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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER IN MASSAWA AND THE SOCIAL MEDIA CENTER IN ASMARA

Continued provision of equipment, goods and materials for the renovation and completion of Vocational Training Centers (Social Media Center in Asmara and the Vocational Training Center in Massawa) for the implementation of vocational training courses under the project "**Dialogue, Training, Bargaining: work as a Instrument for Peace - AID 11604**" and events for the promotion of training, dialogue, work and paths to Peace.

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In the months from May to July, it was possible to purchase other materials, goods and equipment needed for the renovation and upgrading of part of the vocational center in Massawa and to complete the setup of the professional kitchen present in the Social Media Center in Asmara.

The purchased materials were shipped to Eritrea in early August (the estimated arrival at Massawa port is more or less after 40 days).

The materials sent are diverse in kind and are all necessary to facilitate vocational training of young Eritreans through the educational modules agreed with our local counterparts.

Thanks to the project "**Dialogue, training, bargaining: labor as a instrument of peace - AID 11604,**" it was possible to purchase railings, doors, pergolas and professional equipment to improve the production capacity and quality of the industrial kitchen installed at the Social Media Center in Asmara.



The professional kitchen in the Social Media Center in Asmara

The materials and equipment provided for the kitchen were suggested by Chef Daniele Paralovo, who has already conducted practical and theoretical cooking classes in November 2022, thus making available to the project, his professionalism and experience directly in the kitchen inaugurated last year (more on that in our previous newsletter, No. 8)

The purchase and supply of computers, printers and other suitable equipment to set up laboratories and spaces needed for the vocational training of Eritrean youth is also underway. As a matter of fact laboratories and spaces are already present in both centres, however there was a need of more equipment to be fully utilized by the beneficiaries of the courses.



Provision of materials and equipment for The Social Media Center in Asmara



Provision of materials and equipment for the Vocational Training Center in Massawa



INVESTIGATION OF THE LABOR MARKET IN ERITREA

The research "**Investigation of the labor market in Eritrea: retraining and vocational training in the IT, tourism/hospitality and cold chain sectors**", edited by Nexus ER and carried out as part of the AID 11604 project, was published by Futura Editrice in Italian and English.

Although it was conducted during the Covid-19 period thus with limited availability of relevant data and information on the Eritrean labor market (particularly on the three sectors of interest to the project-ICT, tourism/hospitality, and cold chain), overall the research activity achieved important results.

The research - the result of fieldwork involving companies, formal and informal workers, unemployed people, students and training centers, through the administration of questionnaires, interviews and focus groups - contributed to the development of training plans and will also be used as a tool for the planning and implementation of future initiatives to promote decent work in Eritrea.

In fact, the research provides an in-depth analysis of the labor market, education system and training needs in the three economic sectors targeted by the AID 11604 project, with a focus on the contexts of Asmara and Massawa..

Despite the difficulties faced during its implementation, the research has attempted to capture aspects of supply and demand in the labor market of the three target sectors. The task of creating "decent work," with special attention to vulnerable groups, is associated with the creation of vocational training programs. We believe that supporting vocational training programs also means promoting employment.

The tourism sector in Eritrea is still in a nascent development stage. Considering this potential and the expected changes in the region, research has shown an extreme need of training for current and future employees in the sector. In addition, intermediate/advanced training could facilitate the conversion/transition of women and youth working in the informal sector to the formal sector.

While "refrigeration/chain refrigeration" is a recent area of interest in Eritrea and most of the people employed do not have the right training, the need for skilled workers in domestic, commercial and industrial refrigeration/climate control is strong.

The ICT sector has been slowly developing in recent years. Basic computer applications, secretarial activities, and communications applications just some of the sector areas of greater importance to date. Some companies have introduced ICT technologies, but they have also stated difficulties in maintaining and updating computers, servers and software used in process and control of production systems. It is natural that such an environment requires targeted basic and professionalizing training.

You can download the research in Italian and/or English at the following links:

Italian version:

- <https://www.futura-editrice.it/prodotto/inchiesta-sul-mercato-del-lavoro-in-eritrea-ebook/>
- <https://www.nexusemiliaromagna.org/ricerca-inchiesta-sul-mercato-del-lavoro-in-eritrea-riqualificazione-e-formazione-professionale-nei-settori-dellinformatica-turismo-ospitalita-e-catena-del-freddo/>



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E CATENA DEL FREDDO

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English version:

- <https://www.futura-editrice.it/prodotto/a-labour-market-survey-on-eritrea-ebook/>
- <https://www.nexusemiliaromagna.org/ricerca-inchiesta-sul-mercato-del-lavoro-in-eritrea-riqualificazione-e-formazione-professionale-nei-settori-dellinformatica-turismo-ospitalita-e-catena-del-freddo/>



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A LABOUR MARKET SURVEY ON ERITREA:

UPSKILLING AND PROFESSIONAL
TRAINING IN ICT, HOSPITALITY
AND COLD CHAIN SECTORS

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