

# **QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

# The Project for Promoting Youth Employment Through Automotive Maintenance Skills Training

## Progress per output in Q2, 2024 (Project extended until 30 April 2026)

#### Output 1. DEVELOPING COMPETENCY-BASED AND DEMAND DRIVEN CURRICULUM

#### **Curricula development:**

- Completed both the Automotive Mechanic and Entrepreneurship curricula, as well as the consultation process.
- Three curriculum consultation workshops were held in May 2024 in different regions of Sierra Leone: Bo, Makeni, and Freetown, to finalize the review of curricula before proceeding to the final validation stage for national approval.

#### **Teaching Material:**

 An international bid has been launched for the development of Automotive Mechanic training materials. The selected vendor will develop these materials according to specified requirements and deliverables, in coordination with the project team. Meanwhile, the Entrepreneurship materials have already been completed by UNIDO experts.

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

#### Infrastructure upgrade of host institution:

- Construction work is currently underway and was initially expected to be completed by Q2 2024. However, due to additional works, it will now be completed by Q3 2024.

#### **Modern equipment procurement:**

Various equipment and tools for the automotive training center have been procured through international procurement processes. Electrical training boards were acquired from "Kigima Auto Electrical Training Centre" in South Africa and have been delivered to Sierra Leone. Automotive equipment and tools were procured from "Altia" in Japan. Hand tools from "Beta", power tools from "Makita", and storage solutions and tools from "Wurth" were sourced via "Graidco" in the Netherlands. Additionally, automotive diagnostics from "Bosch" were obtained through "Rana Motors Metal Works Eng. Co. Ltd." in Ghana. All equipment is scheduled to be delivered to the center in Q3 2024.

#### **OUTPUT 1**

Completed: 2 In Progress: 3 Planned: 5

Remark: Ongoing with delay

## OUTPUT 2

Completed: 5 In Progress: 2 Planned: 7

Remark: Ongoing with delay

#### OUTPUT 3

Completed: 0 In Progress: 1 Planned: 5

Remark: Ongoing with delay

#### **Trainings of trainers and study tours:**

- Training of trainers (ToT) for Entrepreneurship was conducted from May 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The training session took place in Freetown, where a UNIDO international expert delivered a full 5-day session to 14 participants from various project stakeholders. Consequently, all ToT sessions for the project have been completed.

# **Photo Highlights of Q2 2024**







Curriculum consultation in Bo

Curriculum consultation in Makeni

Curriculum consultation in Freetown







Rehabilitation of Automotive Centre

# **Upcoming activities for Q3 2024**

#### Output 1.

- Validation and Accreditation of both Automotive and Entrepreneurship curricula.
- Ongoing development of training materials.

#### Output 2.

- Complete the rehabilitation of the center.
- Delivery and installation of equipment.

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