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► Factsheet: Employment and Reintegration in Nigeria(ERN) Project Implemented activities impact

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NIGERIA

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Budget: EUR 990,000

► Project brief

The Employment and Reintegration in Nigeria (ERN) Project worked to build on lessons learned and results achieved from the project “Initiative for Labour Migration, Employment and Reintegration in Nigeria and Ghana” (LMER) that was implemented from January 2019 to September 2020 and funded by the GIZ Programme Migration for Development (PME).

Over the past years, the governance framework for employment and reintegration in Nigeria has further evolved including through the National Employment Policy (2017), the National Youth Employment Action Plan (2021), the revision of the National Policy on Labour Migration (which includes return and reintegration) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on Return and Reintegration.

Over the period December 2021 to April 2023 the ERN project worked to strengthen the capacity of relevant stakeholders in Nigeria to provide advisory and support services to returnees and the local population in the areas of employment promotion, income generation and return and reintegration, and advance the generation of data and statistics.

The project was implemented through two key objectives:

- Institutional framework for the provision of advisory and support services to returnees and the local population in Nigeria enhanced;
- Capacity of national stakeholders to promote occupational and income generating opportunities of returnees and the local population strengthened.

This programme was funded by the GIZ and implemented by the ILO Abuja-CO in partnership with The Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment (FMLE).

▶ ERN project implemented activities

▶ INVENTORY OF TRAINING OFFERS

Developed an overview of existing programmes and training offers and made them available both online and in strategic locations including at the local level.

▶ MRC STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Facilitated consultations with relevant stakeholders at the locations of the MRCs and identified approaches for broadening existing partnerships.



Lagos state MRC Stakeholders Meeting, July 2022
courtesy ERN project team

▶ OUTREACH MATERIALS

Developed outreach material including short animation videos. The materials will be used in increasing public awareness of Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) and job centers.

▶ MRC OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK AND M&E BLUEPRINT

Developed an operational framework and monitoring & evaluation blueprint for the MRCs.

▶ SUPPORT FRAMEWORK

Supported the institutional framework and coordination mechanisms for the implementation of the National Policy on Labour Migration.

▶ MRC REFURBISHMENT

Conducted assessment of basic ICT and office equipment needs at MRCs and existing job centres. The project refurbished the offices, including by providing partitioned office spaces for counseling, and provided basic ICT and office equipment.

▶ CAPACITY BUILDING

Strengthened the capacity of national stakeholders on the 2018 guidelines concerning statistics of international labour migration, by an e-learning course facilitated for staff of select government agencies.

▶ ERN Project implemented activities

▶ EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TRAINING

Supported the FMLE to conduct two employability skills training-of-trainers for staff of MRCs, job centres and social partners.



Employability skill training of trainers group photograph, September 2022
courtesy ERN project team

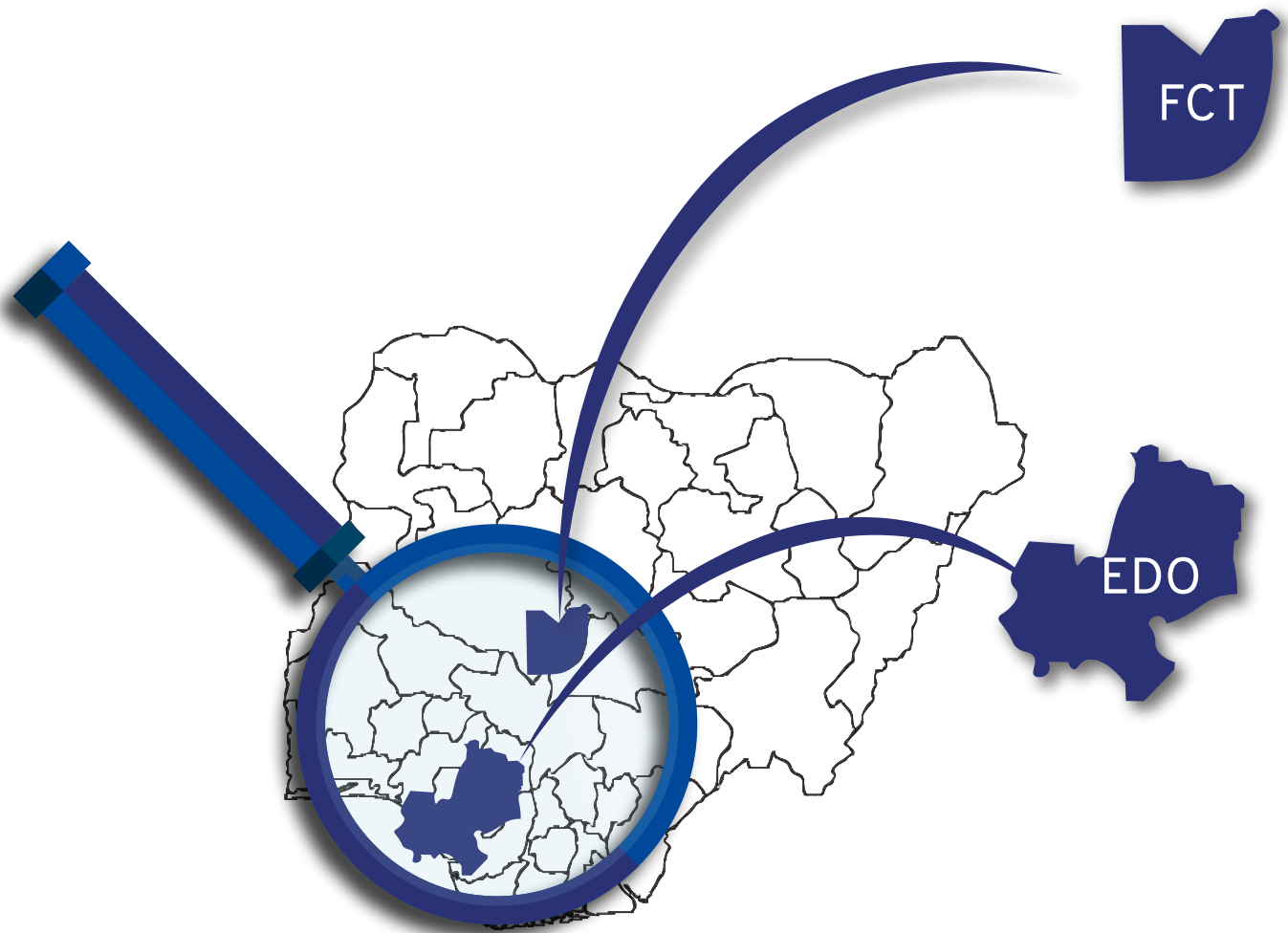
▶ START-UP EQUIPMENT SUPPORT

Provided follow-up support to trained beneficiaries including through the provision of tools/equipment to start-up and cooperative businesses to bridge capacity gaps. 50 sets of industrial sewing machines and 50 sets of baking equipment were provided.



ILO/GIZ joint handover of start-up equipment in Lagos, April 2023
courtesy ERN project team

► ERN project impact



The Migrant Resource Centre offices in Abuja, FCT and Benin, Edo State were refurbished and made more conducive for productive work for staff and visitors of the centers. The skills acquisition center in Benin, Edo state was also refurbished and fitted with basic training support equipment.

▶ ERN project impact

- ▶ Supported the FMLE to develop an operational framework and monitoring & evaluation blueprint to strengthen service delivery at the Migrant Resource Centres.
- ▶ Increased public awareness of the Migrant Resource Centers using the outreach material including videos, whiteboards and graphics developed for use by the centres and their partners.
- ▶ Developed partnerships with three local organisations for the delivery of step-down trainings using the ILO Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB) training modules. 960 small businesses and heads of small businesses benefitted from the step-down trainings.
- ▶ Expanded partnerships for the MRCs resulting in increased visibility and project partnerships for the MRCs. The Edo and Lagos MRCs have delivered sensitization and advocacy campaigns at regional levels in partnership with local and international organizations.

► Project beneficiaries in numbers



SIYB step-down trainings

960 small businesses and heads of small business associations benefitted from the step-down trainings across the country.



Employability skills training

95 individuals from the FMLE and other social partners received training on employability skills and conducted step-down trainings across the country.



Start-up support

50 sets of industrial sewing machines and 50 sets of baking equipment were procured and distributed to start-ups in fashion design and confectionery production.



SIYB certification training

25 individuals were certified as trainers under the SIYB training module.



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15 individuals trained on global best practices on cooperative development and formalization.

► Photo gallery



Refurbished Edo MRC Office, November 2022
courtesy ERN project team



Refurbished Federal Capital Territory MRC Office, November 2022
courtesy ERN project team



Lagos state MRC Stakeholders Meeting, July 2022
courtesy ERN project team

► Photo gallery



Edo State MRC Stakeholders Meeting, July 2023
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ILO Abuja-CO Country Director Media Chat Edo, April 2023
courtesy ERN project team

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ILO Abuja-CO Country Director inspection visit of refurbished Skill Centre Edo, April 2023
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SIYB Training of Trainers workshop group photograph Lagos, November 2023
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Federal Capital Territory MRC Stakeholders Meeting, April 2023
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