



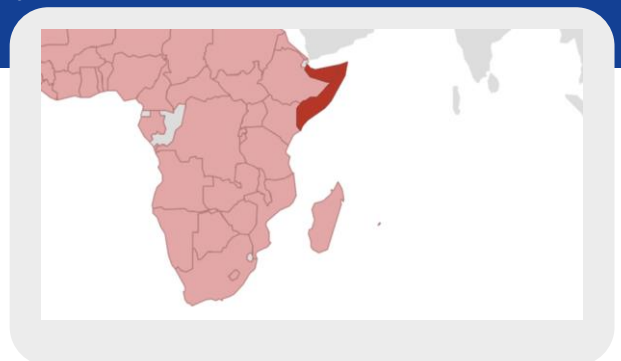
Rehabilitation of technical and vocational education and training in Somalia

Economic development and employment

The challenge

Over two decades of civil war in Somalia have disrupted political, economic, and social development. In many regions, there are weak government structures and non-state actors still control parts of the country. More than 69% of the population of 12 million live below the absolute poverty line of 1.9 USD per day. About 73% of the Somali population are under 30 years of age and 50% are under 15. This young population exerts immense pressure on the TVET system as well as on the labour market.

The existing TVET system is, in terms of available programmes and places, not sufficiently equipped to prepare young people for the demands of the labour market. The system is highly fragmented, coordination mechanisms are functional only to a limited extent. There is a lack of qualified TVET personnel with adequate practical, didactical and methodological skills. The curricula of existing TVET courses are overly theoretical and of little relevance for the labour market. Participation of employers in the training process is inadequate; the private sector is dominated by micro, small and medium-sized enterprises which have not been involved in TVET.



Project name	Rehabilitation of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in Somalia
Partner Country	Somalia
Volume	€28.3 million (€20.3 million BMZ, €8 million EU)
Duration	February 2018 to March 2024
Implementing Partner	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Our approach and services

TVET is a central pillar of sustainable and viable economic development. Well-trained people have better chances of finding decent employment and securing a livelihood. The availability of qualified experts makes a country or region more competitive as a location for business and investment. TVET also contributes to development at a personal level. It boosts people's confidence in their own abilities, forms the basis for self-assured and active participation in community life and therefore fosters social cohesion. TVET must be tailored to the needs of society and the labour market, and must enable equal access for all in accordance with the 2030 Agenda's guiding principle of 'leave no one behind'.

GIZ cooperates with the Federal Government of Somalia to ensure that the supply of Somali skilled labour with basic and higher qualifications, especially in the energy sector, is increasingly aligned to labour market demand. On the macro-level, advisory services and capacity development support are offered to government authorities. On the meso and micro-levels, human and material capacity development activities extend to state governments, selected training centres, and social partners in five locations: Hargeisa (Somaliland), Garowe (Puntland), Waaciye (Puntland), Kismayo (Jubbaland), and the capital, Mogadishu.

1. Capacity development of TVET centres

The capacity of 5 selected state vocational training centres are being increased, enabling them to provide labour market-oriented training programmes. Capacity is increased through rehabilitation and constructions of facilities, and the procurement of training equipment and tools. Parts of this field of action address awareness-building, career guidance, school management and school development.

2. Labour market-relevant training

The quality of the training programmes for selected job profiles is being enhanced through the development of modular training programmes in consultation with government and social partners. Capacity of TVET instructors is being increased through training in pedagogy and basic practical skills, as through the distribution of teaching and learning materials.

3. Policy framework

The conditions are being created for a labour market oriented TVET system. Labour market assessments have been implemented in the selected implementation regions. A National Qualification Framework and a TVET Policy and Strategy, aligned with the National Development Plan and the Education Sectoral Strategic Plan, have been submitted to the Federal Government following consultations. Civil servants in four Ministries of the Federal Government are engaged in a comprehensive capacity development programme to support the implementation of the TVET Strategy.

4. Active labour market policy measures

The employability of 560 Somali youth in the renewable energy sector has been increased. New micro-qualification programmes are implemented in private vocational training centres and companies, with a focus on inclusion of women and migrants, and received tool kits. Young people have also been trained in entrepreneurship and business development, and have received start-up kits.

'One of my biggest ambitions at the moment is to work in the field of renewable energy, earn my living and education costs for my 4 younger siblings back home. I don't want them to miss school just like me over financial circumstances.' – Luul, 22, graduate

Published by Deutsche Gesellschaft für
Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

**Registered
offices** Bonn and Eschborn, Germany

Project Rehabilitation of technical and vocational education
and training in Somalia
GIZ Office Kenya/Somalia
Riverside Square, Riverside Drive
Nairobi, Kenya

www.giz.de/en/worldwide/75212.html

Contact Kai-Uwe Steger, kai-uwe.steger@giz.de

Design/Layout GIZ Somalia

Photo credits GIZ Somalia

The project is commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and co-funded by the European Union.

GIZ is responsible for the content of this publication

As at October 2023, Somalia