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Skills development project – improving the employability of young people and women in the mango sector in Burkina Faso

Project objective	Contribute to the sustainable improvement of the employability of women, young people and returnees by developing the mango sector
Project location	Burkina Faso – *Cascades, Hauts Bassins* and *Centre* regions
Sector/industry	Mango
Target groups	➜ Young people, especially women and returnees ➜ SMEs ➜ Chambers of trades and commerce ➜ Training centres
Project duration	30 months - from December 2019
ARCHIPELAGO programme contribution	600.000 EUR

PROJECT PARTNERS	
Project coordinator	• Rhône Chamber of Trades and Crafts - France
Project partners	• Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Burkina Faso • Chamber of Trades and Crafts – Burkina Faso • La maison de l'entrepreneur du Burkina Faso

Skills development in the mango sector

Associates	• French Office of Immigration and Integration • Regional Council Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes – France • Regional Council of the *Hauts Bassins* – Burkina Faso • Regional Council of the *Cascades* – Burkina Faso • International Organisation for Migration – IOM • Agro-sylvo-pastoral centre Fa Tien – Burkina Faso • Vocational Training Centre Louis QUERBES – Burkina Faso • Multipurpose Agricultural Centre of Matourkou – Burkina Faso • Regional vocational school GUIMBI OUATTARA – Burkina Faso • Social enterprise TEEGA WENDE – Burkina Faso
Overview of the project	The general objective of the project is to contribute to the sustainable improvement of the employability of women, young people, returnees and the development of the mango sector in the *Cascades*, *Hauts Bassins* and Centre regions of Burkina Faso. The project implements actions such as training and socio-professional integration of women, young people, and returnees through dual vocational training modules (classroom and workplace based training). It also promotes entrepreneurship in women and young people through training in entrepreneurial skills and the allocation of start-up kits for self-employment. The Franco-Burkinabe partnership between chambers of commerce and industry and chambers of trades and crafts promoted by this project helps to build business relations between the two countries and to strengthen skills through the new innovative services offered by business support organisations. In this respect, the project is based in particular on the decentralised regional cooperation already in place between the *Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes* region in France and the *Hauts Bassins* region in Burkina Faso.
Significant project outcomes to be achieved	• **600 direct beneficiaries** (young people between 15 and 40 years, returnees, SMEs, private sector support organisations, training centres, employment promotion agencies) are to be made aware of the opportunities created through technical and vocational education and training (TVET) • **480 young people** are to participate in vocational training modules (classroom based and workplace training) and entrepreneurship training • **TVET specific** to careers in the mango sector is to be improved in terms of training reference frameworks/curricula • **100 local business leaders** are to be sensitised to workplace training and apprenticeships • **35 local trainers** are to be trained • **3 new services** are to be developed within local SME support structures • **3 certification schemes** which are recognised by the competent authorities are to be developed
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