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PRESENTATION OF THE "ESGENIUS" PROGRAMME

Launched by the NGO **ESSOMÉ**, the **Esgenius** programme supports young people aged **7 to 17** who face difficulties at school or in accessing vocational training. With a focus on education and career guidance, **Esgenius** aims to give these young people a second chance, enabling them to rise, flourish and build a promising future.

Selection criteria for Esgenius beneficiaries

A – Socio-economic criteria

1. **Precarious financial situation**: Young people from low-income families or living in poverty that limits their access to education or training.
2. **Difficult access to education or training**: Lack of material or financial means to attend school regularly or to enter vocational training.

B – Schooling and vocational training criteria

3. **Dropping out of school**: Children who have left school or are at risk of doing so because of economic or social challenges.
4. **Risk of academic failure**: Weak school results requiring intensive educational support.
5. **Need for career guidance**: Young people with no clear prospects who need guidance to enter suitable vocational training.

C – Age and geographical criteria

6. **Target age group**: Aged between **7 and 17**, corresponding to primary and secondary school or the start of vocational training.
7. **Target area**: Living in areas identified as priorities by **ESSOMÉ**, in particular disadvantaged neighbourhoods or rural areas.

D – Motivation, potential and behaviour criteria

8. **Willingness to learn and progress**: Personal commitment to make the most of the opportunities offered by the **Esgenius** programme.
9. **Commitment**: Active participation in the educational, training and extracurricular activities offered.
10. **Respect for the values of ESSOMÉ and Esgenius**: Embracing the principles of solidarity, perseverance and mutual help.

E – Social inclusion criteria

11. **Gender equity**: Encouraging balanced access to the programme for girls and boys.
12. **Specific vulnerabilities**: Priority support for young people facing discrimination, disability or other particular challenges.

Lomé, 2 January 2025
The President
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