

Migration Update



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DEAR READERS,

In this edition of the “Migration Update”, I would like to shed light on the newly established yet diverse range of activities that the Sustainable Economic Development Cluster (SEDEC) of GIZ Nigeria offers to returning migrants and the local population. Most migration-related activities in Nigeria are implemented by the “Programme Migration for Development” (PME) in close collaboration with the programme “Skills Development for Youth Employment – SKYE” and the “Pro-Poor Growth and Promotion of Employment Programme – SEDIN”.

Our aim is to capitalise on the experience, passion and knowledge of young Nigerians in the field of sustainable economic development. Doing so, we support them in finding new employment or business opportunities by implementing a wide range of activities, from collective career trainings to one-on-one coaching and counselling sessions. This issue will have a closer look at these activities and will also introduce the “Programme Migration and Diaspora” (PMD), which used to be part of PME until recently.

Enjoy reading and exploring.

Yours Sincerely,

Migration & Employment Promotion Team, GIZ Nigeria

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PME's Migration and Reintegration Activities

Consulting Services

With the “Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration” (NGC), PME has created a consulting institution that provides potential and returning migrants with support and personal advice on career development, employment opportunities, vocational training and other educational offers in Nigeria. Moreover, NGC consultants provide information on the risks of irregular migration and on the opportunities and requirements of regular migration to Germany. As of today, there are three NGCs in Nigeria, one in Lagos, one in Abuja and one in Benin City.

Career Path

The Career PATH Training is offered by PME and SEDIN. The aim is to provide returning migrants and unemployed young people with the necessary vocational qualifications and thereby enhance their employability and their chances of finding a job. Participants gain soft skills and are introduced to basic entrepreneurial education, including business management and financial literacy.

Vocational Training

The NGC offers vocational training that last between six and twelve weeks for people interested in employment. Job placements in various sectors, including ICT, fashion, fish farming, car mechanics, hairdressing, catering and event management have been offered.

Career Information Days & Events

The aim of the career information days is to inform and sensitise Nigerians about the local labour market and to point out opportunities within the ECOWAS region. For example, the University Career Information Days take place in Nigerian universities and are geared towards students. Regular information events are organised with employers from the private sector to provide information on PME's activities and establish partnerships for jobs and internships.

Psychosocial Counselling

As a first point of contact, the NGC offers not only career counselling but also psychosocial support and assistance with temporary accommodation for returning migrants, who have no place to go. In this regard, PME works closely together with the organisation “Solidarity with Women in Distress” (SOLWODI) that provides psychosocial counselling and measures for the return of migrant women and women threatened by human trafficking. As part of the cooperation, SOLWODI is building up the capacities of NGC consultants in the field of psychosocial counselling.



Solar Energy for Employment and Reintegration of Returnees

The failure of the Nigerian power sector to provide adequate electricity supply to domestic households and industrial producers hinders the country's economic development by crippling major sectors such as agriculture, industry and mining. To boost economic growth through industry-led production and employment, many public and private sector companies are sourcing for alternative means of energy such as solar energy sources. The Skills Development for Youth Employment – SKYE programme in partnership with the Programme Migration and Development (PME) and The Foundation for Partnership initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND Foundation) recently trained 200 young Nigerians in solar photovoltaic (PV) technology.

The solar PV training took place in Edo State between July and August 2019. It was conducted to improve income generating employment opportunities for the youths in the state by giving participants the knowledge and tools to install,

operate and maintain small to medium solar PV technology solutions and projects. The training focused on the technological aspects of both developments and business models by developing inclusive business models that can support job creation, entrepreneurship and poverty alleviation in an innovative and economically sustainable way. At the end of the training, 199 participants (9 of whom are return migrants from third partner countries) received a Certified PV professional certificate.

For Nigeria's economy to grow, industrial sectors such as manufacturing, agro-processing, and construction should be the engine of economic transformation. Through trainings like this, the SKYE programme and its implementing partners are training Nigerian youths to become skilled labour ready to match the labour market needs in the selected sectors.

Do You Know? – There Are Eight Programmes that Make up SEDEC

- Programme Migration & Diaspora (PMD)
- Competitive African Rice Initiative (CARI)
- Programme Migration for Development – PME
- Tech-Entrepreneurship Initiative Make-IT in Africa - MakeIT
- Skills Development for Youth Employment – SKYE
- Green Innovation Centre for the Agriculture and Food Sectors (GIAE)
- Promotion of agricultural finance for agri-based enterprises in rural areas – AgFin
- Pro-Poor Growth and Promotion of Employment in Nigeria Programme – SEDIN



Opening of The Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration (NGC)

On 6th October 2019, the Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration (NGC) was officially opened by Mr. Christoph Rauh, the Head of the Sub-Department for Western Africa of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and Mr John Nyamali, Director of the Department of Employment and Wages, Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment of Nigeria (FMLE) in a solemn ceremony.

The Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration is a joint venture between the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment of Nigeria (FMLE) and the German Development Cooperation, implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), and will work with many different stakeholders on the ground.

The three Nigerian-German Centres for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration are in Lagos, Abuja and Benin City. These Centres support FMLE structures in each location, particularly the Migration Resource Centres and NELEX, and act as a central point of contact for people from Nigeria who are looking for new prospects, not only for the local population and internally displaced people, but also for those returning from Germany or third countries. In addition, the NGCs cooperate closely with German advisory structures in order to advise Nigerians in Germany and to inform them about their prospects in their country of origin.

People looking for career prospects receive individual counselling and information on job and training opportunities but can also inform themselves via the website: <https://www.startfinder.de/ngc>. In addition to counselling, various vocational qualification measures and psychosocial support services are offered to help clients improve their chances on the labour market and raise their employability. Those who want to become self-employed can receive training and support to set up their own business. Furthermore, the NGCs provide information on the risks of irregular migration.

Our Beneficiary



Osaosemwen a returnee from Libya who wanted to travel to Germany for “greener pastures” but ended up in Libya where she stayed for over two years under very harsh conditions before her assisted voluntary return in December 2018.

Being from Edo State, she was referred by the Edo State Task Force for Human Trafficking to the Nigerian-German Centre (NGC) Benin City in April 2019 for reintegration support. During her counseling/profiling session at the Centre, Osaosemwen showed interest in the auto mechanic and repair training and was referred for the training with Lady Mechanic Motors.

Osaosemwen has now completed the three months auto repair training and is currently on a three months paid internship with Lady Mechanic Motors. She can now service a car, diagnose electrical problems in a car as well as carry out car engine de-carbonization. At the end of her internship, Osaosemwen will be supported to setup her own auto repair shop in Benin City.



Programme Migration & Diaspora

A short introduction of the programme in Nigeria

Nigeria is severely affected by the so-called “brain drain syndrome” with an estimated 20 million Nigerians living in the diaspora (IOM, 2014). Thereof, approximately 40,000 Nigerians are living in Germany. Despite having left their home country, a significant number of the Nigerian Diaspora contributes to Nigeria’s economic development through projects and remittances. Remittances from the Nigerian diaspora rank fifth worldwide, amounting to an estimated USD 22 billion, which accounted for 5.4% of the Nigerian GDP in 2017 (World Bank, 2018).

Migrants have an impact on their home country before, during and after migration. However, the development-related contributions of migrants and the necessary framework conditions for people leaving their country of origin are far from being exhausted. This is where the recently commissioned global “Programme Migration & Diaspora (PMD)” comes in.

PMD promotes the potentials of the Nigerian diaspora in Germany for the development of their home country through three different types of interventions. The first PMD component currently works with 17 so-called “returning experts”, who returned to Nigeria to hold relevant positions in the Nigerian industry. They are encouraged to share the experience made in Germany to their fellow Nigerians. Since 2018, the second component has supported a total of 15 diaspora experts still living in Germany to hold short-term assignments in Nigeria to share their knowledge with various host institutions. The third component supports Nigerian diaspora organisations in Germany in the implementation of non-profit projects in Nigeria, mainly in the sectors of education, digitalisation and poverty reduction.

In 2020, PMD plans to start with the field of action: “Business Ideas for Development” to support Nigerians living in Germany who wish to set up their own businesses in Nigeria. PMD Nigeria will implement measures in “Regular Labour Migration” and “Migration Governance” if appraisal missions are successful.

SEDEC Facts

- The Cluster was established in 2019.
- All projects in the SEDEC Cluster are working in the areas of sustainable economic growth, employment creation & promotion, agriculture value chains and migration.
- The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), is the major commissioning party across all programmes in the Cluster.
- The SEDEC Coordinator is Hans-Ludwig Bruns.
- The SEDEC building is located at 20 Halie Selassie Street, Asokoro, Abuja.

News

Multi-Stakeholder Workshop for Development Actors in Edo State

On 19 August 2019, two migration and reintegration experts of the GIZ-SEDEC cluster took part in a multi-stakeholder workshop on development cooperation in Benin City, organised by the Edo State Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning. The meeting brought together a diverse range of development actors working in the field of migration and reintegration, including IOM, ILO, EU, DFID and GIZ.

The workshop aimed at promoting effective development cooperation and ensuring proper coordination of development interventions to prevent duplication and wastage. The meeting also discussed how to best align interventions of development agencies with the medium-

and long-term development plans of Edo State.

A key takeaway was to enhance the sustainability of development interventions by increasing local ownership and ensuring the participation of local communities. Moreover, the need to improve dialogue among development partners led to the idea of establishing a “Development Partners Forum” that enables stakeholders to regularly exchange on their activities and create synergies.

A follow-up workshop between key government officials of Edo state, the German head of cooperation and representatives of GIZ took place on the 17th of October 2019 in Abuja to intensify cooperation and to strategically align interventions to the state government’s development plans.

A Warm Welcome...

...to **Detlef Barth**, the new Advisor for Vocational Education and Training for the SKYE programme.



Saying Goodbye...

... to **Caroline Laakmann**, thank you very much for your timeless efforts over the past six months as an intern with PME. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavour!



Upcoming Events

Events	Date	Location
SKYE Re-Integration and Economic Support Training for Returnees	November 2019	Lagos
E-cycle	20 November – 6 December	Edo, Lagos and Abuja
Career Path Training	21 – 22 November 2019	Edo State Government ICT Centre, Edo
	21 – 22 November 2019	Global Distance Learning Centre, CBD, Abuja
	28 – 29 November 2019	NECA Building, Ikeja, Lagos
	4 – 5 December 2019	Edo State Government ICT Centre
	2 – 3 December 2019	Lagos
	5 – 6 December 2019	Global Distance Learning Centre, CBD, Abuja
ICT Educational Training	25 – 29 November 2019	NGC Lagos
IBM Web Development Training	25 – 29 November 2019	Arthez Hub, Plateau House, CBD, Abuja
Access to Finance SME Networking Conference	25 November 2019	Eko Hotel, Lagos
Career Info Day	22 November 2019	Elizade University, Ondo
	23 November 2019	Federal University of Technology Akure, Ondo
Secondary School Outreach	6 December, 2019	Benin City
Community Outreach	13 December, 2019	Benin City
Community Outreach Programme	10 December, 2019	NGC Benin City
Nakise	9 – 13 December 2019	NGC Lagos
YDC	2 – 3 December 2019	Lagos

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