

Background

International Labor Organization (ILO) is implementing the project on “Addressing root causes of migration in Ethiopia” under the aegis of SINCE (Stemming Irregular Migration in Northern & Central Ethiopia) program.

The SINCE Program is funded by the European Union Trust Fund for Africa and is being implemented by the Italian Embassy in Ethiopia with the aim of improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable populations, including potential migrants and returnees contributing to the reduction of irregular migration from Northern and Central Ethiopia.

The project “Addressing the Root Causes of Migration in Ethiopia” is focused on strengthening the provision of national employment services with emphasis on youth employment to reduce irregular migration. The target beneficiaries of the project include unemployed youth, university and technical & vocational education & training (TVET) graduates and potential migrants particularly from Addis Ababa city administration, Amhara, Tigray, Oromia and SNNP regions. The project has launched a pilot youth employability services (YES) center in Bahir Dar, Amhara Regional State to offer an efficient and cost-effective labor exchange system that connects unemployed youth to the job market.

Purpose

The YES Center facilitates the placement of youth in decent jobs, trainings and apprenticeships. It also provides counseling and career guidance for the unemployed youth on a regular on-going basis.

It is a source of information on employment opportunities and labor market demands at the regional and federal levels.

The YES Center aims to create a network amongst the private sector, NGOs, colleges and Universities for generating job exchange and also developing a repository of employment opportunities.



Clients/Users

Young jobseekers

Out of School Youth

College/ University graduates

Employers

Returning young migrants

Key Services

For young job seekers

- Free job registration services.
- Free career guidance and counseling services.
- Opportunity to take part in job fairs.
- Referral services for internship and placements.
- Opportunity to meet potential employers.
- Access to livelihood and self-employment programs offered by both government and non-governmental organizations.
- Information on employment opportunities and labor market demands at the regional and federal level.
- Networking opportunities amongst the private sector, NGOs, information on an array of self-employment and enterprise development programs.

For employers and other stakeholders:

- It serves as referral and information centre for the various services and programs of Bureau of Labor and Social Affairs (BOLSA), Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Polytechnic and Vocational colleges, and other relevant service providers in the locality.
- Can reach out to young professionals who are vetted and profiled.

Its Approach

Making a good match between the employer and the employee is integral to the reputation and success of the YES center. At this stage the center refers qualified job seekers to the employers. Screening of job seekers is done by the employers.

The center always tries hard to pair up skills and experiences of candidates with the specific needs of the employers.

Governance Structure

The YES Centre is a joint initiative of Bureau of Finance and Economic Development, Bureau of Labour and Social Affairs, Bureau of Technical, Vocational and Enterprise and Development, Bureau of Youth and Sports, Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions and the Amhara Federation of Employers.

ILO supports the Centre technically and financially as part of its project on "Addressing the Root Causes of Migration in Ethiopia".

The project is part of the larger program on 'Stemming Irregular Migration in Northern and Central Ethiopia (SINCE). It is funded by the European Union Trust Fund and managed by the Italian Embassy in Ethiopia.

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It is an efficient labour exchange system that facilitates placement of youth in decent jobs, trainings, apprenticeship, and initiates interface with employers through job fairs and recruitment drives.

YOUTH

- . Join us!
- . Get Registered!
- . Read vacancies!

EMPLOYERS

- . Inform us of a vacancy!
- . Co-design skills development trainings!
- . Organize a job fair!
- . Consult us!



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