

SEEDS OF HOPE EGYPT



Focus group IECD & Companies – May 2017

The Sawiris Foundation for Social Development supports Seeds of Hope in Egypt

Among the first donor foundations in Egypt, the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development has facilitated during the past 15 years the launching and implementation of 321 initiatives and projects with a total fund of more than 820 million EGP. In March, the Foundation chose to support for the first time the IECD by contributing financially to the Seeds of Hope program for 3 years. This partnership with the IECD demonstrates the interest and support of stakeholders for vocational training in Egypt. The Foundation's particular interest for youth employability will contribute to the reinforcement of the program's actions, and will provide better exposure to partner schools, the Seeds of Hope program, and the IECD.

Ayman Youssef – Head of Electrical sector for Fine Hygienic Holding Company.

A new curriculum in electricity for two public schools !

The month of May was marked by the validation and accreditation of the new 3-year training curriculum in Electricity by the Egyptian Ministry of Education and Technical Education. This new training curriculum, designed by the IECD with the support of the Ministry of Education, will be adopted within the start of the school year 2017-2018 by the two public partner schools in Alexandria: Ras El Soda Secondary school for boys, and El Wardian Secondary school for girls. This is part of the agreement between the IECD, the Egyptian Ministry of Education, and the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Egypt.

The revision of the electricity training program began in August 2016 with a labor market study, where more than 30 international and national companies were interviewed by the IECD. This study allowed to collect a list of needed skills for technicians in electricity, and to update the content of the training according to market needs and safety regulations, in compliance with the IECD's competency based approach.

This curriculum will be a key reference for teachers to develop and review continuously their pedagogical and technical courses. As of September, 440 students from the two schools will benefit from a modernized and updated electricity training program!

« By increasing practical work and reducing the time devoted to scientific subjects, the student, in this new curriculum, finally has time to observe and apply his technical skills acquired during the pedagogical courses. He/she will be stimulated by his/her training and be ready to work as a technician in a company. »

The Employment Office of Ras El Soda is almost operational!

The Employment Office of the Ras El Soda school will open its doors at the beginning of the new school year to support and facilitate the professional integration of young beneficiaries. The office is currently under development in order to welcome graduates and future graduates. Two technical teachers were selected in May to become the office coordinators, and to offer professional training (summer internships) and job placement services. The purpose of the office is to help beneficiaries to find their first job by establishing close contact with firms offering internship or employment opportunities. To strengthen the quality of the services provided by the office, the two coordinators will participate during 9 days in a life skills training session organized in July by USAID.

CV workshops and trainings for youth integration

In May, 126 students from the electricity and mechanical specializations of Don Bosco Cairo were offered career guidance. 6 training sessions were organized by the IECD on writing a CV, labor laws and preparing for a job interview. The objective was to provide future graduates with the necessary tools to successfully integrate the labor market.



Career Guidance Session

What's next?

- ✓ Renovation of 4 technical labs in the 2 public schools
- ✓ Preparation of 2 training sessions for 27 trainers from the 2 public schools
- ✓ Preparation of a training session for 4 trainers from the Institute of Don Bosco Cairo
- ✓ Preparation of a training session for the 2 coordinators of the Employment Office of Ras El Soda
- ✓ Organization of summer internships for 30 students from the Institute of Don Bosco Cairo and Alexandria

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