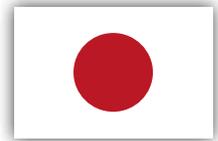




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ERITREA

Specialized e-learning tools are under development to support the leather sector in Eritrea. Audio and video tools are being integrated to allow Eritrean leather practitioners to engage with international leading experts through interactive e-learning. UNIDO is working with leading e-learning and leather experts to update and develop courses in First Aid in the Workplace (including a module on COVID-19 prevention), Leather-testing methods, Footwear-Pattern Engineering and Footwear Technology, How to Deal with Hydrogen Sulphide Gas, and an Introduction to Treatment of Tannery Effluents.

UNIDO AND JAPAN SUPPORT LIVELIHOODS AMID COVID-19 CRISIS IN IRAQ

UNIDO provides livelihood support to host communities and internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Ninewa Governorate to help mitigate the effects of COVID-19. The project has concluded a livelihood needs survey with 922 respondents (433 female). Seventy-three percent are unemployed. Seven hundred and fifty-seven want to go into business. They need assistance: equipment and tools; training on business set-up and technical skills; and space for their business.

The project provides training on entrepreneurship development and technical skills, and equipment and tools support. The IDP camps provide the space. For additional food security, the project is introducing the “kitchen gardening” concept. All training programmes have a session on COVID-19.

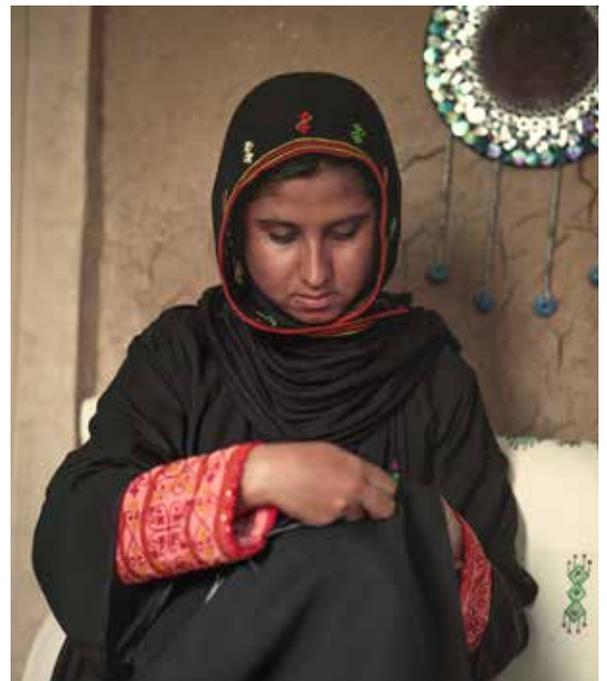


* JSB stands for Japanese Supplementary Budget.



FURTHER MEASURES TO SUPPORT THE IRANIAN HANDICRAFT INDUSTRY

UNIDO is currently conducting an assessment of the local needs of women in the handicraft industry. More than 300 individuals - women working in handicrafts in MSMEs (micro, small and medium-sized enterprises) were interviewed from Iranshahr to Zahedan through a combination of questionnaires, personal interviews and surveys. UNIDO plans to develop a comprehensive training programme to address the challenges concerning productivity, marketing and COVID-19-related aspects based on the assessment results.





MADAGASCAR

The project, “Introduction of best environmental practices and technologies for the environmentally sound management of healthcare waste including COVID-19 waste in Madagascar”, will demonstrate best available techniques on the treatment and disposal of healthcare wastes through the provision of equipment and best environmental practices on proper sorting, storage and transport. So far, the following project activities have been undertaken (a) current legislative framework for healthcare waste management revisited; (b) two participating healthcare facilities (LA2M and the University Hospital Professor Zafisona Gabriel - CHU PZaga) assessed; (c) first project steering committee meeting held; and (d) first training course on healthcare waste management conducted.



Current storage for infectious waste at LA2M



Current situation of the infectious waste incinerator at CHU Pzaga



YEMEN UPDATE

We are now ready to deliver four trainings in Yemen, targeting IDPs (internal displaced persons) and their host communities!

Based on the results of training needs assessment, we selected vocational education units to collaborate on delivering training in solar energy (Sana'a) and fisheries (Aden). In addition to such technical trainings, we will engage our target beneficiaries with an EDP (Entrepreneurship Development Programme) and provide COVID-19 preventive measures. Three national staff are on board and the procurement of training equipment is in process. Accordingly, we are all set and looking forward to making a direct impact on livelihoods of vulnerable Yemenis.