Super-Volunteer is the cool name that TOKA has given to the youth enablers (teachers, youth workers) and youth that commit to long-term volunteering for the betterment of their community.

Super-Volunteers use the world-renowned Service Learning methodology, which was invented in the US in the 1960s. In simplest terms, Service Learning is project-based learning, where the project is meant to help improve the community it targets.

**How does it work?**

Once a year, we open a call for adult leaders who want to open and host a Super-Volunteer club in their village/town. They go through a rigorous selection process, the selected ones then get trained by the TOKA team in youth work and project management. After their training, they go back to their communities and recruit youth (between 13-17 years old) to join the club. Consequently, they meet once a week for an entire school year, whereby they identify a community problem they wish to solve, then plan and implement a solution. In addition to the training, TOKA provides a facilitator in the role of a mentor to each club, as well as a small budget to assist with the project implementation.

**How many people are served?**

In 2018, TOKA supported the establishment of the first 17 Supervolunteer clubs, which implemented projects serving over 30,000 beneficiaries annually. This year, we are supporting 27 clubs that are spread across half of Kosovo's territory, with estimated 600 youth members and 60 teachers and youth worker leaders.

**What are the benefits?**

Thisapproach has the double benefit of developing many skills that youth need in the future (teamwork, communication, problem solving, project management), as well as develop their social consciousness and activism - thus creating a multiplier effect. The club leaders, especially the teachers, have witnessed a notable improvement of their own capacity to teach for their teaching becomes more engaging and practical; 88% of teachers stated that the program helped their pupils develop competencies from the new National Curriculum Framework.

**How will your support help?**

Our aim is to support the Super-Volunteers program until it becomes self-sustaining and embedded in our key community institutions (schools/youth centres). Past experience from our partners from Argentina and Romania shows that after a two-year mentoring program, approximately 50% of the clubs continue on their own. In Argentina alone, in the last 20 years, over 2.6 million pupils and 94,000 teachers have participated. Kosovo is in the early stages of this process, but the interest and engagement levels of schools and youth show high potential. In a nutshell, your support will help TOKA develop a legacy of youth education through long-term volunteering, supported by community institutions.

**What are the key costs of the Program?**

Monthly transport costs for Mentor visits - $100

Average cost of a club project - $250

Monthly salary of a Mentor - $600

Service Learning Awards Conference - $3,000