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TRAINING, COACHING AND INTEGRATION INTO THE PORT SECTOR (FAIDOP)

Port Sector - Mauritania, Nouakchott

Organisations forming the project consortium: La Chambre de Commerce, d'Industrie d'Aix-Marseille-Provence, la Chambre de Commerce d'Industrie et d'Agriculture de Mauritanie et le Grand Port Maritime de Marseille



340

young people are trained out of which 200 are integrated into the labour market through the dual vocational training approach (workplace and training centre), and 140 persons are trained in entrepreneurship and supported after the training to start their business



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business owners (employers) are trained / sensitised on work-based training and learning



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local trainers are trained

Training in port-related trades and entrepreneurship

In order to respond to the growing need for development and structuring of the Mauritanian port sector, the FAIDOP project aims to train young people in port-related professions. The project thus facilitates the integration of young people into a sector with a high demand for qualified labour and constitutes an important first step towards the formalisation of training for port-related professions in Mauritania.

Training at the port addresses the topics of safety and efficiency in handling. The training sessions target dockers to strengthen their capacities in the operations of port machinery, maintenance and upkeep of the port. Entrepreneurship training sessions are also organised as part of the project, some of which are presented in the boxes.

Mme Hawa Harouna Sow (33 years old):

"I opened a sewing shop, Complexe Sow&Frères, thanks to funding from the Ministry of Employment's programme "Mon Projet Mon Avenir". My shop is specialised in sewing, we use several sewing machines, for men's, women's, and children's clothes. We make hospital gowns and school clothes.

As far as the entrepreneurship training is concerned, I would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce of Mauritania and the ARCHIPELAGO-FAIDOP Project for this training, which helped me a lot after I started my business. It allowed me to have a better financial management and made me understand the importance that I should give to the customers, and to the management of the shop. The Project teams organised a visit to the "Guichet Unique" to show us the administrative procedures involved in setting up a micro-enterprise."



Mme Aicha Mohamed Baba (37 years old):

"I decided to extend my beauty salon Hamam El Velouja for Women. Since I expanded my salon, I receive more customers, especially during the holiday season, which allows me to increase my turnover.

I'm glad I took part in the entrepreneurship training because I was able to put what I learned into practice. I did a market study before starting my business, and I do a daily balance sheet of my income and expenses. I was able to get funding from the Ministry of Employment's programme "My Project My Future" and the project organised a visit to the "Guichet Unique" (one stop shop) for business formalisation."

M. Yahya Diakhité (35 years old):

"After many difficulties caused by a lack of financial resources, we were able to open a henhouse with my partner Mrs. Djeinaba Yacoub Marega, thanks to funding from the Ministry of Employment's programme "Mon Projet Mon Avenir". Today we use a shed to raise our chickens on a 200 m2 plot of land, and our goal is to have more space. Generally, the activities are going well, although they were interrupted for three months due to a lack of chicks. Now, we have resumed the activities despite the increase in the price of feed for the chickens. Thanks to this project training, I have learned to calculate the exact profit, i.e., to take into account all the expenses incurred, which I neglected before."

