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UNIDO AND JAPAN SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan still faces a humanitarian crisis, where economic recovery is key for the country's future. This recovery is to be private sector-led by Afghan entrepreneurs. Thanks to funding from the Government of Japan, UNIDO is directly empowering 300 internally displaced persons and returnees in Herat, 50% of them women, through providing capacity building and equipment to recover or establish new businesses.

The project conducted a training of trainers and several entrepreneurship trainings, thus contributing to the revitalization of industries. In the coming weeks, 75 women will receive equipment to support them building a new livelihood.



PROMOTING WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN EASTERN DRC

In April 2022, with the support of the Government of Japan, UNIDO started a project aiming to empower vulnerable women economically with income generating opportunities related to the production of bioethanol for disinfectants made from a locally available raw material, sugarcane.

Mama Julie survives with USD 1.5/day earning from the resale of sugarcane at the centre of Bukavu City, which she purchased in her community, Mudaka. According to Georges Mutombo, a director of the local pharmaceutical deposit, "it is important to link the actors in the up- and down-streams of the sugarcane value chain to provide better livelihoods for them."



*JSB stands for Japanese Supplementary Budget.



E-LEARNING TOOLS DEVELOPED IN A LOCAL LANGUAGE TO ASSIST IN BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF THE LEATHER SECTOR IN ERITREA



The UNIDO project team travelled to Eritrea to meet with Government partners and conduct site visits to local training centres and businesses. Local businesses producing leather products have been facing challenges to process locally available hides and skins. The local market is too small to absorb all hides and skins, and lacks the required chemicals to process them, which results in a very low utilization of tanning capacities. To improve this situation, UNIDO produced specialized e-learning tools in Tigrinya, a local language, to assist in building the capacity of the leather sector in Eritrea.

BUILDING NATIONAL ACTORS' CAPACITY OF QUALITY CONFORMITY IN GABON

In Gabon, project beneficiaries were equipped with key capacity-building training for PPE (personal protective equipment) conformity assessment. The training was conducted by UNIDO as part of a project funded by the Government of Japan. It provided beneficiaries with the tools and characteristics of PPEs to respond to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases and introduced international standards and guidelines for PPE certification and quality control. Beneficiaries received an understanding of conformity assessment techniques applied to PPEs that will contribute to Gabon's management of imported PPEs.





PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT OF PPE PRODUCERS IN GHANA



Through a Japan-funded project, UNIDO has contributed to the productivity improvement of domestic producers and material suppliers as well as has provided support to public organizations.

The training on Kaizen productivity improvement for PPE (personal protective equipment) production equipped participants with the knowledge and expertise to enhance production activities and create a strong corporate culture that focuses on 5S*, continuous improvement, and an innovative cost reduction approach.

The training encouraged beneficiary companies to formulate key performance indicators and future action plans that will boost productivity.

* 5S is defined as a methodology that results in a workplace that is clean, uncluttered, safe, and well organized to help reduce waste and optimize productivity. (Source: <https://asq.org/quality-resources/lean/five-s-tutorial>).

SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP SERIES LAUNCHED TRAINING WOMEN IN THE EMBROIDERY SECTOR ACROSS THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

As part of the UNIDO project promoting the livelihood and economic empowerment of women in the embroidery sector, a workshop series was launched across three cities in Sistan and Baluchestan Provinces.

In total, more than 200 women including women heading MSMEs (micro, small and medium-sized enterprises) attended the trainings, consisting of comprehensive modules ranging from quality enhancement, marketing strategies, e-commerce, COVID-19 related aspects, to design. The workshop series applied a hybrid approach of theoretical and practical training sessions allowing participants to maximize their skills development.

Given the success of the workshop series, supplementary trainings in additional cities within the same provinces are envisioned.





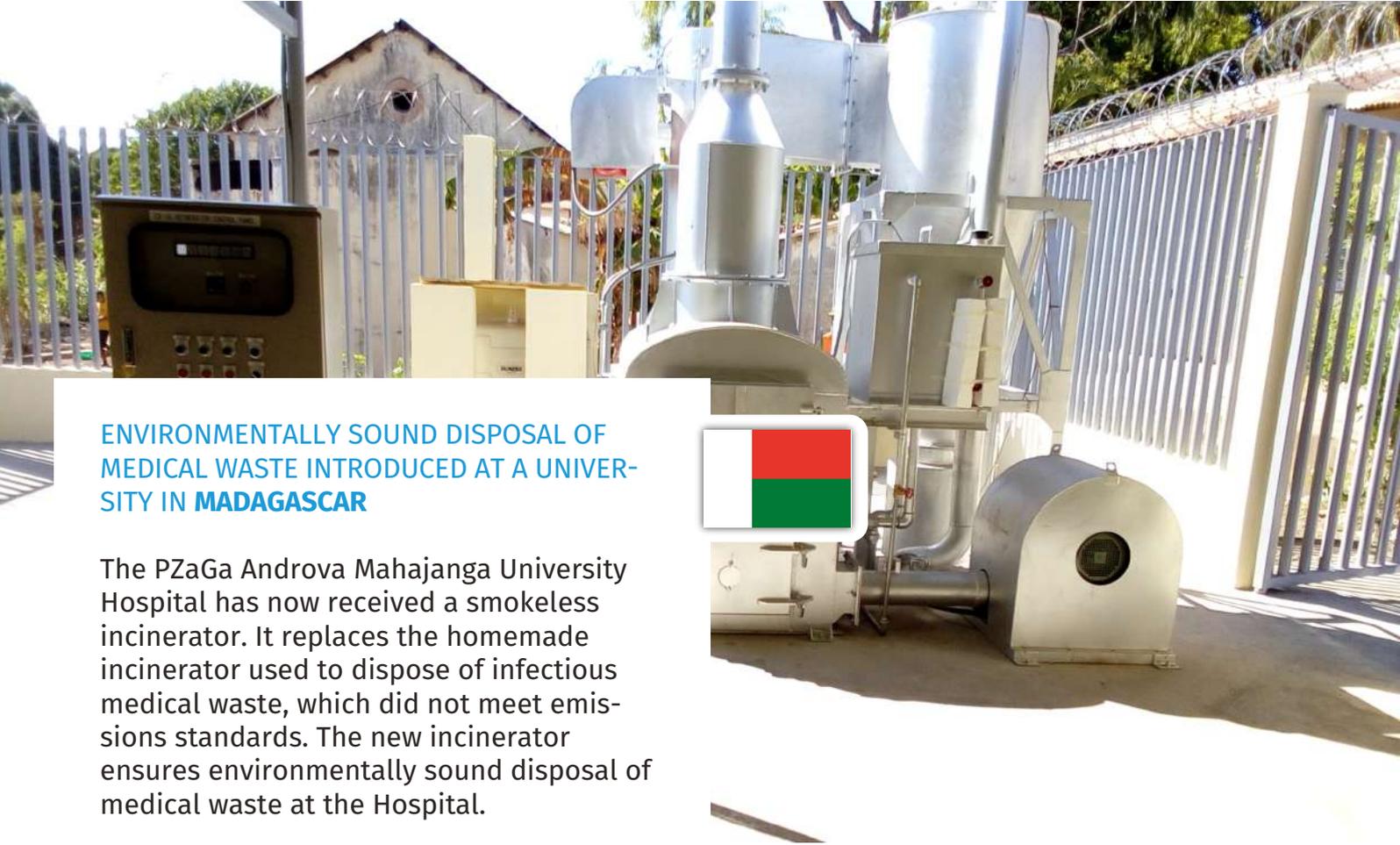
UNIDO AND PEACE WINDS JAPAN PARTNER TO SUPPORT BUSINESS START-UPS IN IRAQ



Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), a Japanese non-governmental organization dedicated to support people in distress and threatened by conflict, poverty or other turmoil, conducted vocational skills trainings for internally displaced persons in Shariya Camp, Duhok, Iraq. Learning of the UNIDO enterprise support activities in the same camp, PWJ approached UNIDO to join hands in improving the livelihoods of their training graduates.

UNIDO therefore provided tools and equipment to 15 graduates in plumbing and electrical installation. Prior to the hand-over of tools, UNIDO also conducted an entrepreneurship development programme training to develop their soft and life skills and expertise to set up and manage a business activity.





ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL WASTE INTRODUCED AT A UNIVERSITY IN **MADAGASCAR**

The PZaGa Androva Mahajanga University Hospital has now received a smokeless incinerator. It replaces the homemade incinerator used to dispose of infectious medical waste, which did not meet emissions standards. The new incinerator ensures environmentally sound disposal of medical waste at the Hospital.

The project trained the hospital staff responsible for the management, maintenance and servicing of this equipment in a three-day workshop.

This marks UNIDO's commitment to the transfer of environmentally sound technology and its contribution to the health sector in Madagascar through close collaboration with the Government of Japan.



ASSESSING **TANZANIA'S** NATIONAL PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT SUPPLY CHAIN

Within the scope of a project in Tanzania, UNIDO conducted a capacity assessment of the national PPE (personal protective equipment) supply chain. Targeted products included hand sanitizers, hand disinfectants, surgical gloves, surgical respiratory masks, cloth masks, and gowns.

UNIDO's assessment identified potential risks of supply disruption and vulnerabilities due to a high reliance on imports, the need for production automation, and the instability of market demands. It however also noted a strong potential for Tanzania to build a secure national supply chain.





PROMOTING SOCIAL STABILIZATION THROUGH TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN YEMEN



In its efforts to promote social stabilization, UNIDO delivered a training on the entrepreneurship development programme (EDP) and COVID-19 preventive measures to 70 beneficiaries in Yemen.

A fisherman, Saleh Mohamad Hassan who participated in the EDP training said, “As a public high school graduate, I never had the chance to learn about business and economics, however with this training I got to know how to build up a business and fix problems in the future.”

On top of that, UNIDO will be supporting the coastal communities especially in Foqam area with fishery-related trainings to contribute to increasing the availability of food in the area.

