Relevant skills for all

**CONTEXT**

Employment is an important key to development and inclusive growth. A main driver of employment is vocational education and training (VET) that equips people with skills that are in demand in the labour market.

Due to lack of private sector involvement and labour market intelligence, many VET systems are still inadequate. Moreover, they are often inaccessible to disadvantaged groups, e.g. youth, women, people from rural areas and people with disabilities.

Addressing these challenges requires clear priorities and particularly resources, which many countries do not have or are not capable of mobilising.

**OUR PROJECT**

As leading European agencies for international cooperation, we have joined in one partnership to support demand-driven and inclusive vocational education and training.

We are co-funded by the European Union (€ 30 million) and by the German Government BMZ (€ 1.750.000).

**FOCUS AREAS**

- Evidence-based VET & labour market reform
- Private sector involvement in VET
- Inclusion of groups at risk of exclusion
- Increasing local benefits from European investments through VET and skills development

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1. REQUEST-BASED TECHNICAL SUPPORT
   We offer technical assistance through short-term interventions that build VET system capacities.

2. FUNDING OF INNOVATIVE PILOT PROJECTS
   We fund 11 pilot projects that promote inclusion of disadvantaged groups in VET.

3. SHARING KNOWLEDGE & TOOLS
   We exchange on lessons learned, best practices, methods and tools, through seminars and (virtual) exchanges, to stimulate learning and encourage networking and dialogue with all stakeholders.

4. SUPPORTING THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF EUROPEAN INVESTMENTS
   We provide services to accompany European investments, to help improve local benefits by addressing the skills gap.

OUR BENEFICIARIES
- Public VET sector
- Private sector open to VET partnerships
- Other VET stakeholders, including unions civil society organisations and more

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- South and East Asia
- Latin America