

Starting from...

 « Greetings from Auroville to all men (and women) of good will, who aspire to a higher and truer life! »

• Since the very beginning, even before

- Today, Auroville needs people from the world, and people of the world needs Auroville.
- One of the best way to enter Auroville is to volunteer and spend sometime sharing the work at stake.

 Volunteers is another name for « men of good will »...

Welcoming real volunteers

- Who are these travelers to Volunteerland?
- Where do you they come from?
- What are their motivations to come to this Wonderland

Plan of our journey

- How do we succeed to welcome volunteers so far ?
- Where are the bottlenecks?
- 3. How to progress?



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Mutual benefits

Video: Guillaume, French

Solid Waste management Project

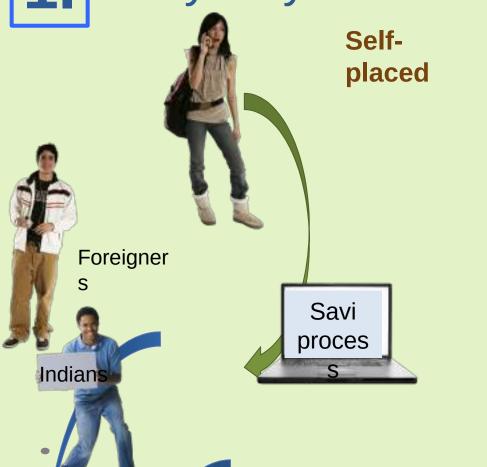
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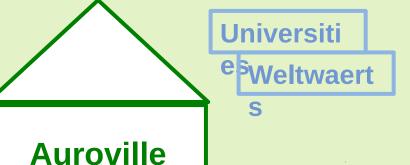
 The visa policy for Aurovilians also applies for students, consultants and assistants

Savi: gateway & follow-up

- A key
- A website
- A process
- A registration desk
- An introduction program
- A team

1. Many ways to come to Volunteerland



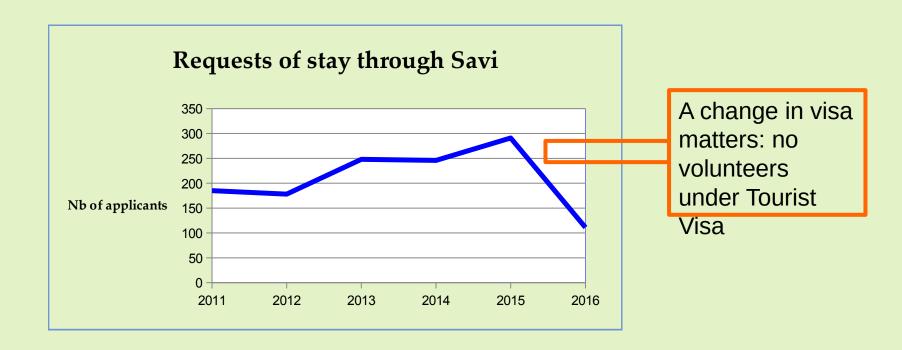






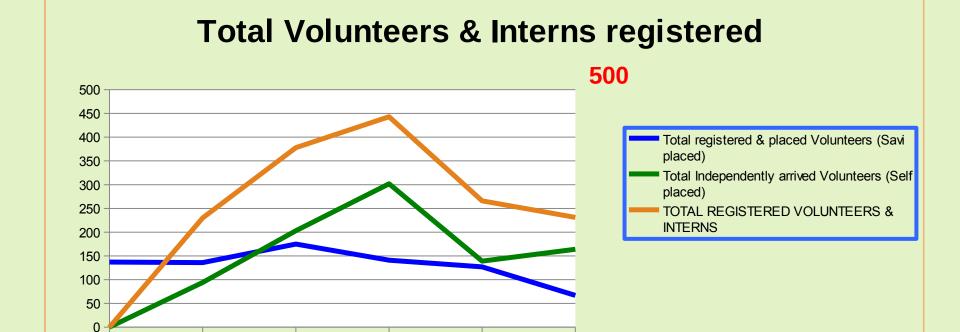


Recent evolutions

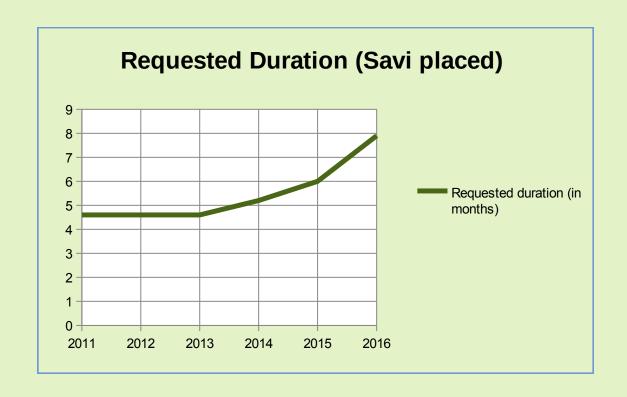




Evolutions - 2

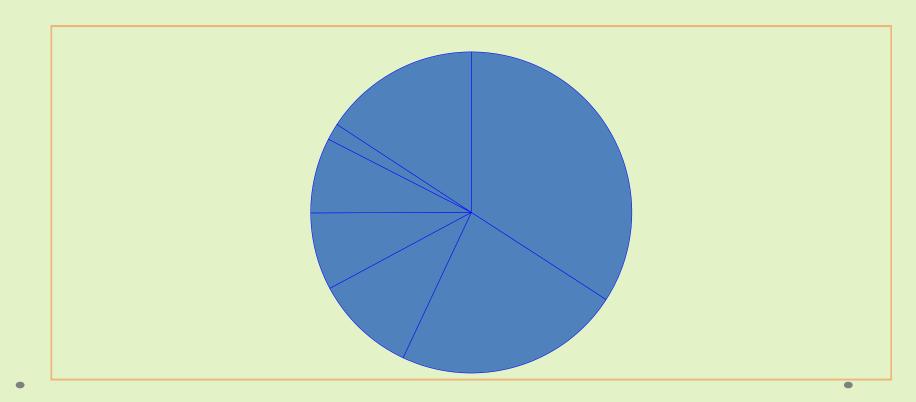


Duration of stays



1. volunteers

(Enquiry Feb 2015 – 70 responses)



1. Contribution in Consumption

Number x duration x Expenses = Consumption

| Type of volunteer population | Number per year | Duration in month | Expenses in Rs | Consumption of services in Rs |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Short term "underground"population | 260 | 1,8 | 21580 | 10099440 |
| Self-placed volunteers "Walk-in" | 170 | 3,5 | 21580 | 12840100 |
| Savi-placed volunteers | 70 | 8 | 21580 | 12084800 |
| Total Volunteer population | 500 | | | 3,50,24,340 |
| | | | | 3,5 crores/year |

Contribution in work

No x duration x Maintenance = In-kind work production

| Type of volunteer population | Number per year | Duratio n in month | Productiv ity ratio | Maintenan ce (month) | In-kind Value Production |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Short term "underground"population | 260 | 1,8 | 0,8 | 14000 | 5241600 |
| Self-placed volunteers "Walk-in" | 170 | 3,5 | 0,9 | 14000 | 7080500 |
| Savi-placed volunteers | 70 | 8 | 0,9 | 14000 | 7134400 |
| Total Volunteer population | 500 | | | | 2,00,38,900 |
| | | | | | 2 crores/year |

Unending education

Video 2: Guillaume, French

Personal evolution of a volunteer in Auroville

1. Bridging to Newcomership

- Volunteers being prepared for entering the newcomer process
- « Entry visa » allows this bridging

Integrating youth and skills

• How come?

Example 1: Karen testimony

Example 2: Omar testimony

Example 3: Claude testimony



Conclusion of 1st part

- Yes, Auroville is enriched by its volunteers
- Volunteers give and contribute to the growth of its economy and population Do you agree? Note your questions/remarks...



Where are the bottlenecks

- External formalities
- Registration
- Housing
- Image-related issues
- Terminology



External Formalities

Formalities:

Restrictions in the application of the visa policy: Work in commercial units, duration, residence, RRO registration



Internal Procedures

Registration

- Aurocard system & Volunteer contribution
- Units heads testimonies (Christian)
- Volunteers testimonies (Sara)

Internal Issues: Housing

Auroville accommodations offer

| Type of accommodation | No of bed | Average price |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| VOLUNTEERS RESIDENCES | 97 | 5480 |
| GUEST HOUSES | 125 | 5900 |
| HOMESTAYS | 69 | - |
| UNIT LODGING AND STAFFQUARTERS* | 59 | - |
| Total capacity All categories | 350 | |
| *Excluding Sadhana Forest | | |



Internal Issues

- Image perceived by community
- Image perceived by Indian admin
- Terminology



Conclusion of 2d part

- Video Clip of Chintan, Researche
 r
- Need for improved frame/setup for volunteers & interns

Tea Break



How to progress?

- Working Com invitation to WGs
- Questions to Participants
- Individual answers on cards