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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

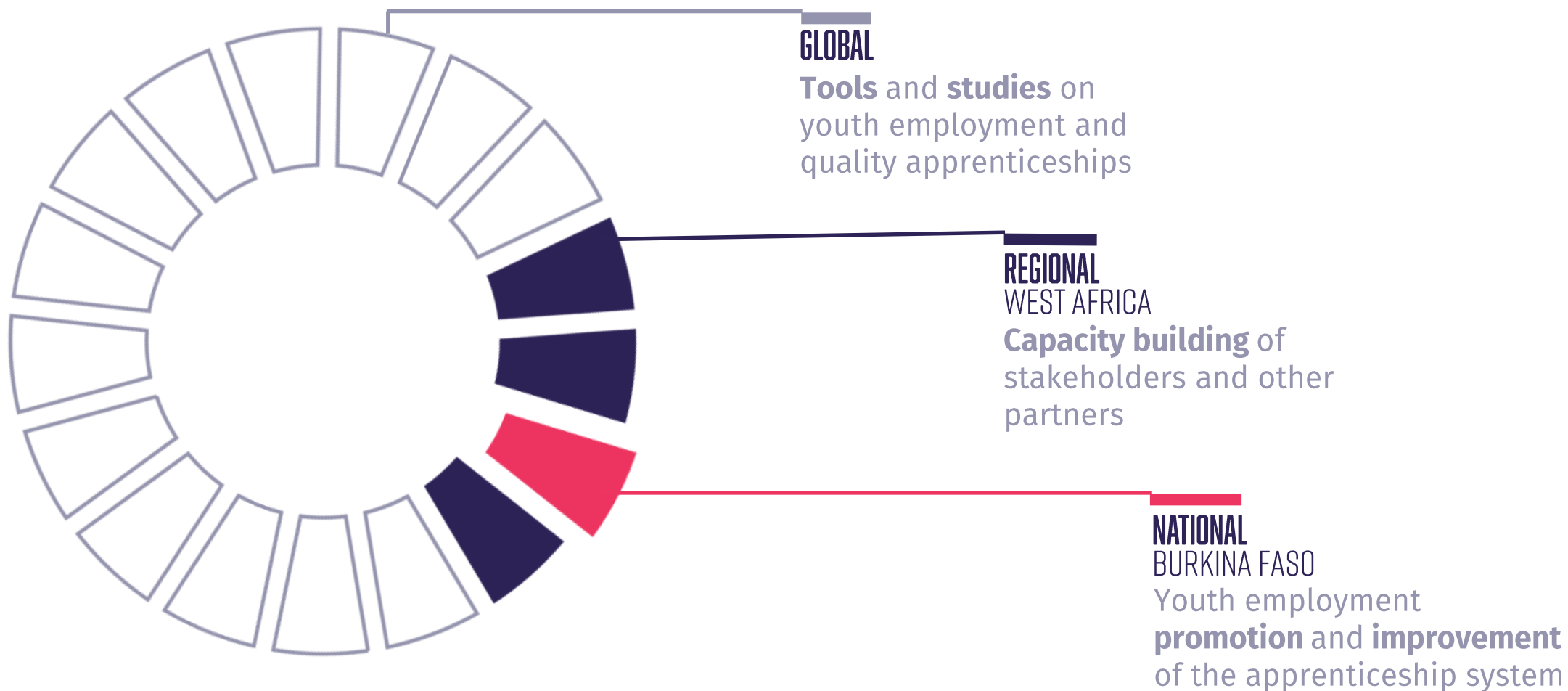
WE DO IT THROUGH

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

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OUR THREE-LEVEL APPROACH



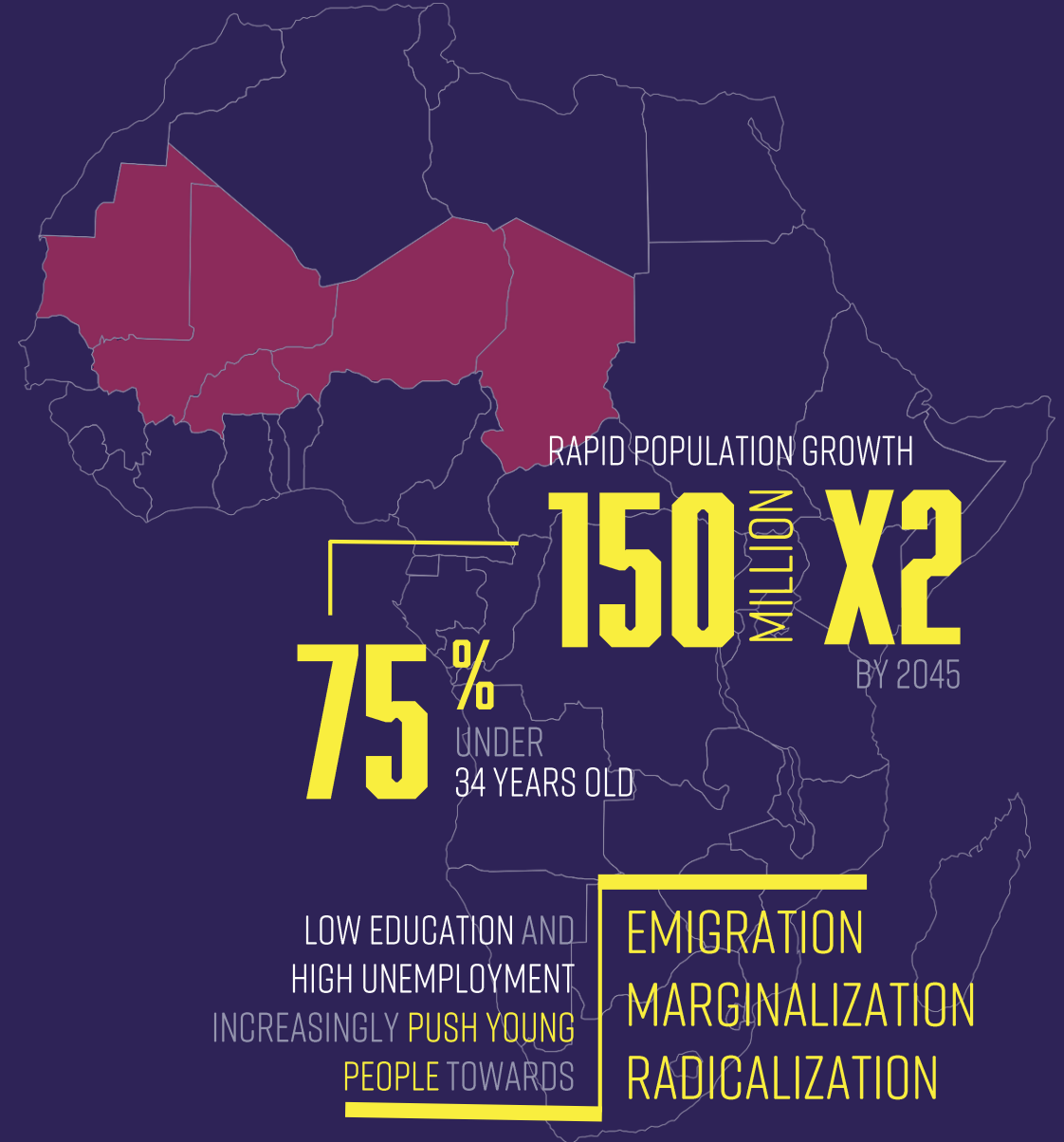
GLOBAL AND SUB-REGIONAL COMPONENTS | THE SAHEL

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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.



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)



NATIONAL COMPONENT | BURKINA FASO

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.

44%

OF THE POPULATION
LIVE IN POVERTY

300.000

YOUTH ENTER THE LABOUR
MARKET EVERY YEAR

92%

OF JOBS ARE IN THE
INFORMAL ECONOMY

UNEMPLOYMENT
AND
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

AFFECT WOMEN
AND YOUTH IN
PARTICULAR

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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

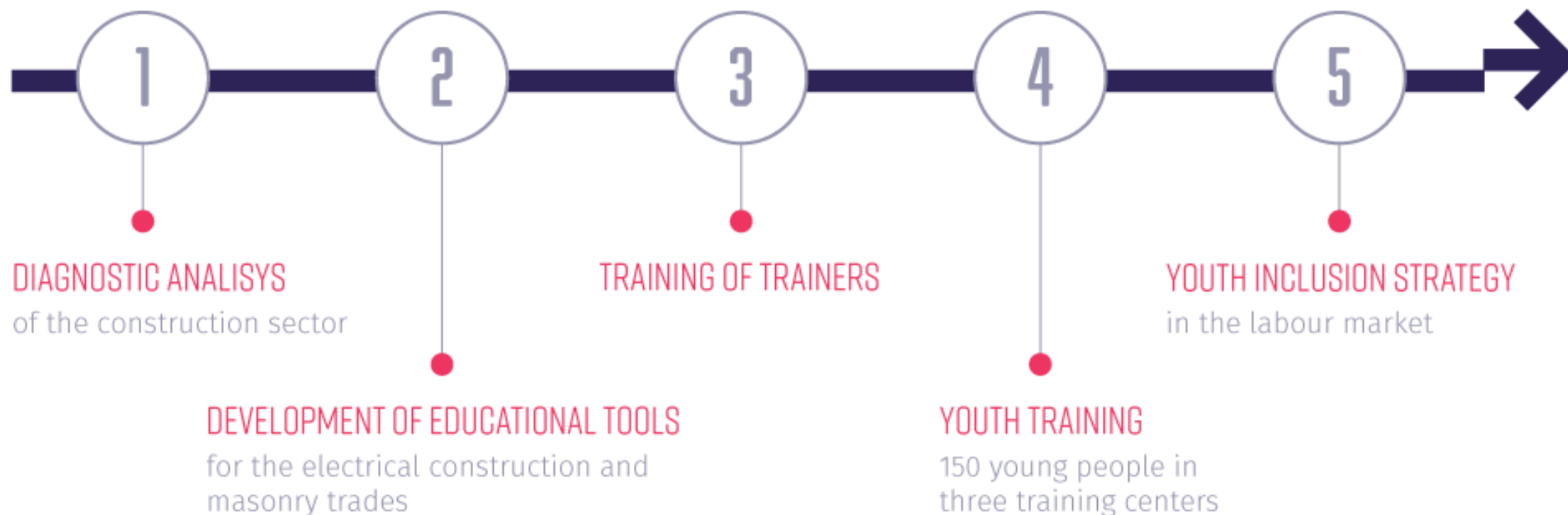
WE DO IT THROUGH

- Two parallel actions:
 1. The **ILO approach** for quality apprenticeships
 2. A **pilot youth training programme** in the construction and public works sector.

1 THE ILO APPROACH: THE SIX BUILDING BLOCKS OF QUALITY APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEMS



2 PILOT PROGRAMME: YOUTH TRAINING IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR



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

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 (ITCILO)

Strengthening Vocational Integration through Quality Apprenticeships in the Construction Industry in Burkina Faso (RIPAQUE), *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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