

Kenya Initiative for Vocational Education and Training (KeVET)

Introduction

Since December 2014, the **chamber of skilled crafts (HWK), Frankfurt-Rhein-Main and the Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) Gießen-Friedberg** have been cooperating and consulting with the selected business associations as well as vocational training institutes in Kenya as a part of a vocational training partnership.

The second project phase of the project started on December 2017. The project ends in November 2020.

Professional Scaffolding as a stand-alone trade

As the training course Professional Scaffolding previously did not exist in Kenya, the curricula had to be developed from the scratch. Here KNP, Kenya Federation of Master Builders (KFMB) and KeVET worked together to ensure that the created curricula would be in line with the needs of the industry. While KeVET provided the international experts needed for providing expertise in creating the curricula as well as for training the first trainers at KNP as well as in the industry, KFMB ensured that the industry and relevant actors were involved.

The curricula have been developed for all levels, from the primary education entry to the diploma level and are CDACC and NITA accredited.

KNP has so far collaborated with 15 companies. Almost all companies were contented with the programme and the performance of the students and chose to take in trainees after their initial participation.

KNP's dual vocational training under the KeVET project, supported by the German Government, is beneficial to young jobseekers in Kenya, for the competitiveness of key sectors of the Kenyan economy and it ensures the availability of a skilled, highly trained workforce, which in turn provides the solid basis for a company's competitive and innovative strength.

Project aim:

- Introduction of Dual Training system (DTS) with partnership of private sector stakeholders. DTS alternate training at a TVET Institution and in a company

KeVET project partners:

- Kenya Federation of Master Builders (KFMB)
- Kabete National Polytechnic (KNP)
- Eastland's College of Technology (ECT)
- Kenya Technical Teachers College (KTTC)
- St. Kizito Vocational Institute
- Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)
- Kenya Association of Technical Training Institute (KATTI)

Project Focus since 2017:

- Professional scaffolding-**Kabete National Polytechnic**
- Automotive (Car Mechatronics, Bodyworks and Spray Painting)-**Eastland's College of Technology (ECT) and St. Kizito Vocational Institute**
- Electronics Technicians for Devices and Systems (ETDS)-**KTTC**

Achievements since 2017:

- Scaffolding course has been mounted at Kabete for NITA Grade 3; CDACC courses will commence after approval
- Several TOTs conducted at Kabete
- Development of scaffolding curriculum (CBET)-CDACC and NITA
- Stakeholders' workshops done involving industry and ministry
- Development of strategic plan to run Centre of excellence still in progress

Services to be offered by KNP as scaffolding centre of excellence:

- Training (CBET) NITA program and DTS while adopting best scaffolding practice internationally
- Industrial attachment support to students
- Linking trainees to potential employers after training and certification by NITA and CDACC
- Consultancy services on scaffolding
- Short-term trainings for professionals from the construction sector
- Rent of scaffold systems
- Promote compliance of Scaffolding standards in other institutions and industry