

# Migration Update



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## DEAR READERS,

as the Sustainable Economic Development Cluster (SEDEC) continues to grow, we have taken steps to encourage collaboration across projects and programmes. One of such steps is the movement and relocation of SKYE, and SEDIN into the new SEDEC building.

This facilitates the sharing of ideas, strategies, and collaboration to ensure the achievement of our common goals like promoting private sector development, entrepreneurship, youth (self-)employment, value chain development, capacity building to reduce irregular migration, and reintegration of returning migrants.

In this issue of “Migration Update” you will find success stories and good practical examples of our partnership, told from the point of view of participants and beneficiaries from PMD, SKYE and SEDIN.

We hope you enjoy the reading and welcome any feedback you may have for us!

Yours Sincerely,

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## From Passion to Income

### Career PATH Training and E-Cycle Intervention

“I am Tobi A., a twenty-seven-year-old graduate of Political Science from Aldersgate College, Solano, Philippines. I returned to Nigeria after my graduation in 2015 and completed the mandatory National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) scheme. After NYSC, I spent two years in search of a white-collar job, but all efforts proved futile. In July 2018, I got an invite to attend the Career PATH training of the Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration (NGC). To my greatest surprise, the training was free, and I learnt so much on job opportunities in Nigeria.

Subsequently, I went to the NGC for counselling and career guidance. In the course of the counselling, I informed the advisor that I had a skill and a passion for photography, and I had at some point gone to photography school. To help translate my passion into income, she referred me to the Entrepreneurial (E-)Cycle training implemented by the Programme Migration for Development (PMD) in collaboration with Pro-poor Growth and Promotion of Employment in Nigeria – SEDIN programme. This training was complemented with a 9-weeks internship at Zimsworld Media, a private media company in Abuja. Upon completing my internship, I was retained as a contract staff in the production unit of Zimsworld handling photography and cinematography.

As part of the E-Cycle, I was also supported in registering my own photography business named “Klasic Studios”. As a result, I can make additional income when I am off work from Zimsworld. Currently, I am working towards achieving economic stability and I see my photography business expanding as time goes on”.



**“As part of the E-Cycle, I was also supported in registering my own photography business named Klasic Studios”. – Tobi A.**

## A New Life Back in Nigeria

How TVET helps reintegration of returnees

Ejiro Daniels and Ibrahim Sodiq are from different parts of Nigeria, but they faced similar socio-economic challenges that limited their employment opportunities and livelihood. Their decision to migrate illegally with the hope to find better opportunities elsewhere is one many Nigerians especially the youth take each day.

Ibrahim went through the dangerous desert route into Libya hoping to cross the Mediterranean Sea into Europe. He spent one year and four months in Libya before his voluntary return to Nigeria. Ejiro spent eleven months in Brazil before he was deported back due to his involvement in illegitimate business. Each of them had traumatic experiences.

But fortunately for Ibrahim and Ejiro and dozens of other potential migrants in Nigeria, the Skills Development for Youth Employment - SKYE programme in partnership with some state institutions, non-governmental organisations, and (German) private sector companies are helping to create a pathway to a brighter future and economic opportunity through Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

Today, Ibrahim and Ejiro are utilizing the reintegration skills support received to find and execute better (contract) jobs, while owning their own small businesses. They now earn more money than they did before and are building a better life in Nigeria.

**“The SKYE Bosch (carpentry) training was a very good experience. Now as an entrepreneur I can give back to the society and there’s a brighter future for me”. – Ejiro Daniels**



### Do You Know? – We Are Building Entrepreneurial Capacity as a Cluster

All GIZ programmes that work in the field of sustainable economic development in Nigeria form a new cluster and work together towards private sector development, entrepreneurship and (self-)employment, value chain development, trade promotion, and reintegration of returnees:

- Programme for Migration and Development – PMD
- Skills Development for Youth Employment – SKYE
- Green Innovation Centre for the Agriculture and Food Sector – GIAE Nigeria
- Pro-Poor Growth and Promotion of Employment in Nigeria Programme – SEDIN



## Power to Kick-Start Your Own Business

How SEDIN Supports Start-Ups of Returnees

As the second son out of 19 children, Isaac Obgeni was forced to drop out of university to help support his family. He left for Europe, hoping to get asylum and find a job. However, as a result of insufficient legal documents, he ended up spending most of his time trying to avoid the authorities. After eight years in Germany, he was eventually deported in February 2018. He returned to Nigeria with nothing and struggled to find employment.

After some months, he was informed about GIZ's support to returning migrants and got the opportunity to be part of the Career Path Training offered by PMD and SEDIN. He subsequently conducted a nine-weeks internship in a start-up, where he enhanced his theoretical knowledge with practical skills. He learnt about customer retention as well as how to increase sales and turn-over.

This experience provided him with the necessary skills and motivation to kick start his own transport business. Although he only had very limited resources, namely his cousin's car, he felt empowered enough to seize this opportunity. Since he also learnt how to manage income and expenses, he could save up some money and is now able to provide for himself and his family.

**“The knowledge I gained thanks to these trainings has given me so much hope and the optimism to carry on”. – Isaac Obgeni**

Isaac has been profiled for an individual business coaching offered by SEDIN, where he will have the opportunity to strengthen his skills and improve his business idea for more income generation and eventually the creation of jobs.

## SEDEC's Impact Figures

- Through the Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration, PMD has created more than 2,000 employment opportunities and offered 1,600 free employability trainings to young Nigerians, including 300 individual advisory sessions that improved their career skills and job prospects.
- Between December 2018 and July 2019, the SKYE programme has trained 631 young Nigerians in construction and other professions. From this number, 388 have gained (self-)employment, 18 are returning migrants from third partner countries.
- SEDIN has created more than 5,300 jobs in the potato, cassava and rice value chains, has enabled 14,800 students to enhance their entrepreneurial mindsets in extracurricular clubs and trained 70,000 people in financial literacy.
- GIAE has created 265 additional jobs and trained 183,157 farmers in the value chains of rice, maize, potatoes and cassava.



## News & Events

### A Warm Welcome...

...to **Anne Kersting**, the new Project Manager for the SEDEC Cluster and SKYE programme.

... to **Miriam Douiri**, the new Advisor for Employment Promotion & Migration in SEDIN's Migration & Reintegration portfolio.

... to **Victor Ossai**, the new Junior Migration and Reintegration Advisor in the NGC Abuja office.

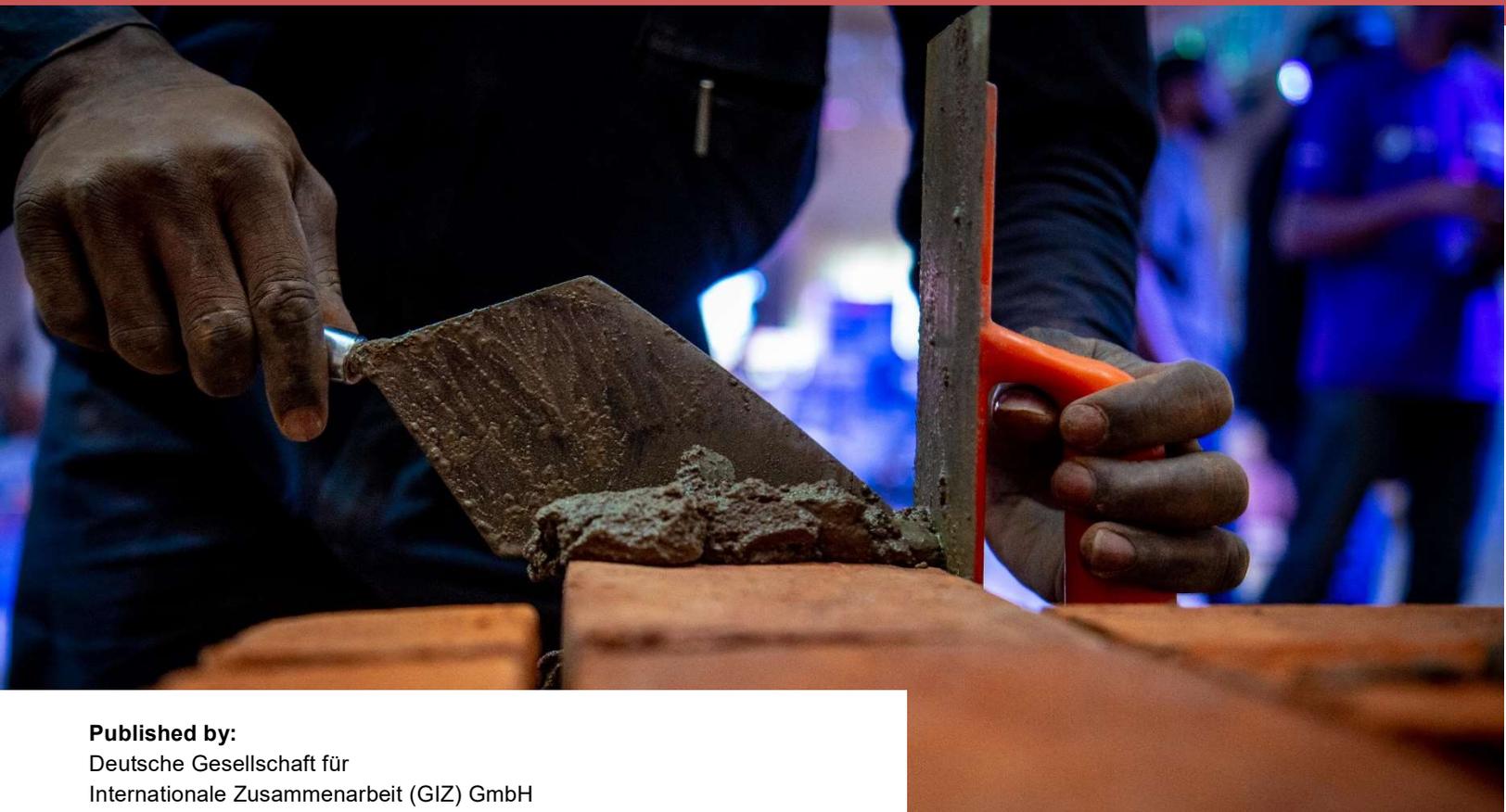
### Saying Goodbye...

... to **Emeka Ezekiel**, thank you very much for your contributions as a Senior Communication Advisor with PMD. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavour!



## Upcoming Events

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| • Data Science Training   | Lagos      | 2-13 September  |
| • Career Path Training  | Abuja      | 19-20 September |
|   | Benin City | 24-25 September |
|   | Lagos      | 30-31 September |
| • E-Cycle & Individual Business Coaching (IBC)                    | Abuja      | September       |
|   | Benin City | September       |
|   | Lagos      | September       |
| • SKYE Re-Integration and Economic Support Training For Returnees | Lagos      | September       |



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