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DEAR READERS,



It's hard to believe that the year has come and is almost gone. In the past 10 months, the world has been battling the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. A global pandemic that has changed the world as we knew it; in the way we interact with one another, education system, travel, and even the way we implement project activities. The GIZ Nigeria Sustainable Economic Development Cluster (SEDEC) joined the rest of the world in adopting new behaviours such as mask-wearing, physical distancing, teleworking, and hand hygiene to prevent the spread of the infection.

Adjusting to this new normal, we continued to connect with partners and beneficiaries, learn, develop new ideas, find and create jobs through our collaborative effort as individuals and programmes in the Cluster. In this last edition of Migration Update for this year, we captured our collaborative effort in the fight against unemployment and our empowerment measures for returnees and the local population.

As the year draws to a close, we hope for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic and a return of life as we knew it. At SEDEC, we will continue to work together towards the provision and promotion of sustainable growth and economic development in Nigeria.

We wish you happy reading and look forward to your feedback!

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AN INITIATIVE FROM THE DIASPORA





NAIJA AWARENESS TRUCK (NAT) – AN INITIATIVE FROM THE DIASPORA

In the context of the Diaspora Organisation (DiO) support, the Global Programme Migration & Diaspora (PMD) provided grants to Chance Eine Welt e.V and AFROTAK TV (cyberNomads) to implement a small-scale project in Nigeria tagged Naija Awareness Truck (NAT). In partnership with Equal Chance Support Foundation Africa (ECSFA) a registered non-governmental organisation (NGO) in Ibadan, the NAT project was aimed at enlightening and sensitising the young people on the risks and dangers of irregular migration. In addition, the project was geared towards providing information on the various opportunities in Nigeria that will assist the target group in having a better means of livelihood and empowering them with a vocational training including free “Start-Up

Kits”. Overall, the participants in the NAT project would become multipliers who shall train and impact knowledge of a better life to other young people.

The NAT project was designed for implementation in four major cities in Nigeria namely: Ibadan (Oyo State), Lagos (Lagos State), Ilorin (Kwara State) and Benin City (Edo State). Due to some unforeseen circumstances such as Security reasons and COVID-19 Pandemic, the NAT activities and events were only executed in two cities (Ibadan and Lagos).

The completed NAT project had the following achievements:

1. Sensitisation and awareness creation regarding the risks and dangers of

- irregular migration to Europe
2. Enlightenment of young people on the different regular migration routes to Europe
 3. Awareness creation among young people on the possibilities of local vocational training that can lead to gainful employment and provided decent, enhanced better livelihood.
 4. Training for selected Multipliers to impact knowledge into other young people in their immediate environment through the knowledge gained
 5. Empowerment of selected Multipliers with sewing machines and other accessories to kick start their business.
 6. Development of Multipliers self-esteem and self-confidence needed to be a good representative of Nigeria in any position or place they might find themselves.

NAT project flagged off with a launching and opening ceremony in Ibadan on the 7th of August 2019, at the Ibadan Recreational centre (IRC), Ibadan, Oyo state. the event was colourful and applauded with dignitaries and different stakeholders which include the Officers of the Nigeria Immigration Service, Cleric scholars (both Christians and Muslims), Public officers of the Oyo state government, Community leaders, Media Practitioners, young sportsmen and women and youths in Ibadan city. Representatives from the two diaspora organisations in Germany (Chancen Eine Welt e.V. and Afrotak TV cyberNomads) were also in attendance.

The occasion and the subsequent seminars and workshops were quite interesting. The interactive sessions of the Seminars/Workshops featured Q&A sessions and a viewing of a short video on the encounters of some people who embarked on

irregular migration and how some of them endangered and lost their lives while trying to migrate to Europe illegally by travelling through the desert and Mediterranean Sea.

A similar project flag-off also took place in Lagos at the Federal Science and Technology College, Yaba on October 9-10, 2019.

In response to the demands of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NAT project launched a "Sewing Action shortly after the ease of the lockdown. This aimed at training 'sewing mistresses and masters' especially in the production of mouth and nose masks (3,500 pieces) for free distribution in public spaces such as schools, markets, worship centres, etc. in Ibadan.

This "Sewing Action" was surprisingly well-received, appreciated and commended by lots of people. The action witnessed a huge success as 30 beneficiaries (Multipliers) were selected for empowerment from over 200 applicants. The 30 young people (men and women, majority were women) chosen were later equipped with brand new full sewing machines together with other vital accessories as start-up kits to enable them to start their businesses.

The NAT project ended with a closing ceremony on October 15, 2020, at the Rotary Club House Hall, Iyaganku, Ibadan, Oyo state, where all the "Start-up Kits" were officially handed over to the proud beneficiaries.

PMD would like to recommend further collaborations with Equal Chance Support Foundation Africa, especially given the mandates of programmes such as PME, SKYE and SEDIN. It would be great to see how the NAT project beneficiaries could fit into other SEDEC initiatives.

BUSINESS START-UP FOR RETURNEES



BUSINESS START-UP FOR RETURNEES AND LOCAL POPULATION (BSR) TRAINING



The Business Start-Up for Returnees and local population (BSR) training is a four-week training designed to meet the needs of vulnerable and less educated NGC clients, especially returning migrants who want to establish a small/micro business with limited resources upon their return to Nigeria. In addition, this training is also offered to returning migrants and the local population who have benefitted from any of the vocational training organised by the NGC or partner programs and wish to set up their businesses.

The training helps the participants to discover/identify their entrepreneurial potential by assisting them to develop their business idea using adult learning, experiential learning and therapeutic methodologies taking into consideration their level of education.

Also, the training supports the participants to carefully and realistically plan their business idea within the Nigerian eco-system whilst also exposing them to possibilities within their chosen field thereby promoting decent employment for less literate clients and returning migrants alike. Over 150 NGC beneficiaries have gone through the BSR training. Some of the beneficiaries of the

training had the following to say;

"I graduated some years ago, and I have been searching for a job. I saw this training as an opportunity to gain some skills to start a business. I learnt a lot about how to build a business. I would like to start my fashion design business, and this training has given me the knowledge I need to be successful."

- **Anuoluwakpo Ogundele**

"I have been working for many years without earning money. I did not know how to start a business. The training was mostly practical; it made me understand business strategies and analysis. I am very excited about the future."

- **Oludayo Omotoyosi**



“It was an exciting experience. I have learnt a lot, and I am very happy. Now I understand how to manage my time for success. I will use the lessons I learnt during the training to grow my business.”

- **Iwoh Anthony**

“The pandemic affected my business, and I was searching for a way to get back on my feet. I registered for the Business start-up for returnees and the Nigerian Populace training and it has been an eye-opener for me. I found out the reason my business collapsed. Now I know how to make my business successful.”

- **Moses Oluwakayode Egunjobi**



RUKEWE – FROM JOBLESSNESS TO COMPANY OWNER

“My name is Rukewe Ogbemor. I am a 27-year-old Production Engineering graduate from the University of Benin (UNIBEN). I tried getting a job after my graduation but could not get any employment in the three years after graduation. I also tried travelling out of the country to seek opportunities as I concluded that it was hopeless here in Nigeria. It was at that point that a friend of mine told me about the Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration (NGC) and its offers.

I visited the Centre at Benin City where I was profiled, counselled and referred to the Career Path Training which I attended in November 2018. The two-day Career Path training changed my perception about job opportunities here in Nigeria and made me realise that there are a lot



of things to do out here in this country that I can tap into. I have always had passion for car tracking and security systems and wanted to start a business in that direction and so, after the Career Path training, NGC referred me to their Entrepreneurial Cycle Training Programme where I did a three weeks’ business start-up coaching and a nine-week internship with a car tracking and security systems company partnering with the NGC in Benin City.

Today, I am happy to say that I have my car tracking and security systems company and currently have four staff working with me. I also run a training outfit where I train youths on car

tracking and electric fence installation and I recently implemented such a training for 25 beneficiaries from the NGC Benin City.

I am very happy with my achievements so far, coming from a place of hopelessness to where I am today, is something to be grateful for, and all that in just one year.”





PME PILOTS NEW TRAINING

The Programme Migration for Development (PME) piloted a series of training towards getting returning migrants and unemployed youths into employment in August 2020. One of the notable training was the bead making training implemented in cooperation with David Opkins Limited, a reputable fashion accessories house in Abuja.

Twenty Nigerian-German Centre (NGC) beneficiaries were trained on the concepts of bead stringing, how to make diverse types of necklaces, matting, bead balls, including various earrings, bracelets and brooch designs. The participants were provided with all the materials required to make market-ready pieces of jewellery.

At the end of the one-month training, the

participants presented very impressive collections of jewellery ready for the market. One of the beneficiaries of the training has this to say:

“My name is Comfort. I am a thirty-year-old graduate of Economics from Benue State University. I was privileged to be part of the trainees at the just concluded bead training class organised by the NGC in cooperation with David Opkins. Before the training, I was job hunting. I did not know how beads were made but since the training, things have been quite different for me.

“I am grateful that I can make an income as a result of this training and I find bead making quite lucrative”

I get orders from clients who see my handwork on my WhatsApp status and physically too. It has been awesome because it has been only a month since the training, and I can boast of selling over 10 sets of jewellery pieces and I am currently working on orders for two customers.

Did I mention that one of my jewellery pieces won the best masterpiece after our training which made me feel fulfilled. The NGC is also supporting me with the registration of my business which is ongoing. Once my business is registered, I plan to open an online store to increase visibility for my business and thereby sales. I am grateful that I can make an income as a result of this training and I find bead making quite lucrative”.





FISH FARMERS

THE STORY OF LODI, KAZI, LINDA AND VICTOR

My name is Lodi. This is Kazi, Linda and Victor. We met at the Fish Farming training organised by the Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration (NGC) in November 2019. We had all been to the NGC at different times before the training where we received individual counselling. We indicated an interest in fish farming training.

We were later called to attend the training implemented by Emba Excellence Academy and funded by the Programme Migration for Development in November 2019. It was at the training that our paths crossed, and we saw that we shared a common passion and love for fish farming.

The training was practical and informative. We learnt how to hatch, grow and feed the fishes, source for catfish materials and feeds, smoke fish as well as develop a catfish farm business

strategy amongst other things. At the end of the training, we were provided with Juvenile fishes, storage drums and fish feeds. We then decided to come together and rent a space together at Ado Kassa, Karu to run a fish farm business.

Since we started in December 2019, we have been able to rear out and sell our fishes at good profits after which we used the proceeds to buy more fish for our farm. The NGC further supported us to register our business and the business keeps growing. We all share a common love for what we are doing, and we look forward to expanding the business and get a processing plant to process our fishes for the market locally and globally.

SKYE THE MOST SUPPORTIVE PARTNER





SKYE RECEIVES AWARD FROM EDO STATE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The GIZ programme Skills Development for Youth Employment – SKYE, have been in partnership with the Edo State Skills Development Agency (EdoJobs) since 2019. Over 290 youths have been trained in different sectors including construction and ICT through this partnership. The SKYE – EdoJobs partnership has helped grow discussions and collaborations between GIZ and the Edo State Government on developing areas of mutual interventions and alignment of synergies, to promote youth employment and economic growth in Edo State.

SKYE's partnership and interventions in Edo State received recognition from the State

through EdoJobs. The programme was presented with the "Most Supportive Partner" award on Wednesday, November 11th in Benin City by the Edo State Commissioner for Youths and Sports, Hon. Damian Lawani, during the Alaghodaro 2020 - Edo Youth Summit.

During the summit, the Edojobs Internship and Apprenticeship Programme (EIAP), a project supported by SKYE was officially launched. The EIAP project will reach 450 beneficiaries living in Edo State. The project aims to improve the skills and competence level amongst young persons in Edo State. It will also serve as a means to bridge the

employability skills gap between work-life and institutional learning, and open opportunities for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to expand their workforce and in-turn trigger business growth.

450 young Nigerians in Edo State will be selected and placed as interns in private and government organisations. The project expects at least 60% of its beneficiaries to find full-time employment at the end of the intervention.





SKYE'S TVET INTERVENTIONS FOR YOUTHS IN EDO STATE

Despite the recent global pandemic and considering the fragile socioeconomic, employment, and food context in Nigeria, between June and September the programme Skills Development for Youth Employment - SKYE, funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by GIZ partnered with another GIZ programme the Programme Migration for Development (PME) to implement several technical and

vocational education and training (TVET) training in Benin city, Edo State.

The training went beyond SKYE's focal sectors of construction agriculture and the occupational field of industrial mechanics, to include ICT and the creative personal service industries. The training aims to enhance the social and economic reintegration of returnee migrants and increase the employability of young people in Edo State. Here are some of the training, their aim, and reach:

AUTO REPAIR

Within this period, 25 Nigerian youths in Benin city were given a three-month training in automobile repair. The training consisted of both male and female participants. Upon the completion of the training, beneficiaries that were certified in; auto mechanics, spray/baking of vehicles, body repairs, upholstery, female vulcanisers, wheel balancing and alignment, auto electricals, diagnostics, car detailing, as well as female and male mechanic drivers.

After the training, beneficiaries were placed in a one-month internship programme with auto repair shops in Benin City. To further support participants in gainful employment, high-potential beneficiaries were given start-up toolkits at the end of the training to help them start their businesses.



FASHION DESIGN AND HAIRDRESSING

The Fashion Designing and Hair Dressing training had the objective to give beneficiaries the competencies to secure employment in a fashion design or hairdressing company in Edo state or other states in Nigeria or be self-employed. In the fashion design class, 20 participants went through fashion drawing, design development, colouring, measurement, pattern making, cutting for sewing, sewing and finishing. While for hairdressing, participants would have learnt; hair treatment, braiding and weaving of hair and highlighting of hair.

Upon completion of the training, certification of training, start-up equipment as well as mentorship was provided to all participants to enable them to gain enough competencies to secure a job in a fashion design or hair making company or to become self-employed in their trained skill.





During the graduation ceremony, participants expressed how happy and fulfilled they were. Citing how the training had impacted their lives and that of their family.

Since the training, all 40 beneficiaries have become self-employed and are making revenue to support themselves.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

To train and certify returnee and potential migrants in professional Information Technology (IT) courses; Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Web Design, Comptia/Cyber Security, PC Technician and Oracle, SKYE and PME trained 50 youths in a two months Information and Communication Technology (ICT) training in Benin City.

The training provided participants with professional ICT skills and competencies that will enable them to secure employment in the state. At the end of the training, beneficiaries were awarded skills certificates according to CISCO standards.





ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND LIVESTOCK BREEDING

The training in animal husbandry and livestock breeding was organised for 20 participants. The training provided beneficiaries with the competencies and skills as Livestock Breeders to be able to set-up their livestock farms, be self-employed or employers of labour.

Classes were held by experts, allowing participants to learn broader topics on livestock nutrition, ruminant (cattle, sheep and goat) production, and many more.

Beneficiaries were provided with mentorship to help them establish their own livestock breeding business. Upon completion of the training, beneficiaries were certified, and start-up kits given to those who showed good prospect in business start-up.



SKYE AND PME COLLABORATE TO EMPOWER YOUTHS IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL

In a bid to promote the employability of young people through an efficient TVET system, the Skills Development for Youth Employment – SKYE and the Programme Migration for Development (PME) collaborated in the training of over 300 young people in Catering and Event Management, Fish and Poultry Farming, Fashion, and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Nigeria’s Federal Capital, Abuja.

FISH AND POULTRY FARMING TRAINING

Between June and July, 100 unemployed youths and return migrants were trained in fish and poultry farming to give them the competencies to start, run and sustain a lucrative fish or poultry farm business.

On completion of this course, participants were able to understand the rudiments and complexities of fish and poultry farming. During the graduation ceremony, the participants expressed how happy and fulfilled they were as the training impacted their lives tremendously.



Since the end of the training, beneficiaries have become self-employed and are making revenue to support themselves. One of the beneficiaries of the training, Kelvin Ugwu who has now started his fish farm business has this to say:

“The training was very hands-on and easy to follow. I was able to learn most of what I needed to start a fish farm business. I learnt how to keep and feed the fishes, smoked fish, the kind of environment to keep them, different pond types and management as well as how to treat diseases in fish. By the end of the training, I was given 200 juvenile fishes, storage drums and fish feed to start my own fish farm business. I went ahead and got additional jumbo fishes which I immediately roasted and sold after the training. From the profits made, I was able to pay for a space at Ado, New Karu to start my fish farm business which I now run daily with my wife. My plans include expanding my fish farm so I can meet the growing demands of the market as well as export the fish”.



CATERING AND EVENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING

The Catering and Event Management training consisted of 100 persons including both male and female participants referred by the NGC, Abuja for a period of five weeks. Participants were trained and certified in event planning and decoration, catering, baking and confectionery skills.

After the training, beneficiaries who showed good prospects were provided with start-up equipment such as cake mixers and pans as well as mentorship to help them start-up their businesses or get employment. Most of the beneficiaries who participated in the training have started their journeys as entrepreneurs and become self-employed.



FASHION TRAINING

The three-month SKYE-PME Fashion training was for 56 beneficiaries. The training was designed to give participants the knowledge and skills needed from the garment design to the production phase of the fashion line.

The training which made beneficiaries qualified fashion designers covered design sketching, design development, textile colouring, measurement, pattern making, cutting, sewing and garment finishing. At the end of the training, beneficiaries were given certification and industrial sewing machine as start-up equipment. They were also placed in a mentorship programme to enable them to gain competencies to secure a job or to become self-employed as a fashion designer.



ICT TRAINING

101 youths were trained in ICT. Each beneficiary was trained in one of the following professional IT courses; Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Website Design, Cyber Security and Python Programming. During the graduation ceremony, beneficiaries were awarded skills certificates according to the CISCO standards.



TRAINING AND COACHING IN COVID-19 ERA





BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ACCESS TO FINANCE

The last couple of months have seen a rush in several adaptations of concepts and ideas that makes learning safe. In the Pro-Poor Growth and Promotion of Employment in Nigeria Programme-SEDIN, there has been the adoption of digital tools and blended approaches to support continuous learning.

As we witness the ease of lockdown and restrictions in Nigeria, SEDIN has commenced face to face training while taking all the necessary precautions. SEDIN in partnership with the Centre for Youths Integrated Development (CYID) is training 90 micro- entrepreneurs; including returning migrants in the FCT.

The training is expected to equip the participants

with the skills necessary to complete the Agricultural/Small and Medium Enterprises Investment Scheme (ASGMEIS) loan application process of the Central Bank of Nigeria to access finance for the development of their businesses. The 10-day training would provide beneficiaries with advanced guidance and assistance in developing an acceptable business plan required to secure the ASGMEIS loan via the NIRSAL MFB portal and to complete the loan application process.

Although participants for this training are over 50, the training is scheduled to be conducted in batches to stay safe and not have too many participants in a room at once. The training observes all the guidelines i.e. social distancing,

wearing of facial mask, providing sanitisers and sanitation points in the learning areas. The second batch of the training is ongoing (16th to 27th November 2020) while the next batch is scheduled for 30th of November to 11th of December. According to the team lead of CYID, learning and development still have its place and the participants are excited about the opportunity to learn despite the current pandemic.

The participants for this 10-day training were referred to the SEDIN programme by the GIZ

Programme Migration for Development (PME) and were prior supported by the Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs Migration and Reintegration.

Learning and development still has its place despite the pandemic. Learners feel comfortable because all COVID 19 measures are taken and even now, learners are more open to embracing new technologies and ideas for business continuity in this COVID era.



UPDATES ON ENTREPRENEURIAL THINKING (E-THINKING) PROGRAMME

In the previous edition of Migration Update, SEDIN's E-thinking intervention was featured. We are pleased to announce that since July 2020, 295 (165 women) have participated in the virtual Entrepreneurship Thinking sessions. Thirteen of them are returnees from Germany and 44 returnees from third countries, mainly Libya. Two more training batches are currently in progress.

SEDIN INITIATED NEW VIRTUAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND DIGITAL TOOLS TRAINING

The Pro-Poor Growth and Promotion of Employment in Nigeria Programme- SEDIN conducted two 7-days virtual training on the **Basics in Business Development and Financial Literacy for Start-ups/Micro-entrepreneurs** and the use of **simplified digital tools for business start-ups**.

Two batches of these trainings were implemented in September and October with 27 and 26 participants respectively. Each training took place on three consecutive days for the Business Development (BD) and Financial Literacy (FL) and four consecutive days for the digital tools. The training was specifically for start-ups/micro-entrepreneurs including returning migrants who would like to transform their business ideas into businesses.

Topics included but were not limited to: Introduction to entrepreneurship, generating business ideas, Innovation and Product Development, raising start-up capital, Financial planning and budgeting, Savings and borrowing and varied digital tools for Business Management, Communication, Marketing and Sales and Financial Management. See what the training participants had to say about the training:

“To say I'm very excited is not enough. I'm grateful for this training. It has gone a long way to help me gain better insight and understanding to running my business. I'm really grateful. GIZ is part of my success story.”

- **Frances Ogbemudia**



“Thank you so much for your time spent to enlighten us about entrepreneurship and digital tools. I also appreciate the opportunity given to be part of this training. The digital tools session was interesting, I actually took a class on digital marketing fundamental Google, but you really expatiated it properly for me. Thank you GIZ for the opportunity to be part of this training.”

- **Joy Oliseh**



“The right knowledge is power. I am impressed with the simplicity of the financial literacy facilitator in dishing out the right knowledge. We were also introduced to new digital tools for business management and administration e.g. Wrike, Trello, WeTransfer and cloud storage. For start-ups, these digital tools are very handy for use. Thank you GIZ for improving our capacity.”

- **Pst. Uyiosa Omoruyi**

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