CIMAR TECHNOPÔLE – SETTING UP A SYSTEM FOR LABOUR MARKET INTEGRATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

through non-agricultural rural trades, by strengthening the supply of vocational and entrepreneurial training in the Moungo department in the Littoral region

Organisations forming the project consortium: SIAD (Service International d'Appui au Développement - France), Agro-Pme Fondation (Cameroon), Graines de Talent (Cameroon)

SUCCESS STORIES

Cameroon
Littoral, Moungo

400 young people, having acquired technical and occupational skills, enter the dual and entrepreneurial training course

360 young people are integrated into the labour market

65 formal and informal SMEs are involved in defining the TVET offer, participate in the "business strengthening" programme and are trained to supervise trainees.

4 Vocational training centres are strengthened in terms of technical skills (integration coaches and trainers on technical trades), equipment and teaching tools for dual training for the 6 new trades.

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SUCCESS STORIES

Tapel TIYO, trainer in renewable energy:
"As part of the renewable energy training, we teach biogas production. Agricultural waste can be used to produce this clean energy."

The project aims to support the professional integration of young people into the labour market in non-agricultural rural trades through dual training and entrepreneurial support in the Department of Moungo in Cameroon.

Training is provided by local institutions. While young people receive vocational training in multifunctional centres for the promotion of young people (CMPJs), the CIMAR (Centre d'Insertion aux Métiers Agricoles et Ruraux) provides an incubator platform for young people aspiring to start a business and for companies hosting young people in the dual training scheme. By improving the support ecosystem for the integration of young people into employment, the project aims to contribute to a better integration of young people into the labour market and to strengthen local economic growth.

Nine vocational training courses were designed and implemented to meet these needs, based on an analysis conducted in the department. In these courses, special emphasis was given to innovative activities in the green economy, particularly to renewable energy, the circular economy and bi-ofertilisers.

The CIMAR Technopôle project also trains 20 mentoring coaches, who are responsible for supporting the young people on a day-to-day basis in the training. These young people are involved in the implementation of the project and thus benefit from practical training in entrepreneurial support, provided by the Consortium partner Graines de Talent.

The project aims at integrating young people through self-employment, supporting them to create their own innovative and sustainable business and giving them access to micro-credit.

At mid-term, a first batch of 54 young people graduated in December 2021. 30 of them were selected to continue in the programme for a reinforced support for business creation. A second batch of 75 young people started in early 2022.

One of these is Collins Foyem's project. This young man is behind BIO FOOD. He offers livestock and poultry farms an alternative to expensive imported oyster shell powder by selling Cameroonian snail shell powder. These powders are used as ingredients of livestock feed and to fertilise the soil. BIO FOOD has a sustainable approach and seeks to create jobs in Cameroon. Its activity allows for the recycling of locally produced snail shells (99% of African giant snail shells are thrown away), instead of importing oyster shells.