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During the 2017 Job and Orientation Forum in Tripoli (Lebanon)

LEBANON: YOUTH INTEGRATION

A priority for the Seeds of Hope program

The program is innovating with the launch of a new social business

Providing Lebanon's youth with electrotechnical skills is a good first step. To involve them in productive projects with a commercial aim is even better! In January 2017, the IECD hired two technicians who recently graduated from the BT in electrotechnics to start up a social business which aims at continuing the training of young technicians in Lebanon by engaging them in production processes. The social business's main activities are the building of didactic electrical boards for partner schools and companies, up to service delivery. In the long term, the objective is to render the business financially sustainable.

The Job and Orientation Forum in Tripoli welcomed over 1500 young people

After successful Job and Orientation forums in Beirut, Saida, and Alexandria, the 5th edition of the Job and Orientation forum for the northern region took place this year in Tripoli. The first day of the forum was dedicated to the orientation of Technical

students with around 300 young people attending. The second day was mainly for Job seekers, the forum opened its doors in the afternoon and 730 job seekers came to apply to jobs at exhibiting companies. This exceeded by far our expectations, illustrating the importance of such an event for the North of Lebanon. 300 students at the brevet level visited the forum on the third day to receive their part of the orientation regarding technical specializations. 20 companies and 10 technical schools, as well as an NGO and 2 medical centers, the municipality of Tripoli and the National employment office all participated as exhibitors during the forum.

The forum kicked off with a press conference which gathered Lebanon's Minister for development (Office of the Minister of State for public Reform-OMSAR), representatives of the Ministry of Industry, the Directorate General for technical education, a representative from the European Union, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Industry in Tripoli, and IECD's Director for the Middle East and North Africa.

Strengthening the network of Guidance and Employment Offices

A meeting with the directors of partner schools and the managers of the Guidance and Employment Offices took place end of January at the IECD's initiative to discuss and assess the achievements and problems encountered in their daily life. A roadmap lays out the objectives for the next three months: the defined priorities are the planning and monitoring of the activities deployed by the GEOs and the optimization of the students' database to measure their professional integration.

"I had decided to continue in academic studies, but after I attended this forum I am now thinking of shifting to technical education"

Lebanese student at the Brevet level

MOROCCO

JUK SPEL: Graduation ceremony, it's time to celebrate!

End of February, graduates from the class of 2016 at the "technician" level and "qualification" level received their diplomas during a colorful graduation ceremony. It was the moment for the school to celebrate this year's excellent results:

-100% of the students succeeded in passing their exams: 35 "qualification" graduates and 19 "technician" graduates.

-Among the 19 graduates for which the situation is known, 13 have a job and 2 are waiting for a future placement. This represents a professional integration rate of almost 79%.



Graduation at the JUK SPEL, class of 2016

EGYPT

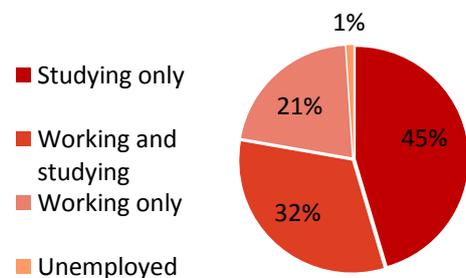
99% of young graduates have a job or are pursuing their studies

The IECD launched a professional integration survey end of 2016 in order to identify the challenges facing young graduates from Don Bosco in Cairo and Alexandria. 84 out of the 96 students who graduated from the electricity program in 2015 were interviewed. It was established that the training program efficiently responds to market needs: 99% of graduates are working or are pursuing their studies in order to obtain a higher level diploma. Only 1% of the class is still looking for a job. 70% of those employed are working in their area of specialization and 82% have been employed in their current job for more than a year. The Guidance and Employment Offices played an important role: 12% of those employed found a job thanks to the GEO and 70% through their personal network.

Reinforcing teachers' skills

In December and January, 4 trainers from the electricity specialization of the Don Bosco Institute in Alexandria were trained on variable speed drives, the Zelio module and the use of sensors. Animated by Schneider Electric Teachers and the Egyptian Training Center NASS Academy, those training sessions were adapted to the constraints of the schools and the levels of the trainers. Keeping teachers up to date on electrical techniques guarantees an up to date Seeds of Hope professional training program which is an asset for students.

PROFESSIONAL SITUATION 14 months after graduation



Training of trainers at the Institute of Don Bosco, Alexandria

NIGERIA

Ongoing training of trainers and update of the curricula

IECD Nigeria recently organized a technical training on solar energy and the electric drawing software for trainers at the schools of Don Bosco Onitscha and Akure. Simultaneously, the curriculums are being updated and several new tools and electrical equipments were received. Thanks to those activities, the number of specialization will increase and the training program will be better adapted to the needs of the companies, offering better employment and internship opportunities to students.



Training of trainers on solar energy

IVORY COAST

A new school joins the project!

In December, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the CPAR, a training center located at Duékoué which counts 206 students. Since then, electricity teachers received their first technical training. Students participated in a motivational conference and a workshop on job seeking. The IECD also met with parents to raise awareness on the importance of technical training.



CPAR Workshop

VIETNAM

The launch of Seeds of Hope

The Seeds of Hope program was launched at the end of last year in Vietnam. The program will address young people from the age of 15, enrolled in professional training programs in the sectors of residential and industrial electricity, as well as car maintenance. The first two partner schools have been identified: the Thu Duc College of Technology and the HCM technical and economy college. The project now enters the diagnosis phase in order to adapt activities to the concrete needs of each partner school.



Students in car maintenance at the Thu Duc College of Technology

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