

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

The Project for Promoting Youth Employment Through Automotive Maintenance Skills Training

Progress per output in Q1, 2024

Output 1. DEVELOPING COMPETENCY-BASED AND DEMAND DRIVEN CURRICULUM

Curricula development:

- Automotive mechanic curriculum completed, and consultation process is currently ongoing.
- Entrepreneurship curriculum completed, and consultation process is currently ongoing.
- Three workshops to be held in April 2024 to discuss the final review of curricula before proceeding to the final validation stage to obtain the national curricula.

Teaching Material:

Preparations have been completed to launch an international bid in April 2024.
The selected vendor will develop the training materials in accordance with the outlined requirements and deliverables, in coordination with the project team.

<u>Output 2.</u> ESTABLISHING A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN TRAINING

Infrastructure upgrade of host institution:

- Construction work is undergoing and expected to be completed by Q2 2024. This activity received extensive <u>media coverage</u> in Sierra Leone.

Modern equipment procurement:

- Electrical training boards have been procured from South Africa and are anticipated to be delivered in April 2024.
- Automotive equipment and tools have been procured from "Altia" in Japan, with delivery expected in Q3 2024.
- The bidding process for hand tools has been finalized, and the project team is currently assessing the offers. The evaluation and contract issuance will be completed by April 2024, and the tools are expected to be delivered in Q3 2024.
- The bidding process for power tools is currently ongoing, with a deadline set for March 18, 2024. Evaluation and contract issuance will be finalized in April 2024, with delivery expected in Q3 2024.

OUTPUT 1 Completed: 2 In Progress: 3 Planned: 5 Remark: Ongoing with delay

OUTPUT 2 Completed: 4 In Progress: 3 Planned: 7 Remark: Ongoing with delay

OUTPUT 3 Completed: 0 In Progress: 0 Planned: 5

Remark: No activity due as per plan - The final bid for automotive diagnostic tools will be initiated in April 2024. Evaluation and contract issuance are scheduled for completion by May 2024 with items expected to be delivered in Q3 2024.

Trainings of trainers and study tours:

- All <u>training of trainers</u> for automotive trainers and study tours have been completed, except for the training of trainers for Entrepreneurship. The training session is scheduled for May 6th, and by the end of May 2024, this activity will be fully completed.

Photo Highlights of Q1 2024



Ongoing Construction Work at GTI Kissy

Upcoming activities for Q2 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.
- Complete all on-going procurement activities related to equipment and tools for the Automotive training center.

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