It is highly recommended to watch the Purpose mini-documentary on PRPS.io before reading this white paper.

What is Purpose?

Purpose is a token built on the ERC-20 Token Standard that allows people to contribute to its altruistic objectives by holding it. Its primary feature is its ability to generate a second token called DUBI (Decentralized Universal Basic Income) that is supported by a large community of activists as well as an independent group of volunteer developers who work together towards increasing DUBI's value, in preparation for eventually gradually distributing it among in developing regions first and, in the best case scenario, the world’s population. Distribution is to be facilitated on-chain with an allowance contract that grants each beneficiary DUBI at a specific rate, a process that also incorporates optional automated taxation for government compliance.

Purpose was initially only distributed for donations not towards its creator but towards charity and/or the above-mentioned volunteers who are collaborating on initiatives that support Purpose. The initial limited fundraising was conducted through our Twitch.tv livestream where, at Athene’s discretion, tokens were reserved for donors who support the project. While both Purpose and DUBI were launched as utility tokens and have no initial intrinsic value, non-charity donations may end up being partially allocated to a voluntarily maintained buy-wall that maintains and supports DUBI's value on exchanges.
Who is behind Purpose & How does it work?

Athene is a well-known philanthropist who started the idea of Purpose to enable a new form of decentralized altruism that uses a Decentralized Universal Basic Income utility token to combat poverty and counteract the imminent global repercussions of industries’ increasing reliance on automation and AI.

Altruism and philanthropy are the foundation of Purpose and are the driving forces behind the community that supports it. As a result, holding Purpose and/or developing & supporting initiatives and software around it is of primary interest to its current owners.

In contrast to more feature-rich cryptocurrencies, Purpose’ functionality is rudimentary and its value primarily originates from its ideological objective and the future intrinsic value of Purpose integrated software. Purpose and its basic features are built on the idea of its supporters ‘hodling’ it, with the intent of contributing to its value and, by extension, its ability to do good.

Consequently, supply is limited, which may maintain a high demand and steadily raise the value of Purpose. Furthermore, there are several simple added incentives for holding Purpose to ensure its ripple effect. Beyond the altruistic driving force of its community that is committed to increasing its value, Purpose’s ‘HODL’ mechanism allows users to lock the token away with a smart contract for up to 12 months and instantly receive a 4% return in the form of a second token, called DUBI.

DUBI can be used in applications built by the development team with likely minimum equal value as Purpose. Moreover, it may be used to give its holders recognition and access within the community to features such as private message boards. Since technological functionality itself is rarely what drives the economy of cryptocurrencies on exchanges, Purpose incorporates specific elements and strategies that allow it to potentially respond exceptionally to scenarios wherein its community engages in trading and other
independent initiatives that give Purpose and DUBI value. Exchange
dynamics are often determined by fear, whether FOMO (fear of
missing out) or FUD (fear, uncertainty and doubt). Purpose’s ‘HODL’ feature
makes it easy to overcome the latter while low supply and actively maintained
marketing as well as services and products such as the upcoming mobile
game Clash of Streamers that mobilize its community may fuel FOMO.
Purpose’s HODL culture is largely code-based rather than solely reliant on
trust. Amount in circulation and amount of Purpose being ‘hodl’d’ can be
tracked and seen on PRPS.io.

Athene, the creator and sole holder of the original supply is only legally
allowed to give away Purpose and has no legal connection or rights to any of
the donation funds.

All these innovative mechanisms and strategies are engineered to ensure
there is a healthy volume and volatility within the Purpose ecosystem and to
strengthen community trust in a coin with an altruistic objective. Current
projects in development include a high-profile mobile game, to be released in
2018, which will be heavily promoted by Athene. This will also give Purpose
and DUBI a minimum of 50% discount compared to in-app purchases, which
heavily affects the value of Purpose in circulation.

Finally, Reese Leysen, beneficiary of all donations to the independent group
of volunteers and well-known activist within the community is a long-time
friend of and collaborator with Athene who strongly believes in the token’s
altruistic foundation. Evidently, he is very eager to put up a buy wall for at
least $1 for all Purpose and DUBI that hits the exchanges for as long as his
balance allows it. Of course, none of this is legally binding, as seen in the
mini-documentary. In the end, the entire idea of Purpose is built on the
psychology of supply and demand and how, when channeled through the right
incentives, even a very simple token can grow into one of the most valuable
and world-changing forces for good within the crypto-sphere.