



UNITED NATIONS
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION



QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

The Project for Promoting Youth Employment Through Automotive Maintenance Skills Training

Progress per output in Q4, 2024 (Project extended until 30 April 2026)

Output 1. DEVELOPING COMPETENCY-BASED AND DEMAND DRIVEN CURRICULUM

Curricula development:

After conducting consultation workshops across various regions of Sierra Leone and completing the validation process with the National Council for Technical, Vocational, and Other Academic Awards (NCTVA) and the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education (MoTHE) for the Automotive Mechanics and Entrepreneurship curricula, the final accreditation event took place on October 11th. During this significant event, both curricula were officially accredited by the NCTVA and MoTHE, marking their formal recognition at the national level within the country's educational system.

Teaching Material:

To standardize and simplify the teaching process across the country, training materials are being developed. A total of 39 modules have been created, amounting to 960 hours of automotive training content. Of these, training materials for 19 modules have already been completed, and the materials for the remaining 20 modules are expected to be finalized by Q2 2025.

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

Infrastructure upgrade of host institution:

The rehabilitation of the Automotive Training Center has been fully completed. Additionally, all preparatory work for the installation of the automotive lifts and equipment has been finished, ensuring a smooth installation of all machinery.

Modern equipment procurement:

Two shipments of equipment were received prior to Q4. In Q4, we received a 40-foot container, which included the main equipment for the Automotive Center, such as automotive lifts and various automotive machinery from "Altia" in Japan. We are still expecting two additional containers, which are currently en route. Both vessels have encountered delays but are confirmed to arrive early January 2025.

OUTPUT 1

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

OUTPUT 2

Completed: 6
In Progress: 1
Planned: 7
Remark: Ongoing

OUTPUT 3

Completed: 0
In Progress: 3
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 carried out a comprehensive series of awareness campaigns, including newspaper ads, newsletters, community visits, and flyer distribution. Additionally, we created jingles and advertisements shared across social media platforms, with plans for broadcast on the two main TV and radio channels. To further increase visibility, strategically located billboards will be installed throughout Freetown.

Provide automotive technician training and entrepreneurship training to youths:

The project launched youth training in Q4, with a total of 100 students from automotive background completing the entrepreneurship modules and achieving high levels of satisfaction. The students have demonstrated a strong grasp of the material, and feedback indicates that the training met or exceeded their expectations, providing valuable skills to enhance their entrepreneurial capabilities within the automotive industry.

Photo Highlights of Q4 2024



Post rehabilitation of Automotive Center



Validation and Accreditation of Curricula



Community outreach



Entrepreneurship training

Upcoming activities for Q1 2025

Output 1. Ongoing development of training materials.

Output 2. Delivery and installation of remaining equipment.

Output 3.

Ongoing entrepreneurship training and start of Automotive training.

Ongoing awareness raising campaigns.

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