

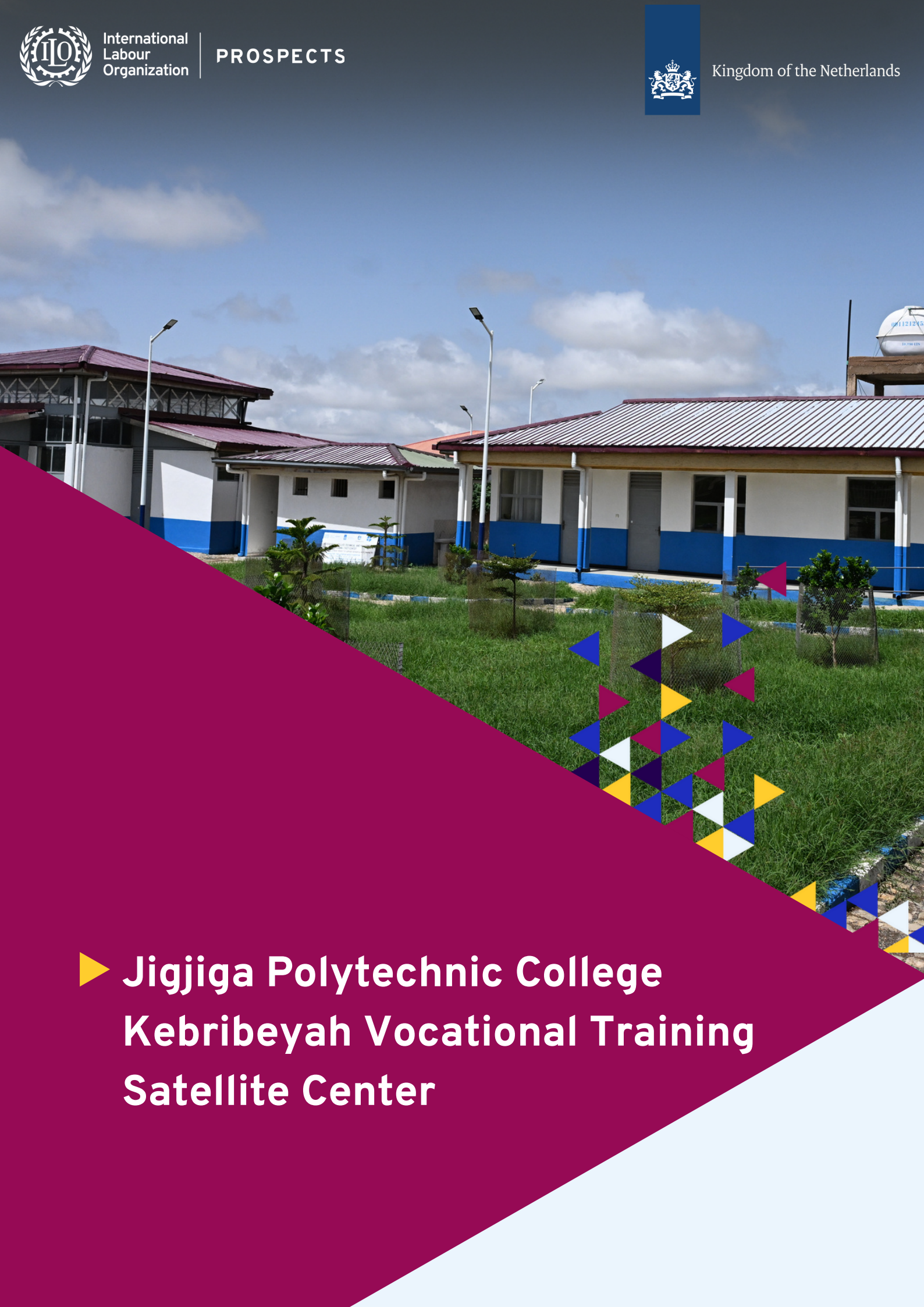


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► **Jigjiga Polytechnic College
Kebribeyah Vocational Training
Satellite Center**



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► The refugee context in Ethiopia

Ethiopia has a long-standing history of hosting refugees and maintains an open-door policy for those seeking protection in its territory. The country has recently updated its national refugee proclamation, positioning it as one of the most progressive in Africa.

As reported by UNHCR (September 2024), Ethiopia hosts over one million refugees and asylum seekers, primarily originating from South Sudan, Somalia, and Eritrea. Refugees predominantly originate from low-income agro-pastoralist backgrounds, exhibit low literacy levels, and possess limited modern technical skills. Children, adult women, individuals with disabilities, and the elderly constitute approximately 80 percent of the population and are classified as vulnerable groups.

The humanitarian situation in Ethiopia remains significantly affected by intercommunal violence and the resulting mass internal displacements (IDPs). The situation presents a triad of challenges: the effects of drought, localized flooding, and the ongoing humanitarian and recovery requirements of internally displaced persons, returnees, and host communities.



► About PROSPECTS

PROSPECTS operationalizes the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, creating strong partnerships between humanitarian and development actors to leverage comparative advantages, and improve coordination and efficiency to boost their overall impact for refugees and host communities, as envisioned in the outcomes of the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit under the New Way of Working.

Spearheaded by the Government of the Netherlands, this initiative unites the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Bank to enhance the responses of governments and other stakeholders, including the private sector, to crises arising from forced displacement.

Since 2019, the PROSPECTS partnership has been engaged in the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, and Uganda) and MENA (Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon) regions. This initiative aims to operationalize the humanitarian-development nexus by establishing robust connections among humanitarian and development actors, as well as governments. The goal is to leverage comparative advantages and national systems to enhance coordination and efficiency, thereby increasing the likelihood of impactful outcomes.

In its last year of Phase one and beginning of Phase two, PROSPECTS Ethiopia is focused on interventions around improving refugee and host community access to labour markets and strengthening local government capacity to serve refugees and host communities with focus on economic opportunities and increase child protection and education and learning environments for young people in Ethiopia's Somali Region.



► PROSPECTS Pillars

With a geographical focus on Somali and Amhara regions and Addis Ababa city administration, PROSPECTS Ethiopia four pillars of interventions:



Education and Learning

Increased access to quality education, skills and learning opportunities.



Economic Inclusion

Improved livelihoods and expanded economic opportunities through access to entrepreneurship and employment with dignity.



Protection and Social Protection

Increased government protection and increased inclusion in community-based, local and/or national social protection systems.



Critical Infrastructure

Improved services, facilities, and information systems.

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Project background

Access to tertiary education and in-demand skills has been challenging in the refugee hosting area of Kebribeyah, Fafan zone, Somali region. To address this challenge, ILO PROSPECTS, with funding from the Kingdom of the Netherlands, envisaged bringing vocational technical skills training to refugees and host communities via the design of a public formal and non-formal education extension service model in collaboration with both local government authorities and the Jigjiga Polytechnic College (JPTC). The aim was to:

- ▶ *Improving the livelihood of refugees, IDP's and host communities through skills development and job creation and*
- ▶ *Increasing enrollment, protection and retention of forcibly displaced and host community children, adolescents, and young people.*

This collaboration led to the establishment of the first-ever vocational centre for refugees and the host community in the Kebribeyah district, which will serve as a satellite to the JPTC. The centre will accommodate 250 young women and men to acquire market-relevant skills in construction, metal fabrication and aluminium works, sanitary installation, electrical installation, irrigation technology, cobblestone laying and entrepreneurship.



July 2021; Presentation of the Satellite Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) Center design to stakeholders at the regional president office

How had it started?

An assessment of the labour market situation and opportunities conducted by the ILO prior to the establishment of the Center indicated an immediate need to stimulate the labour market through labor-intensive approaches due to the limited availability of job opportunities. Consequently, the ILO implemented the Employment Intensive Investment Programme (EIIP)¹ approach in the construction of the satellite centre.

The ILO provided training to two local contractors chosen for the construction of the Center, aimed at enhancing the contractors' capacity and generating employment opportunities for refugees and host communities in the vicinity. The construction of this project resulted in more than 22,000 workdays of employment, providing job opportunities for 450 individuals"

The satellite Centre has woodwork and metal workshops, a shed, well-equipped six classrooms, water and sanitation facilities, a cafeteria, a guardhouse, walking and parking lots, perimeter fence and green area.

¹ Employment-intensive investments link infrastructure development with employment creation, poverty reduction and local economic and social development. In using local labour and resources, they create much needed employment and income, reduce costs, save foreign currency, and support local industry while increasing the capacity of local institutions.



► Skills training at Jigjiga Polytechnic College (JPTC)

As part of the PROSPECTS Partnership, the ILO supports access to technical and vocational skills training, labour market linkages, and disability inclusion. ILO PROSPECTS signed a contract agreement with Jigjiga Polytechnic College (JPTC) situated in Ethiopia's Somali Region to provide 90 days of short-term skills training, followed by 20 days of cooperative training sessions, for 225 trainees in the occupations of building electrical installation, plumbing, construction finishing, food preparation, and beauty. The training participants were selected from both the nearby Kebribeyah refugee settlement and the host community.



Until now 311 youth and adults (including 88 women) from refugee and host communities have completed short-term Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) training programs at JPTC through a partnership between the ILO, JPTC, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development (ECDD). Of the trainees completing the training, 178 were persons with disabilities (PWDs). These programs covered in-demand skills such as building electrical installations, construction finishing, aluminum works, furniture making, metal works, and tailoring.



In this partnership, JPTC arranged for the necessary training materials, personal protective equipment (PPE), training halls, workshops, and accommodation for the trainees. The college successfully mobilized and trained 75 trainees (63M,12F; 33R, 42HC) in the first cohort of 110 days from November 2024 to February 2023. The second cohort with 75 trainees (26F,49M; 28R, 47HC) which started on July 26, 2024 completed training between July to October 2024. The third cohort is scheduled to take place at the Satellite TVET Centre in Kebribeyah starting in 2025.



► In figures: (2019 – 2024)

Organizations	Total number of trainees	Refugee	¹ HC	IDP	M	F	TVET	CBT
ILO-ECDD- JPTC (PWD)	178	32	35	111	113	65	118	60
ILO- JPTC (1st and 2nd cohort)	150	61	89	0	114	36	150	-
ILO-LWF- PTC	58	26	32	0	47	32	58	-
Total (Until 2024)	386	119	156	111	274	133	326	60

¹ **Abbreviations:** M= male, F= female, R= refugee

Acronyms: HC= host community, IDP= internally displaced people, CBT= community-based training,



10 June 2024; Representatives of PROSPECTS partners and the donor visiting the construction site

Success story

► Satellite vocational training center brings hope to displaced and local communities in Ethiopia

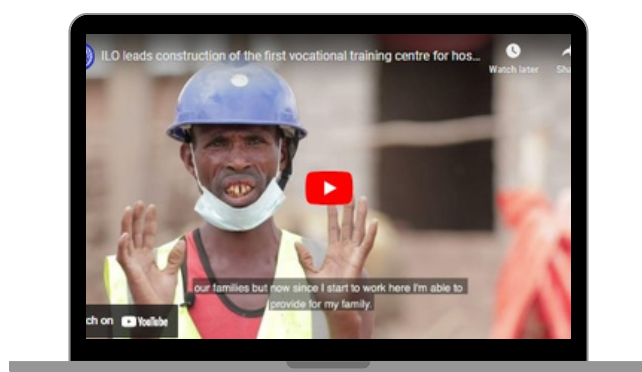
With arid landscapes, the eastern region of Ethiopia has limited income generation and skill development opportunities. Over the years, the region has been receiving an influx of forcibly displaced people from neighbouring countries, putting pressure on the local resources and institutions.

The International Labour Organization (ILO), through PROSPECTS Partnership, is supporting the creation of decent employment and livelihood opportunities in the region to ensure inclusive socio-economic growth for both host and refugee communities.

Mahammad Ali is one of the construction workers who got a job opportunity through the construction of a satellite vocational training centre. He said, "Because of the drought in our area, there are no farm produces and many of us were unable to feed our families. Now since I start to work here, I'm able to earn well and provide for my family," said Ali.



Previously, I have worked at the construction site as a labourer but this one was different. I learned a lot of technical skills here, which could help me find a better job in the future



Scan this QR code to watch a video exploring how the ILO and its partners are tackling the challenges of limited income generation the Somali region by constructing a satellite vocational training center, providing new job opportunities and essential skills, benefiting both host and refugee communities.

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The satellite center in photo



Workshop (Outside view))



Workshop (Inside view)



Working Shed



Classrooms



Sanitation facilities



Cafeteria



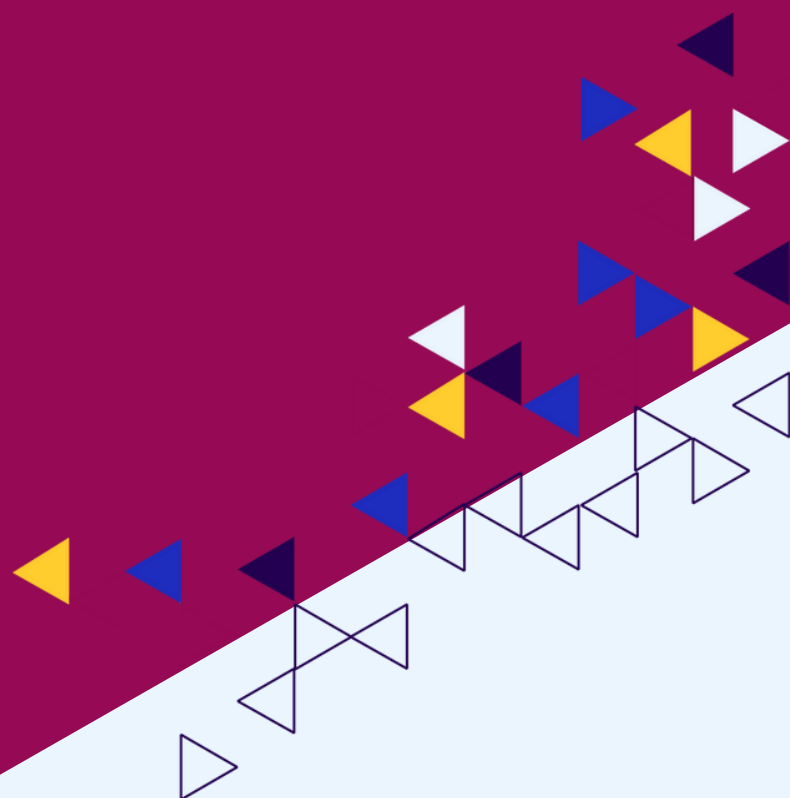
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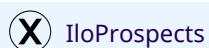
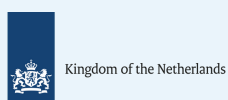
Walking and parking lots



Perimeter fence and green area



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