

Promoting youth employment in rural and urban areas of the Dominican Republic

Triangular Cooperation Chile – Dominican Republic – Germany

Context

Social inequality in the Dominican Republic is continuing to increase due to rising unemployment, unequal distribution of income and the growth of the informal sector, hitting socially disadvantaged young people especially hard. With two thirds of the population aged 30 or under, the country faces a particular challenge. In 2010, unemployment among the nation's 8.5 million or so residents stood at around 18%. The government is therefore seeking to address the lack of prospects for many young people and improve their situation in the long term by increasing training provision and expanding employment initiatives in rural areas.

Project

The triangular cooperation initiative involving Chile, the Dominican Republic and Germany was expanded in 2013. The project partners jointly promote training measures designed to offer marginalised young people a way out of their precarious situation. Employment initiatives for young people are supported by microloans and receive ongoing assistance. At the same time, the project develops the capacity of Dominican institutions that are responsible for creating jobs and finding people to do them, helping these institutions to make their processes more efficient and effective. In the long term, these institutions should be able to independently develop new methods and strategies for promoting youth employment.

The project partners are working together successfully in four phases:

- Conducting analyses of potential in the different areas of intervention.
- Training of trainers and training measures for young people. The contents and methods of these courses will be integrated into national curricula.
- Providing young people with access to microloans and ensuring they receive support in their business initiatives from the relevant institutions and advisors
- Developing a national policy initiative once the results of these measures have been evaluated.

Impact

In the first phase of this project from 2011 to 2013, 80 lecturers and trainers have already been trained. Over 900 young people in rural areas have received initial and continuing training on the basis of contents and methods that have been developed at 40 training centres.

Over 800 participants have drawn up project proposals for independent employment opportunities. Roughly half of them have been able to find employment or become self-employed.

In order to determine the focus of the new project, initial experiences with microloans and access to financial opportunities



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have been exchanged with the Chilean counterparts. As well as improving the lives of young people and their families, the promotion of youth employment is also intended to help prevent youth violence and crime in the long term.

The award given to the project in 2013 by the Dominican Ministry of Youth for its success in the first phase reflects the high importance of this triangular cooperation for all partners.

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