



UNITED NATIONS
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION



QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

The Project for Promoting Youth Employment Through Automotive Maintenance Skills Training

Progress per output in Q1, 2025 (Project extended until 30 April 2026)

Output 1. DEVELOPING COMPETENCY-BASED AND DEMAND DRIVEN CURRICULUM

Teaching Material:

To standardize and streamline the teaching process nationwide, training materials are being developed. A total of 39 modules, covering 960 hours of automotive training content, have been created. Of these, materials for 19 modules have already been completed. In the first quarter, 4 additional modules were finalized, and materials for the remaining 16 modules are expected to be completed by Q2 2025. This is the final task remaining under this output. Once all the teaching materials for the modules are finalized, they will be distributed across various VTCs in Sierra Leone.

Output 2. ESTABLISHING A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN TRAINING

Infrastructure upgrade with modern equipment procurement:

The infrastructure upgrade was successfully completed in Q4 2024. In Q1 2025, the final two containers of equipment arrived, and the team focused on installing all the machinery and tools procured for the center, including those received at the end of 2024. Given the complexity and scale of the installation, the process was extensive. Once the equipment was installed, automotive trainers received additional training on its maintenance. This training was essential, as it equipped the team with the necessary skills to keep the equipment in optimal condition. The installation was completed with sufficient spare parts to ensure continuous operation. The center has already attracted significant attention in Sierra Leone. On the 27th of March, the Minister and Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education (MoTHE), along with the Acting Minister of Youth Affairs (MoYA), conducted a site visit and expressed their admiration for the work completed.

OUTPUT 1

Completed: 4
In Progress: 1
Planned: 5
Remark: Ongoing

OUTPUT 2

Completed: 7
In Progress: 0
Planned: 7
Remark: Completed

OUTPUT 3

Completed: 1
In Progress: 5
Planned: 5
Remark: Ongoing

Output 3. VOCATIONAL TRAINING, CAREER SERVICES AND BUSINESS COACHING PROVIDED TO UNEMPLOYED AND UNDEREMPLOYED YOUTHS, WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON FEMALE AND DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

Awareness raising campaigns: The project team has aired jingles and advertisements on the main TV and radio channels in Sierra Leone: SLBC TV and Radio, AYV TV and Radio, and 98.1 Radio. Additionally, two billboards have been installed, with a few more pending based on availability. The team is also collaborating with bloggers and social media influencers to maximize outreach and effectively engage the youth.

Provide automotive technician training and entrepreneurship training to youths: The Government Technical Institute (GTI) began automotive training in Q1 2025. However, due to the ongoing installation process, the team initially focused on the theoretical component. With the installation now complete, students will be able to begin practical training in Q2 2025, which is the primary focus of the competency-based curriculum.

Feedback Mechanism: Completed a feedback mechanism to gather data from trainees in company internships, recent graduates, and employers (hiring graduates or customers in the case of self-employment) to ensure graduates' qualifications align with industry needs.

Photo Highlights of Q1 2025



Upcoming activities for Q2 2025

Output 1. Ongoing development of training materials.

Output 3.

Ongoing entrepreneurship training and the start of the practical component of Automotive training.

Ongoing awareness raising campaigns.

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