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# MIGRATION UPDATE



## Foreword

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# DEAR READERS

### Dedicated to sustainability

As you delve into the last edition of the SEDEC Migration Newsletter for 2022, I will like you to bring 'sustainability' back on our maps. The journey this year has been one that dedicated quality time and resources to sustainable development.

In this issue, core approaches are highlighted in the area of cooperation at the Local level, State level and at the National level. As a referral point for training and skills acquisition programmes- in Edo State, seven Job Centres have been launched to prompt job creation. In these Job Centres, digital access points have been created through a new Learning Management System (LMS) for entrepreneurs.

Also, forty seven vocational schoolteachers and twenty nine vocational school managers from Lagos, Edo, and Ogun State were enrolled in Germany at the Hessian Institute for Advanced Training in Technology (HLFT) in Groß-Gerau. The concept was to give the participants first hand exposure to the dual system of vocational training in Germany which combines theory in classrooms with training in a real work environment. The trainees recount their experience during the four weeks training and how they currently conduct step-down trainings in their schools and communities.

Additionally, the migration projects under the Sustainable Development Cluster (SEDEC) had several Public Private Dialogue (PPD) to foster change and influence policy. In terms of change, the major highlights for me in this edition, are the remarkable stories from our recipients. The stories are that of transformation, impact and the domino effect. With these successes and sustainability measure in place, you can agree that the GIZ team, government

partners, private sector actors, our participants and indeed our donors have all contributed to the good work done this year. For this, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude.

As a side note, let me use this opportunity to inform you that this might be the last edition of the 'pure' Migration newsletter as we look into the production of a broader SEDEC newsletter that covers more thematic topics highlighting our efforts in promoting decent jobs, training and sustainable economic development. I ask that we transition to the SEDEC newsletter with the same dedication and corporation we have used to produce over 10 migration newsletters in the last three years.

Thank you and wishing you the best time of the year as you welcome a new one.

Have a happy holiday and successful elections next year!

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# IN THE NEWS

## PME’s Cooperation with Local Government Yielding Positive Results

PME’s cooperation with local governments towards generating more jobs at the grassroots has started gaining some positive results. Through support focused on employment promotion and reintegration, the cooperation leverages on the strength of local government and partners in the local government areas. These partners are from various sectors of the economy, including agriculture, information technology, cosmetology and beauty, and entrepreneurship development.

In Alimosho local government area, the biggest local government in Nigeria in terms of population with six million inhabitants, the Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration (NGC) supported about five hundred local population and returnees through local Partner Organizations (POs) such as Saeio Global Farms and Suncountry farms, where one hundred and sixty beneficiaries were trained on fish farming, with start-up tools provided to them at the end of their training.

In Ifako-Ijaiye local government area, over four hundred beneficiaries were supported through a job fair programme organized in collaboration with GetJobs Nigeria. An entrepreneurship summit with stakeholders in the employment sector was also organized. The PME further supported the training of fifty beneficiaries in hairdressing complemented by start-up tools while another fifty beneficiaries underwent entrepreneurship

training which provided them with the necessary business development and management skills.

These trainings enjoyed significant support from the local government, through the office of the chairman. This goes to show how far the cooperation between development organizations and government institutions can go in promoting employment and generating new jobs. Also, these initiatives effectively complement the efforts of different levels of government in addressing Nigeria’s raging unemployment crisis and opens avenues for more community-based employment generation.

At an Employer’s Summit in Mosan Okunola Local Council Development Area (LCDA) of Lagos, the Chairman of the LCDA noted that the cooperation between the LCDA and PME programme “...is the first of its kind in the Local Council Development Area... the LCDA is dedicated to empowering more youths with creative and innovative skills that would help bring good values to the community and Lagos State at large.”

At the same summit, a local partner that implements an agro-based training supported by PME in Mosan Okunola LCDA noted that “building a vibrant economy at any level is both the responsibility of the government and the private sector. Summits like this allow the government to understand the needs and strength of employers in their areas.”

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Hairdressing graduation ceremony at Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government Hall



Employers' Summit at Mosan-Okunola LCDA, Alimosho, Lagos



# Launching of New Job Centers in Edo State

GIZ-SKYE programme has collaborated with the Edo State government and Edo State Skills Development Agency (Edojobs) in the promotion of active labour market measures towards youth employment, with the implementation of job centres (piloted with two centres at the state capital, Benin City, which were opened on the 17th of September 2022. The “Edo job centres” serve as an institution which supports public-private employment services in making efficient job matching and improving the collection, inflow, and utilization of labour market information that can be offered to job seekers, employers, the state and federal government and efficient management of the job portal being developed.

SKYE has supported the replication of these job centres in rural areas across three districts of Uromi, Auchi and Usen, and later extended to two areas in Uzairue and Irrua, with co-finance from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. In total, seven job centres have been created and are now functional in Ikpoba-okha, Egor, Uromi, Auchi, Usen, Uzairue and Irrua. The Executive Governor of Edo State officially inaugurated all seven job centres on the 26th of September 2022, in the presence of delegates of the German Embassy, including the German consul general to Nigeria, Weert Börner, and the

Swiss Cooperation. SKYE has supported with the beautification process of three of the rural job centres by providing technical equipment (31 laptops computers, 94 desktops computers, 22 UPS, 5 projectors and screen and 5 printers), furniture (125 tables and chairs), and capacity development to job councilors.

These job centres will be beneficial to the youths in these communities as they will be able to access job counselling, training on CV writing, interviews as well as job matching and placement opportunities. In cooperation with Skills Acquisition Centres young people will get technical skills trainings and entrepreneurship trainings to become self-employed. The established job centres will enable job seekers in Edo State to connect easily with companies looking for qualified employees. The centres will serve as a referral point to training and skills development programmes across the State. In addition, an event to raise awareness about the rural job centres in Usen, Auchi and Uzairue took place on the 17th and 21st of November 2022. This ceremony was used to also introduced the learning management system developed by SKYE programme with EdoJobs and GFA-FAKT Consulting group to provide e-learning courses on employability and soft skills for Edo State labour force.



The Edo State Governor, His Excellency Godwin Nogheghase Obaseki flanked by German and Swiss Delegates & Head of Agencies.





One of the new Job Centres

## SEDIN Links Over 2,000 MSMEs with Markets in Niger, Ogun and Plateau



Under the Economic Education and entrepreneurship Component of SEDIN, over 2,000 MSMEs have been linked to markets through GOPA Consulting. SEDIN-GOPA in collaboration with over twenty Partner Organizations (POs) in Niger, Ogun and Plateau organised a business development and market linkage exhibition in November and early December 2022. The objective of the event was to solidify the market and financial linkages that has been established during the ICSS SEDIN programme.

reach, the exhibitions brought together industry experts, community gatekeepers and government partners to support entrepreneurs and MSMEs with the platform, resources and knowledge needed for access to markets and linkages between MSMEs and local POs.

While the event was focused on MSMEs in general, special attention was given to Persons With Disabilities (PWDs), Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Returnees.

With the theme, leveraging on local market for continental



The Emir of Agai Niger state flanked by SEDIN and GOPA team leads and other partners during the exhibition in Niger state



Right to left: SEDIN EEE component team lead, Oladoyin Olawaiye, Secretary to the Government of Plateau state, Prof. Dan Danladi Atu at one of the exhibitor's stand in Jos.

The exhibition is part of an all-inclusive approach by SEDIN & GOPA to strengthen entrepreneurial development in Nigeria. Some other mandates are to provide entrepreneur education through the ICSS (Inspire, Create, Start, Scale) modular course training and provide capacity building for entrepreneurship development organizations.



## PME Participants showcase their products at the Lagos Island Business Fair (LIBIZFAIR)

*LIBIZFAIR is a socio-economic initiative for youth, businesses, entrepreneurs in Lagos Island Local Government, Lagos State, targeting small and medium business owners on Lagos Island.*

As part of PME's objectives, aimed at providing economic reintegration and employment opportunities to returnees and the local population, PME beneficiaries participated in the Lagos Island Business Fair, held from 24th -27th November 2022 at Tafawa Balewa Square, Lagos with over fifty thousand invited clients from across and beyond Lagos state. PME beneficiaries with businesses in

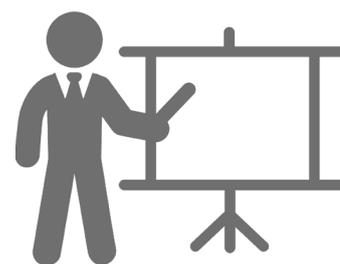
fashion design, hairdressing, catering, fish farming, shoemaking and make-up, displayed their products at the event.

The Lagos Island Business Fair also offered side events on special entrepreneurial training as well as a cross-section of business edutainments for participants.





## PME Establishes Desk Office for Counselling at Yaba Skills Centre - Trains 135 Beneficiaries



The Programme Migration for Development (PME) has now established a desk office in Yaba (mainland Lagos), leveraging existing infrastructure at the FMLE skills centre (Yaba) while advancing its cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment (FMLE).

The desk office alongside the main office in Ikoyi form a strong counselling network in the metropolis and facilitates outreach to the target group. The centre affords an integrated and sustainable approach where counselling services, psychosocial support, vocational skills trainings and shelter services are provided at one location.

Following the establishment of the desk office, one hundred and thirty five PME beneficiaries have been trained in catering, fashion design and ICT at the skills centre, with an average of forty five beneficiaries trained in each of these skills. The beneficiaries were selected from amongst the local population and returnees, and they were supported with start-up tools at the end of the training.





## Third Edition of Made-In-Nigeria Art Exhibition Opens in Benin-City

On 29th September 2022, the Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration (NGC), in collaboration with the Migrant Resource Centre (MRC) of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment (FMLE), the Edo state government, and the Edo Global art Foundation held the third edition of the Made-in-Nigeria art exhibition at the popular Sir Victor Uwaifo creative hub, Benin city, Edo state. A one-week art masterclass preceded the exhibition, during which the skills of the young artists were honed, and they derived inspiration for new works from the intense art environment. Artworks by thirty artists (that included painters and sculptors) were on display for members of the public at the exhibition. The event attracted top officials of the Edo State Government, including the honourable Commissioner for art, culture, tourism and diaspora affairs, Prince Bamidele Obaitan, Commissioner for agriculture, and Permanent Secretaries from the Ministry of youth and social development, the Ministry of local government and chieftaincy affairs, and the Ministry of art, culture, tourism and diaspora affairs.

On the first day of the exhibition, over four hundred guests walked into the exhibition hall to join the visual feast, listening raptly as artists explained ideas

that inspired their works. The event was kick-started by a brief welcome address by the team leader of the PME Nigeria, Sandra Vermuijten. In her address, she noted that,

*"...(the NGC) provided these young artists with tools and guidance by seasoned artists. Beyond this support we want them to develop their artistic language, their practice and give them a platform by organizing this exhibition. And we are doing this at the level of an international art exhibition. That is what these talents require. They require visibility and exposure; they also require sales and art lovers. Here is to celebrating a new generation of art lovers."*

*On why the three editions were themed 'Made-in-Nigeria,' Sandra explained that "their works reflect some of the challenges and joys that people face in Nigeria, and that is why this project is called 'Made-in-Nigeria'."*

The head of the Migrant Resource Centre (MRC), of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment, Edo State, Mr. Tajudeen Afekhai, expressed his delight at the awesomeness of the event and delivered greetings to the audience from the honourable minister, Dr. Chris Ngige. The honourable Commissioner for art, culture, tourism and diaspora affairs, Mr. Bamidele Obaitan, appreciated the NGC for its commitment to stimulating art in Edo state; he noted further that the efforts of the government in relation to art in the state will transform the economy of the state as well.

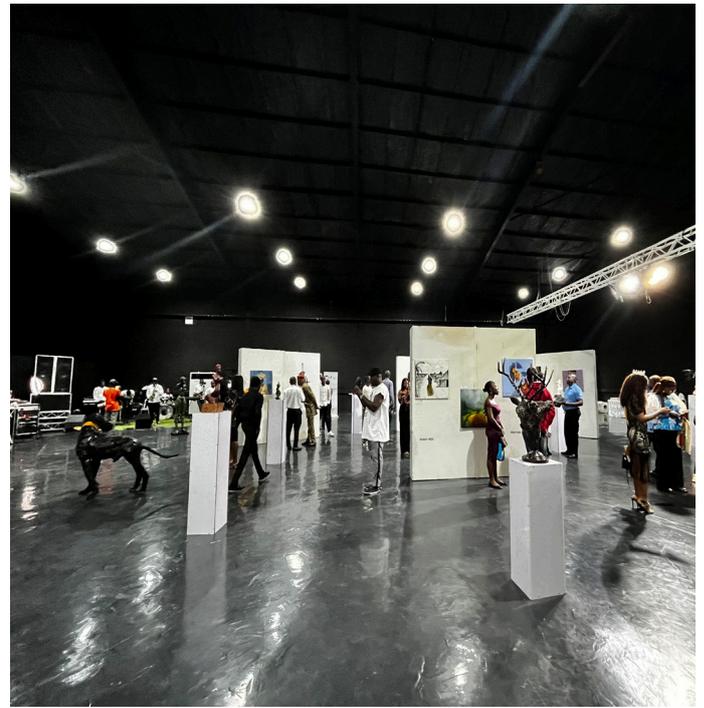


Some of the artists interviewed sounded very excited and enthusiastic about their work and the event. Femi Faluyi, one of the beneficiaries who had his work on display at the event, said, “the masterclass was indeed a masterclass, even for those of us with some experience in painting. A cross-fertilization of ideas occurred during the masterclass, irrespective of any previous knowledge of art. Such a masterclass helps and inspires young artists and it surely inspired me.”

Lawunmi Omoloso, another beneficiary, when asked about the reason behind the feminine forms of most of her paintings, noted that “the woman’s body expresses more emotions and that is why an artist may prefer to express her works with the woman model, which may not be ideological, but simply practical for an artist.”

Almost all the artworks on display were sold at the opening ceremony. This made a beautiful evening an even more successful one. With slow music from a live band playing, and guests walking the expansive hall from one art piece to another, never tiring, never bored – it was a memorable evening for guests, artists, NGC staff and partners.





## Addressing Youth Unemployment through Short-Term Vocational Skills Trainings and Entrepreneurship Development

Based on the 2019 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between GIZ and the Edo state government, GIZ has continued to support the government in addressing youth unemployment through employment creation activities. These activities include technical/vocational education trainings and entrepreneurship development trainings.

The Global Programme, Migration for Development (PME), in collaboration with the Pro-poor Growth and Promotion of Employment in Nigeria (SEDIN) and Skills and Youth Employment Programme (SKYE), on Tuesday 22nd November 2022 organized a graduation and certification ceremony for two hundred and eighty-five beneficiaries of the PME short-term vocational skills trainings, a joint PME-SKYE fashion training and the GOPA ICSS Entrepreneurship Development training organized in Benin City.

The skills trainings cover three months of fashion design training for hundred PME-SKYE beneficiaries, four weeks of car tracking and electric fencing training for forty-five beneficiaries, four weeks of cell phone repair training for fifty beneficiaries, four weeks

of CCTV and solar panel installation training for thirty-five beneficiaries, four weeks of baking and confectionery training for thirty beneficiaries and six weeks of leather works for thirty beneficiaries. Additionally, the beneficiaries, including vulnerable groups and returned migrants, also received a two-week digital marketing training on the use of social media to advertise and promote their businesses and rounded up the training cycle with a three-week ICSS entrepreneurship development training by GOPA on how to start and grow their businesses.

Present at the graduation ceremony were the representative of the wife of the governor, Mrs. Betsy Obaseki, the commissioner for art, culture, tourism and diaspora affairs, representatives of the commissioners of the ministry of youth and gender, the ministry of social development and humanitarian affairs. Also present at the event were: the head of the Migrant Resource Centre (MRC) of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment (FMLE), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Executive Secretary, Edo State Task Force Against Human Trafficking and the Zonal Commander, National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons (NAPTIP).

In her opening remark, the wife of the governor commended GIZ for the laudable achievement, noting that technical and vocational education and trainings go a long way in addressing unemployment among youths in the state. She encouraged the beneficiaries to



## Photos from the graduation



Representative of the Wife of the Governor presenting her opening remark at the event





Commissioner for Art, Couture, Tourism and Diaspora Affairs (first right) and representative of the Commissioner for Youth and Gender Issues (second left) presenting certificates and start-up tools to beneficiaries



# FEATURES

## SKYE Trains 76 Vocational Teachers and School Managers in Germany– A Field Visit to The Dual System

The Skills Development for Youth Employment programme (SKYE) enrolled 47 vocational schoolteachers and 29 vocational school managers from Lagos, Edo, and Ogun State to qualification measures in Germany in cooperation with GIZ’s regional office west. The training was carried out last autumn for the Lagos groups and this summer for the Edo and Ogun groups at the Hessian Institute for Advanced Training in Technology (HLFT) in Groß-Gerau, Germany.

### First impressions

The dual system of education in Germany is excellent. The participants were impressed by the great infrastructure, stable internet connections, permanent electricity, and well-maintained facilities. The dual system of education combines theory in classrooms with training in a real work environment. This exposure to the German education system was very beneficial for the participants. “To see the great synergy between the schools, the companies and the apprentices and their spirit of teamwork to achieve a common goal motivated me a lot”, said Evelyn Aisha Irhiawo, principal and member of the Board for Technical Education and Vocational Training in Edo State.

### Introduction to vocational training in Germany

The dual system of vocational training in Germany is a model that all relevant stakeholders are committed to, and which features well-coordinated linkages between them, according to Ibrahim Aliyu from the SKYE programme, who accompanied the group of principals on their recent visit. He went on to explain that the training contents and excursions planned

by HLFT provided good opportunities to learn about best practices in the dual system that could be adapted for use in Nigeria. However, he cautioned that simply copying the system wholesale would not be possible. In addition to the introduction to the dual system, the group of principals also learnt about topics focussing on change management, quality management, communication, and leadership. In conclusion, Ibrahim Aliyu pointed out that if some aspects of the dual system could be incorporated in Nigeria, it could help to solve the problem of the alarming unemployment rate amongst young people and also be able to meet the demand of the industries.” Mr Samuel Ojo Omotola the principal of Government Science and Technical College Ijebu Ode in Ogun State emphasized, “Germany is ahead of Nigeria a Million miles. But we must at least start from somewhere.”

### Modern didactical skills

The four-week course on didactics and teaching methods were extremely beneficial, providing insights into a competence-based and practical-oriented approach that encourages self-reliance in students. The jigsaw method, which allows for group work and discussion among students, was one of the methods learned during the four weeks. The exposure to the process and criteria of developing a good curriculum was also beneficial for quality and competence-based technical education. This training has helped build up our competencies and confidence in our pedagogical mandate.

Despite lacking internet connections, constant power cuts and insufficient equipment, e-learning methods are slowly becoming the standard in Nigeria’s technical colleges and vocational education system. To enable the course participants to apply some of the trained methods in



preparing a digital lesson, the institute introduced them to MoodleBox. The box functions as a mobile Internet-independent device that provides a wireless network to smartphones, tablets and computers. This way, teaching material can be shared with the entire classroom. “The MoodleBox allows us remote teaching methods even without functioning internet. This is a great key to creating effective and more appealing training in my country”, said Alabi.

Now, back in Nigeria, the vocational schoolteachers

will be supported with coaching from an HLFT expert, starting with a virtual phase via the internet and later on the spot. “The groups have the energy to implement their learnings at home. It is always a very precious experience to leave your system and see how things are done somewhere else – no theoretical lesson can replace that. But it is also important to follow up on it to make the learning effects last and more sustainable”, explained Uwe Graune, operational director at the HLFT.



Multiplying effect: Vocational teacher Godwin Obozuwa is training his fellow staff in Edo State on how to use modern instructional media. “My visit to Germany made a positive change in my life. I will be forever grateful to GIZ and HLFT”, he wrote by mail.





## Training Participants in Germany

# SKYE Conducts Career Guidance Training for Public Employment Services in Edo State

GIZ-SKYE has trained 22 career counsellors from the rural job centres of the Edo State Skills Development Agency (EdoJobs) from 20th to 24th June 2022 on career guidance. This implementation was carried out through the GFA consulting group on behalf of GIZ-SKYE with funding from the German government and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

During the five days of training, several relevant topics were addressed. These include understanding and regulating, work and labour market, legal and policy framework of career guidance, GIZ integrated approach to employment promotion, public employment services, labour market information. The training covered a selected range of topics to equip career counsellors with the skills and knowledge they need to provide quality career guidance to clients.

The goal of the workshops was to upgrade the knowledge and skills of participants and ensure proper career guidance for job mediation functions

for their institutions.

Following this initial training, on the 18th and 19th of August 2022, another 2-day workshop was held in Edo state on labour market information with a focus on counselling as an occupation and profession, quality standards and guidelines on career guidance. Afterwards, on the 27th of October 2022, a 1-day training was conducted as a conclusive ‘question and answer’ session for the workshops.

The project lines up with SKYE’s focus on active labour market measures that supports employment promotion and development of organisational structures.



Trainees posing with their new certificates



Cross section of training participants



## GIZ SKYE/SEDIN facilitate Public Private Dialogue Platforms to drive effective multisectoral collaboration

A Private Public Private Dialogue Platform (PPDP) was held on October 27th, 2022, at the Conference Hotel Abeokuta, Ogun State with relevant stakeholders. During the session, participants were led to participate in a series of fact-finding and envisioning exercises such as:



1. - Determining the magnitude of unemployment
2. - Identifying the impact of unemployment on participants' individual lives and generally in Ogun State
3. - Evaluating the level and quality of multisectoral collaboration, an inevitable requirement for developing an integrated strategy for employment and strategy and policy formulation
4. - Determine the desired future for employment and labour conditions in the State
5. - Identify the constraints to realizing the desired future

After the deliberations and brainstorming sessions, sectors and stakeholders on the labour market's demand and supply side were identified. Subsequently, this led to the formation of 9 Technical Working Groups (TWG) comprising the private and public sectors:

TVET; Educational Value Chain; Active Labour Market Measures; ICT & Tech; MSMEs; Investment Promotion and Business Enabling Environment; Agric; Manufacturing and Employment Labour Market Analysis/ Labour Market Information System.

Each TWG has the primary objective to provide a detailed understanding of the context of the trends, challenges, opportunities, and optional pathways to achieve improvement in labour conditions and job creation. Discussion guidelines provided by GIZ will also provide a frame of reference for undertaking ongoing discussions for reviewing and evaluating the impact of government initiatives and policy on job creation and labour conditions.

1. - Participants demonstrated an infectious enthusiasm and a sense of urgency to address unemployment among their youth and to enhance the overall skills and competitiveness of the state
3. - Participants recognized that the long-term sustainability of the PPDP will largely be hinged on the emergence of a strategic group, namely an Ogun State Employment Council, with political ownership and decision rights to influence government and direct private commitment. They will consider the outcome of the PPDP in setting the strategic direction and formulating policies that set a boundary for action and commitment

Participants at the dialogue





Cross section of participants

GIZ SKYE and PME support the promotion of youth employment in the creative sector by sponsoring the maiden edition of the Edo State International Film Festival.

Between 2020 and 2021, GIZ Skills Development for Youth Employment (SKYE) programme carried out an Employment Labour Market Analysis for Edo state. The report revealed that the creative sector is the second-largest employment sector in the state.

Based on this information, the Edo state government is investing heavily in the creative sector with the launch of a state-of-the-art creative hub – Victor Uwaifo Creative Hub in November 2021 and a newly signed partnership with ROK studios (The no. 1 movie-producing company in Nigeria).

Following this development, GIZ partnered with the Edo State Skills Development Agency (EdoJobs), with financial support from the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation to foster employment opportunities in the creative sector with the maiden edition of the Edo State International Film Festival (ESIFF) on

the 1st of September 2022.

With over 2,000 films from 94 countries, 150 movie screenings, elevating masterclasses and training sessions, the 4-day event was held from September 1st to 4th. The festival kicked off with an official premiere of the short film ‘We will not be silent, submitted for screening by award-winning filmmaker Bode Asiyambi. The film addressed the issue of Gender-Based Violence. After the premiere, Mrs Betsy Bene Obaseki, the first lady of Edo state spoke extensively of the work and processes that have been put in place to address violence against women and girls in the state.

Opening the festival, the chief host and Governor of Edo state, Godwin Obaseki, noted that Edo state was not short of creative talents and has always been recognised as a cradle of culture and creativity in Nigeria. “Edo state has taken the lead by working with our

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*Edo state has taken the lead by working with our partners, the German Government and GIZ to strategically invest in the creative industry,*

partners, the German Government and GIZ to strategically invest in the creative industry,” he said, lauding the support and partnership of the BMZ and GIZ in promoting youth employment in the state.

Film entries for the festival were assessed by a jury panel, with winners from 15 categories emerging. The Governor awarded \$10,000, \$5,000 & \$5,000 for ‘Best Feature Film (overall)’, ‘Best Film shot in Edo’ and ‘Best Indigenous Film’ respectively. 708 people participated in masterclass training sessions, which were facilitated by prominent members of the Nigerian creative industry. Approximately 41% of the participants were female. Following the training sessions, 629 (89%) participants confirmed that they planned to work in the film industry, while 65 (9%) already work in the industry.

While presenting a special award to participants and winners of ‘The Rural Photography Training’ commissioned in the rural areas by the GIZ and EdoJobs, SKYE Head of Programme, Tobias Wolfgarten noted, ‘Our partnership with EdoJobs and ESIFF has been rewarding. I’m therefore delighted to present these awards to the four winners of the photography competition. Beyond this, GIZ Skye will also offer entrepreneurship training to the winners whilst exhibiting their works to help raise funding which will go directly to the winners”.

The rural photography training in the rural areas featured 24 entries and four winners were rewarded with N50,000, N75,000, N100,000, and N150,000 respectively. In addition, GIZ SKYE launched an e-Learning platform called Edo State Academy to help young citizens of the state partake in soft skills training that would make them for entry into the job market.

Following the success of the maiden edition, Edo state has resolved to institute the film festival as an annual state event.





# STORIES OF CHANGE

**Internally Displaced but Not Hopeless- As SEDIN & PME Supports IDP Women and other groups in the FCT, Plateau and Edo States.**

In 2022, the Nigerian displacement crisis will be going into its 8th year. Since violent attacks of the Islamist group Boko Haram started to spill over Nigeria's north-eastern frontier in 2014. Not only has the attacks increased the level of displacement, but climatic change also as well as farmers herder conflicts continue to churn out numbers of displaced persons in the country leading to heavy irregular migration as well as impoverished living conditions for persons and families who are unable to return to their homes of origin and must as a means of survival, rebuild from almost nothing in an already fragile economy. According to the Internally Displaced Monitoring centre (IDMC) as of 2021, Nigeria records about 3.2million IDPs, the speculation is that this number has significantly increased within one year due to the incessant attacks by extremist insurgency in the Northeast, prolonged

Farmer-Herder crisis and as well as advance climatic catastrophes that have displaced thousands of persons and communities across the country. With this reality, there became a pressing need to consider the economic reintegration of internally displaced persons especially women and to ensure that their income and economic situation is improved.

The SEDIN program through its reintegration program has again, provided imminent and much needed economic support to 150 internally displaced women in Jos, Plateau state Nigeria. The training which was a follow up on the pilot in Abuja with 50 women was further upscaled to Edo state where another 50 women in camp were trained. The training which started in July 2022 in Plateau and Edo, supports both the Fulani Muslim women and the Christian women who



are all victims of farmer-herder conflicts or displaced by insurgency and migrated to Plateau. A follow-up market placement was done for the women who had the privilege to learn more skills.

In 2021, SEDIN developed a simplified basic economic and financial literacy manual for this target group.

## I can't wait to have by own brand name- Maryam Hassan Mohammed

Every day for the 4 days during the basic economic and financial literacy training for IDP women held in Plateau Maryam Mohammed a Fulani woman who is a mother of 3 would come to the venue with her products of coconut candies and other sweets. During the training, Maryam, applied several of the lessons learnt



Maryam Mohammed

Commenting further in Hausa, she said “before the training I was selling just the coconut candy and using my sister’s label so I can put it in supermarkets. Now I have qualified for GIZ business name registration, if they register me, I will be using my own brand name to market my business, this is something very big for me. I will not be using my sister’s label anymore”. Speaking further on the benefits of the training, Maryam explained that the training has helped her in business management especially record keeping and budgeting. She acknowledged that before the training she was not keeping any records however, she started keeping records and she practiced savings with the transportation stipends she was given during the training and used the funds as a starting point to expand from just the candies to producing peanut bars (kuli kuli) and other homemade cakes.





Maryam says that now that she has her business here, she does not look forward to going back to her village from where she was displaced but would focus on building her business in the community where she has settled and give her children a bright future.

## GIZ Program gave me new knowledge for my business

27 years old Zainab Abubakar has been living in Rafiki with her husband and 5 children following their displacement from their previous village at Miango in Plateau state. In order to help improve her family income, Zainab started a career in tailoring. Her business model prior to the SEDIN entrepreneurial training was sewing based on order only. This was to manage risk in the business and to ensure she only made clothes based on specific orders by her clients. She explained that business was slow as there are only a few people in her community who could afford her services.



Zainab Abubakar



Zainab however expressed great joy while narrating her story where she said in Hausa “I only sell on request. If my customer brings the material, then I sew for them and deliver. I did not think of any other way to sell my market. I also did not even have the capital to take any business risk. However, I attended the business training of GIZ and learnt a lot about saving, budgeting, advertising, I have not learnt something like that before in my life. I learnt a lot”.

She said “after the training, we did market placement, and we spent ten days there learning how to manage our business, customer care and many things. The madam I was learning from used to sew clothes as ready made and put in her shop and people will come and buy. I did not know this was possible. After the training and with the stipend that SEDIN give us for transport (I manage my own), I bought some materials, and have now started to sew ready-made clothes Hijab etc and people are buying.”

Asked why she took such a risk, she replied, “in the training, they teach us how to take calculated risk for business, that one I calculate the risk well well”.



Zainab Abubakar

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## GIZ has made my dream become a reality - Rahab Ishaya

31-year-old Rahab Ishaya was exceptionally quiet but attentive during the 4 days basic training on business development. One could see that the young lady had dreams and aspirations and was keen on learning as much as she could from the training. The empathy listening session of the training was an experience for Rahab as the mother of two expressed her deep emotions following the killing of her husband during a religious attack that forced her to flee her hometown in Jebbu Miango and now resident in an IDP community in Dong local government of Plateau state.

As a source of survival and to cater for her 2 children, Rahab was forced to take up menial jobs that were neither sustainable nor dignifying. It was therefore a life opportunity for her to be trained on entrepreneurship as this made Rahab think on the possibility of starting off her own small business with a skill, she already had some competences- Hair making.





Rahab Ishaya

In her words’ “The knowledge and experience from the training and market placement inspired me to start up my saloon business and the business is moving fine. Right now, I am keeping record of all the hair products I buy and the money I get every day, i save from my profit daily and monthly. If my business is legalized, I will brand the shampoo and conditioner I produce and sell them. I will also make braided wigs for sell. It was the transport stipend GIZ gave me that I added to the small money I had saved to rent my own saloon and buy some products. GIZ has made my dream come true I never expected it”.

On her plan to return to her former community, Rahab said she has already integrated in Dong and will stay where she is. However, if given the opportunity, she will like to go back to school as she stopped only in Primary 6.

## Employment Promotion: IDP women celebrates getting retained after a short internship placement

In any work environment, retainership happens when employees show a willingness to learn, commitment, dedication, and good character. This was the experience of Azumi Dauda, a widow and mother of 4 children and Gift Zephaniah a mother of 3 who were both retained and gainfully employed following their exemplary character during their internship/market placement.

Azumi Dauda who is originally from Jebbu Miango but now settled in Miango had been surviving and supporting her family from doing menial jobs. When she was done with her internship, she was retained for employment as a cook at the catering and event service where she had served. The hope of a steady source of income has brought so much hope to Azuma who says that the new job will help her have some stability. Also, she is optimistic that she can use some of the money to improve her cooking skills as well as start some catering as an additional income- her primary business before the displacement.





Azumi Dauda

Similarly, Gift Zephaniah an indigene of Kaduna who now resides in the Trade Centre Kuru of Plateau state shared her joy story of being retained to continue learning the skill of tailoring at the shop where she was placed for her 10days market experience. Gift would say that she was super happy for the opportunity and would put in her best to learn as much as she can with a hope that soon she will be able to afford her own sewing kit and start a full business. Gift said it was a new lease of life for her because she has been unable to do anything tangible and would always feel like a burden depending on her husband for everything who also did not have much but the training and all the lessons learnt had put her on a different pedestal to find something to do with her life and she was happy to have been retained after the market experience.



Gift Zephaniah



## Horning their Entrepreneurial skills as IDP youths pay to secure their future

With the current economic situation in Nigeria and their low income earnings, it would be valid to expect that kids and young adults who have been forced out of school due to displacement and poverty would be discouraged to pursue any course that would require them paying out of pocket to learn a skill as they would/should be using whatever funds they have or get to feed and meet their day to day needs but not a set of young ladies who determined to improve their skills following the entrepreneurship training and market placement have invested their scarce funds to improve their skills for a better future.



Margret Moses, Grace Silas, Ruth Nuhu, Keziah Fon

Tagged the “5 wise girls” - Margret Moses 25, Grace Silas 25, Ruth Nuhu 20, Keziah Fon 19 and Joy Akor; could be said to have three things in common **1.** All dropped out of school and now unable to fund it. **2.** All are displaced and living in displacement communities. **3.** Have a strong determination to excel.





Margret Moses displaying her tailoring skills

It was therefore a turning point for them to have gone through the Business training for women in displacement situations by SEDIN and the market placement. The revived determination to excel propped these ladies to go ahead to pay a fee to get better trained in the vocation of their interest. This savings would come largely from the transport stipend they were given during the training. When asked why they took such a decision, they admitted that the training inspired them to further improve their skills rather than keep doing nothing like they were before. Four of the five ladies are currently learning tailoring while one is training on hair making. They also hoped that some sort of starter pack will be given to them to help them start off their career.





Joy Akor displaying her skills

## Creating sustainable employment for Internally Displaced Persons

Since 2021, PME has supported five hundred and sixty five IDPs with short-term trainings in diverse vocations which included soap making, fashion design, fish farming, baking, upcycling, fascinator production and hair barbing in Abuja, Benin and Lagos. The trainings have helped to equip IDPs with the necessary skills to start their businesses as well as reintegrate meaningfully into society.

To ensure sustainability, PME supported a local Non-Governmental Organization, The Skilled Women Initiative (TSWINI) to set up and manage two vocational training skills hubs at the Durumi and Malaysia gardens IDP camps in Abuja. Many of the trained IDPs are engaged in the skills hub on a cash for work basis to produce soap products, reusable shopping bags, school uniforms, hair accessories, underwear, baby clothing, low-cost sanitary towels, chef uniforms and aprons that are also used in other trainings implemented by PME.

In Benin, following the training of 30 IDPs in fish

farming, a fish farm was set up for the trainees with post juvenile fishes, fish feed, fish tanks and generator sets provided. The trainees will run the farm and after three months of rearing the fish, all the fish will be bought by the service provider, Sazzy Consult, that in turn will also supply the farm with new post-juvenile fish for rearing and sustainability.

In Lagos, seventy IDPs were trained in barbing, hairdressing and make-up with start-up tools provided at the end of the training.

In August 2022, the PME programme supported the launching of the TSWINI Impact Fund. This Fund supports IDPs who have successfully completed the TSWINI 12-months learn-earn impact cycle which gives access to beneficiaries to learn hands on vocational skills, participate in entrepreneurship and financial literacy programs and digital trainings whilst also giving them access to earn and understand business processes via cash for work placement, market placements and participation in market places

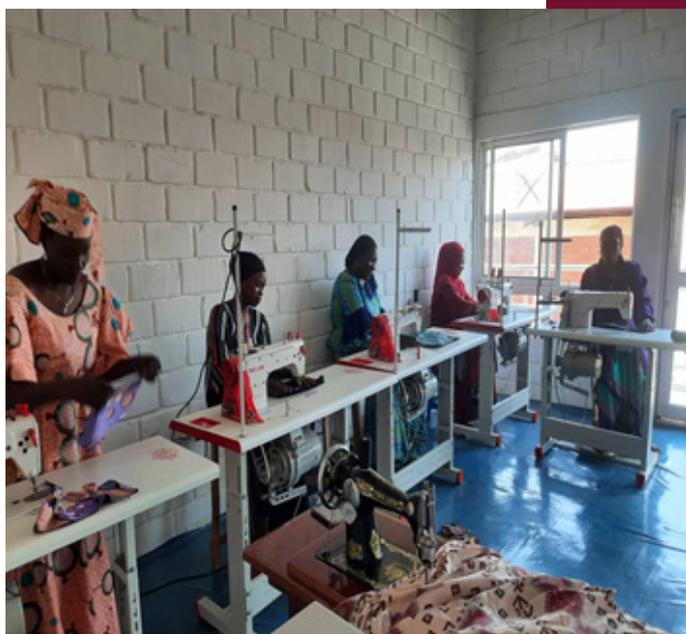


Within the framework of the impact fund, the IDPs were supported with a co-shared business space, health insurance, scholarship for one child, mobile device for digital marketing, business registration and housing support. Ten IDP beneficiaries who had previously been provided with short-term skills training and business startup support by PME and entrepreneurship training and market placement opportunity by the SEDIN programme were supported to move out of the IDP camp into a co-shared space funded via the PME- Impact Hub COVID-19 support project and were also provided additional equipment.

Blessing D, one of the IDP women who currently works from the shared space at Kaura market stated that “since I moved out of the camp, my business has been progressing. I now have customers come into the shop to place orders. I now even have the capacity to be able to take bulk orders and supply to customers within and outside the FCT. Having this space has

provided me with more customers as clients trust me more and this has helped in boosting sales. I can say that this support has really changed my life for the better”

Another IDP, Hajara, noted “It has always been my dream to be empowered and successfully run a business and I am so grateful that I embarked on this opportunity provided by GIZ-PME. Now I am a business owner of Ashafat Clothing and Couture. The training, equipment and workspace provided has helped in giving me access to more customers compared to when I was running my business from the camp. We now have customers come into the store daily to place their orders. Business has been booming especially now we are in the festive season. At this rate, I would be able to also provide employment for women like me that are interested in empowering themselves”.



IDP co-shared space in Kaura Market, Abuja funded by the GIZ-PME Impact Hub Covid 19 support project





Trained IDPs at their fish farm in Benin

## RETURNING TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES

**A PMD Returning Expert Explores Groundwater for Household and Industrial usage: Prompt Response to SDGs goal number 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) using a new technology.**

The availability of good clean water in the right quality and quantity cannot be over-emphasized, as it is one of our most critical natural resources. Water shortages and poor water quality are significant causes of food shortages; they hurt the community's health and slow down economic growth and productivity. Widely used but not limited to the home, water is a significant factor in the industrial, agricultural, and electric power production sectors. In the last few years, water demand has increased rapidly due to water scarcity caused by increasing pressure on existing water supplies and water pollution from improperly discarded waste on surface water.

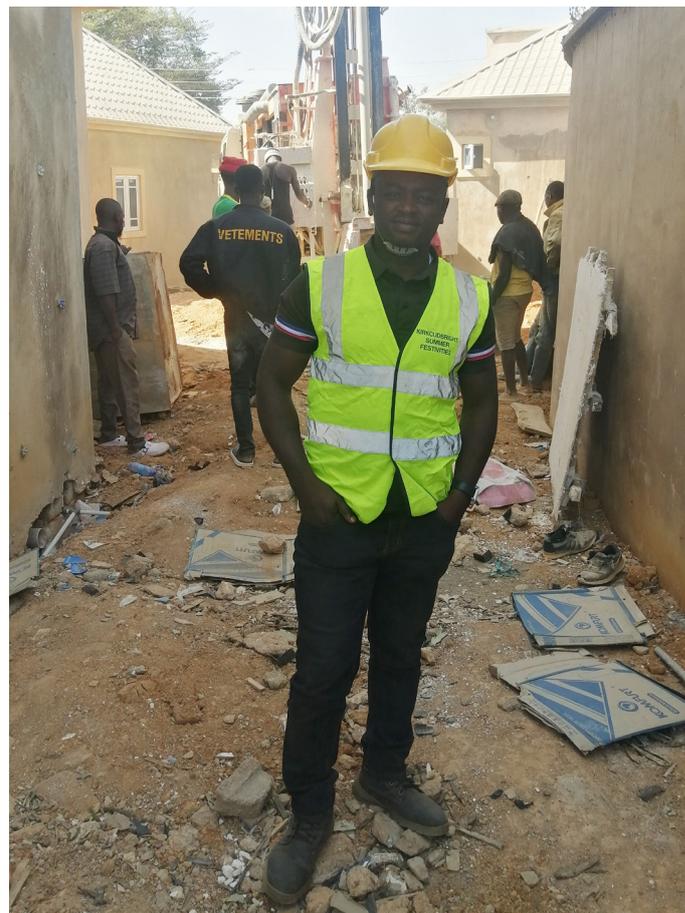
This resulting water scarcity has affected over 40% of the world population, with speculations of this figure rising shortly. Groundwater seems to be the proffering solution. A welcome alternative to the rapidly dwindling supply of quality surface water, groundwater has proven to be the largest source of usable water storage,

with more capacity for provision. As the name implies, groundwater is found underneath the earth's surface. It is water that moves through rocks and subterranean soil. For decades, Groundwater has been used primarily for drinking and irrigation in areas where water is scarce, although now it is the first option worldwide.

For as long as he remembers, John Makwin's rural environment has suffered from this plague. A lack of good quality water for drinking and commercial activities had always been the norm in his community. In line with his passion for providing good quality water in his hometown, as well as the Sustainable Developmental Goal 6 ( the leveraging of new technology to transform the management of water resources, its quality, quantity as well as sanitation services for humanity), Makwin decided to study Sustainable Mining and Remediation Management from TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Saxony, Germany. Here he focused primarily on courses relating to groundwater, such as Groundwater Chemistry and Groundwater Hydrology. Both methods centre on the assessment, exploration, monitoring, and overall management of groundwater resources.



With groundwater exploration as an alternative, boreholes and wells have become a reliable source of water supply for home uses, irrigation, and industries. Unfortunately, these wells would dry up after being dug within a short period. Having worked with Wakdee Mines Limited for a little under two years, John Makwin faced similar challenges. So, exploratory studies before drilling these boreholes/wells became necessary. As a Returning Expert supported by the Programme Migration & Diaspora and a Mineral Development Officer with Wakdee Mines Limited, Makwin's job was to apply mathematical principles to solve water-related problems using advanced technological tools and equipment Pool Finder and ADMT. With these instruments, he would measure the volume of water stored in the ground before an investment was made in digging these wells and boreholes to avoid a loss.



John Makwin at a drilling site

The introduction of these more sophisticated devices in Plateau State, Mangu Local Government, Gindiri village and Jos Town, Mazaram-Topp, phased out the usage of other exploration techniques such as the Magic Stick (a pair of tiny rods with no scientific proof as to its efficacy in detecting areas of interest). The Pool finder and ADMT device have helped save time and provide more reliable underground data, unlike the Magic Stick, which would always pick up on minimal water activity directly under the earth's surface. These false findings would eventually lead to an early dry up of wells/boreholes dug.

Due to the ease of use of these devices, John Makwin has been able to record a 95% accuracy in the level of water underground. Areas explored have yielded good recharging boreholes, restoring the trust the organisation lost with the community because of false readings with the magic stick. This has led to more opportunities to explore many sites for Wakdee Nigeria Limited.

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*With the right equipment, water scarcity will not be a problem. It is possible to achieve universal access to safe and affordable water for all purposes.*



**“I will wouldn't have had an idea to start my Ice Block business nor empower my wife for business if not for the SEDIN business training”- Sylvester Thomas**

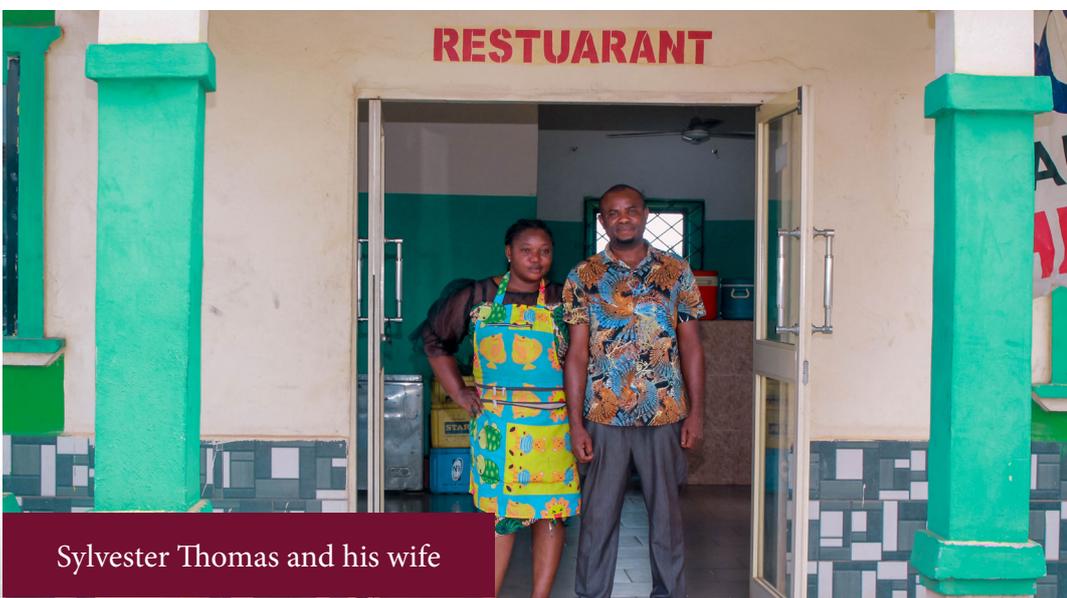
A German returned, Mr Sylvester Thomas an indigene of Isan in Edo state and a father of two returned to Nigeria in 2019 after spending almost 11 years in Germany. In 2021, he was enrolled into the SEDIN ICSS training after receiving the information from a friend. Prior to the training, Thomas was into poultry and Point of Sale (POS) business however, the poultry business hit some hard times and he was forced to discontinue. It was in this season that he came into the SEDIN training and after the training Thomas developed the idea of a new business. Thomas shared his experience “I was into poultry and POS business, but it wasn't so okay. It became difficult to maintain the business. It was in this time; I attended the START training with SEDIN- GOPA. I really learnt a lot. After 2 months, I was able to kick start/generating and selling ice blocks for public use. My economic situation improved. I was able to employ 4 persons. The ice block machines are locally produced in Onitsha, and they are very good. The business is very lucrative, but the rising cost of diesel is posing a challenge”



Speaking on the how his wife started her own restaurant, Thomas further explained “The restaurant is a byproduct of the ice block business. When the current inflation affected the demand for ice block and the running cost, I used the knowledge gained from the training to set up the eatery for my wife, she can be running it so our family will not be dependent

on just my income, and she can also be independent”. Thomas emphasized that it was the idea from the training and the learnt skills on business management that helped him know what to do and to diversify.”

Thomas expressed his gratitude to the program while acknowledging that he had also gained some training



Sylvester Thomas and his wife



## SEDIN ICSS Training Provides Returnee with Business Knowledge & Skills for Household Finance Growth

In May 2017, Mr. Egbede Charles a painter and bricklayer travelled from Edo state, Nigeria to Libya with an onward desire to cross the sea into Italy with a dream to improve his life and economic situation. Charles was lured into the “migration dream” because all his friends had gone abroad, and he felt left out. Moreso, they all went by road and sea so he was convinced that he was going to succeed in same. However, barely 8month after, in December 2017, Charles would return to Nigeria after having spent the duration in Libya with no hope of crossing, no money and living under very precarious situations. He was rescued back to Nigeria and reconciled with his wife and 5 children.

In his reintegration journey, Charles first attended the PME livestock training, he was given some livestock as a starter pack and there after enrolled into the SEDIN ICSS training on business startup. Sharing his experience with the ICSS START module, Charles recounted “A friend called me and invited me to the Edo innovation hub. I was coming there very early for the training. I was enjoying it. Even though my house was very far, I did not mind. The 10 days was very meaningful for me. I got the livestock training with PME and was given the livestock as a startup.”

Expressing his business progress so far, he shared with SEDIN how he was able to utilize the knowledge to capacitate his wife. “As my business was making some progress, I thought to use the same information I got from the SEDIN entrepreneurship training to capacitate my wife. When my wife came to me showing her interest in starting a business, I was equipped enough to support her with knowledge and support. When she started the business, barely a week after, all her raw goods were stolen, it was devastating but she got some money and started again. I love how dedicated she is to her business and how much progress the business is making. All of this will be attributed to the training. If I did not have the knowledge, I would not be able to teach her anything. For one, I taught her book and record keeping. Personally, after the livestock training, I met one of the trainers who directed me to the SEDIN training, and I have no regret. My wife business has improved the economic situation of my family.



Egbede Charles



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Mobile Phone Repair Training Graduation at Mosan-Okunola Local Council Development Area, Alimosho, Lagos.







# ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION CEREMONY



IDP women making school uniforms at the Durumi skills hub





IDP women making low-cost sanitary towels at the skills hub



Zara making chef uniform



IDP women supported through the TSWINI Impact Fund



Some IDP women during their graduation









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