SEEDS OF HOPE PROGRAM IN EGYPT

A SAFE AND SECURE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Electricity workshops in Ras el Soda Industrial School for Boys and El Wardian Industrial School for Girls in Alexandria are now fully renovated and equipped to welcome 510 students for the 3 year training program in Electrical Maintenance. Each student now has the adequate tools and panels to practice and learn in an environment where safety is the priority. Teachers showed great commitment by assisting the IECD in the whole process.

Rahma Ibrahim
2nd year student in Electrical Maintenance
El Wardian Industrial School, Alexandria

Towards an inclusive environment for female technicians!

The IECD, together with Plan International Egypt, organized a round table on March 27th in Cairo about the professional integration of female technicians. This issue is key for women empowerment and socioeconomic development in Egypt. It is also essential to ensure a good future for the 136 female students from IECD’s partner school who will graduate in 2020. For these reasons, the IECD gathered key stakeholders from the public and private sectors (among which Schneider Electric, Cargill, Hilton and El Sewedy Electric) as well female technicians themselves to address challenges and identify solutions for a better integration.

2018 IN NUMBERS

191 students successfully passed the 1st year with the new curriculum
81 1st and 2nd year students completed summer internships
Seeds of Hope really reshaped the relationship I have as a teacher with my students. Regular training helps me create constructive exchanges and a positive learning environment. I appreciate all the efforts made by the IECD to address the social stigma attached to technical work and change the image of students about themselves.”

Elham Mahmoud, Electricity Teacher, Ras el Soda Industrial School, Alexandria

Companies’ growing interest in Seeds of Hope

Following the successful press conference held in March 2018 at Bibliotheca Alexandrina, where Seeds of Hope was presented to 20 companies from Alexandria in the presence of the Governor, the IECD and its partner the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Egypt organized two events in the public partner schools in November 2018. 18 companies visited the renovated workshops and exchanged with teachers and students on their experience with the new curriculum. Seeds of Hope encourages companies to support the project by offering job and internship opportunities to students and graduates.