SUPPORT TO THE
GLOBAL INITIATIVE ON
DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH
IN THE SAHEL
DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH is a global alliance working to end the youth employment crisis and ensure young people across the globe have access to decent work.

We promote coordinated action on youth employment in line with and in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

OBJECTIVE
Scale up action and impact on youth employment

A WORLDWIDE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
• United Nations agencies
• Youth and civil society organizations
• Governments
• Private sector
• Academic institutions
• Foundations
• Regional organizations
ABOUT OUR PROJECT

THE SUPPORT TO THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE ON DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH IN THE SAHEL IS THE FIRST PROJECT LED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE (ILO) UNDER THE DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH GLOBAL ALLIANCE.

Focusing on the Sahel sub-region, particularly in Burkina Faso, we work to improve the creation of and access to decent employment for young people in the region.

OBJECTIVE

Improve the creation of and access to decent jobs for young people in the Sahel region

WE DO IT THROUGH

- Enhanced cooperation
- Strengthened regional capacity
- Knowledge sharing of:
  - Innovative programmes
  - Evidence-based labour market policies

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**OUR THREE-LEVEL APPROACH**

**GLOBAL**
- Tools and studies on youth employment and quality apprenticeships

**REGIONAL**
- Capacity building of stakeholders and other partners

**NATIONAL**
- Burkinà Faso
  - Youth employment promotion and improvement of the apprenticeship system
The Sahel is one of the poorest regions in the world and it faces enormous challenges, including the negative effects of climate change, extreme poverty, armed conflict and insecurity.

Our project is the first ILO effort in the region. It has been central to the expansion of other initiatives in the Sahel that support employment and livelihoods in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger. Many new projects are planned for 2020.
GLOBAL AND SUB-REGIONAL COMPONENTS | WHAT WE DO

OUR PRODUCTS AND ON-GOING INITIATIVES

- A **practical toolkit** on quality apprenticeships (Volume II)
- A **sub-regional study** on quality apprenticeships in West Africa
- Strengthening and merging of the ILO **databases** YouthPol (youth employment) and EmPol (national employment policies)
- Support to the **ILO Survey of National Youth Employment Strategies**
- Support to the Decent Jobs for Youth **Knowledge Facility**
- Support to the **African Network of Institutions and Vocational Training Funds (RAFPRO)**

- **Sub-regional conferences:**
  - Youth entrepreneurship and self-employment (Dakar, November 2018)
  - Quality apprenticeships (Abidjan, April 2019)
  - Youth employment in the rural economy (TBD, May 2020)
Burkina Faso is a low-income country with one of the lowest human development index rankings in the world. With low educational attainment and an apprenticeship system that does not meet actual labour market demands, the integration of young people is very difficult.

We work to promote decent work and quality apprenticeships for young people in Burkina Faso by building capacity and strengthening and improving systems and programmes in place.
OBJECTIVE
Better incorporate youth employment into government strategies and build capacities on monitoring and evaluation of programmes.

ON-GOING INITIATIVES
- School-to-work Transition Survey (SWTS)
- Inventory of projects and programmes on youth employment
- Collaboration on evaluation between the French Development Agency (AFD), Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) and the ILO
OBJECTIVE
Address youth unemployment and the skills mismatch in Burkina Faso

WE DO IT THROUGH
• Two parallel actions:
  1. The ILO approach for quality apprenticeships
  2. A pilot youth training programme in the construction and public works sector.
2. PILOT PROGRAMME: YOUTH TRAINING IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

1. DIAGNOSTIC ANALYSIS of the construction sector
2. TRAINING OF TRainers
3. DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL TOOLS for the electrical construction and masonry trades
4. YOUTH INCLUSION STRATEGY in the labour market
5. YOUTH TRAINING 150 young people in three training centers
GLOBAL AND SUB-REGIONAL LEVELS

1. Improved knowledge and new tools on quality apprenticeships in the sub-region
2. New knowledge and data on youth employment collected and disseminated for greater policy and programme effectiveness
3. Strengthened stakeholder capacities for decent employment for youth programmes

NATIONAL LEVEL | BURKINA FASO

1. A quality apprenticeship system supported with guidelines, strategies, and action plan
2. A quality apprenticeship programme relevant to the local labour market implemented
3. Youth employment better integrated into government strategies
BEYOND THE PROJECT | ONGOING PARTNERSHIPS

ILO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- ILO Project for Support to Employment Promotion and Poverty Reduction (APERP)
- Clear Cotton Project in Burkina Faso
- French Development Agency (AFD)
- ILO project for the support to the G5 Sahel

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE OF THE ILO (ITCILE)

- Strengthening Vocational Integration through Quality Apprenticeships in the Construction Industry in Burkina Faso (RIPAUQ), planned for 2020-2023

SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

- Quality apprenticeships study tour in Brazil with a Burkinabe delegation

EXPANSION OF THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL

- Strategic brainstorming with UN agencies on possible actions on youth employment in line with principles and thematic axes of the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth
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