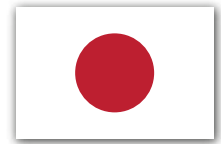




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UNIDO AND JAPAN TO SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURS IN WESTERN AFGHANISTAN

UNIDO, supported by the Government of Japan, launched a project in Western Afghanistan supporting returnees, internally displaced people, and host communities.

Beneficiaries will develop the skills and know-how for self-reliance, entering the job market or starting their own business. Through tailored capacity-building programmes in entrepreneurship, social cohesion and women's empowerment, UNIDO aims to improve the livelihoods of vulnerable communities and contribute to the country's stabilization and development.

The 20-year conflict in Afghanistan has forced millions of people to become displaced, seeking safety. 2.6 million Afghans are displaced globally, and 2 million remain internally displaced. COVID-19 is further exacerbating this distressing situation.



PROMOTING JOB CREATION FOR AT-RISK YOUTH IN ERITREA

UNIDO is utilizing specialized e-learning tools to conduct training for leather trainers and practitioners, deploying a "blended" approach with local trainers receiving remote support from experienced international trainers and experts.

To date, UNIDO has carried out a number of consultations with the Ministry of Trade and Industry to further define priority activities of the project and leather manufacturing sector. The Project has also already initiated preparing e-Learning training material for leather technicians on topics such as efficient leather processing and introduction to the treatment of tannery effluents.

* JSB stands for Japanese Supplementary Budget.



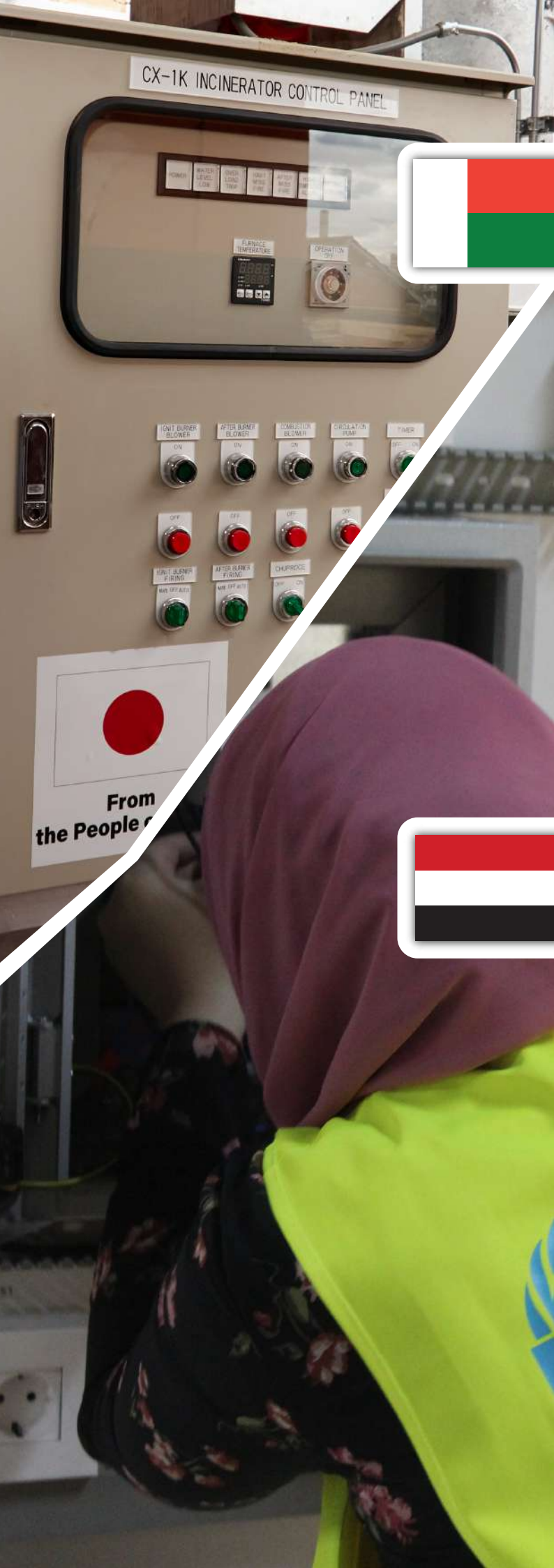


FIRST STEPS TAKEN BY UNIDO AND JAPAN TO SUPPORT **IRANIAN** HANDICRAFT INDUSTRY

Earlier this year, UNIDO and Japan launched a project in Iran to promote the livelihood and economic empowerment of vulnerable communities in the handicraft sector. Through targeted interventions, sustainable employment opportunities will be promoted and rural communities, especially women, youth, as well as MSMEs will be equipped against future crisis.

Currently, Covid-19 is continually affecting Iran, particularly regional provinces. In an effort to mitigate these negative consequences and prevent further deterioration of the situation, UNIDO is providing ad-hoc assistance to the communities.

Furthermore, UNIDO started communicating with beneficiaries to understand the local needs better in order to create adequate capacity building activities.



INTRODUCTION OF BEST ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF HEALTHCARE WASTE INCLUDING COVID-19 WASTE IN **MADAGASCAR**

Ministry of Public Health and UNIDO organized the kick-off event on April 19, 2021. Madagascar government officials and stakeholders, including Ministry of Environment and UN agencies joined the event.

The project will aim to address current COVID-19 challenges on environmentally sound management of health care waste in the country. It will be further supported by utilization of Japanese technology for the final disposal treatment, a crucial step to counteracting the spreading of the virus in Madagascar. It would expand the benefit of the completed project of UNIDO ITPO Tokyo's technology demonstration on a smokeless incinerator.

YEMEN UPDATE

Assalamu alaikum! UNIDO's team of Stavros, Akemi & Paul, is implementing a project targeting Sana'a and Aden. The project aims to support vulnerable people by providing quick-impact technical and soft skills training to improve livelihoods and contribute to stabilization in the country.

Coordinating with Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC), we decided to support solar energy solution in Sana'a and marine mechanics in Aden. These sectors are highly expecting to create income generating opportunities for our target beneficiaries.

We are kicking off a needs assessment and a socio-economic profile survey, following the training in partner with Yemeni Small and Medium Enterprise Promotion Service (SMEPS), an international technical intuition as well as a Japanese manufacturer.