

## DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT IN BELGIUM AND GERMANY TO SUPPORT TVET IN RWANDA

**Donor :** The Government of Belgium

**Implemented by :** International Organization for Migration (IOM) Offices of Rwanda, Belgium and Germany

**Partners :** MINAFFET (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation), MINEDUC (Ministry of Education), Rwanda Polytechnic (RP)

**Duration :** 24 months (2019 – 2021)

### A. CONTEXT

The objective of this project is to address the needs of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector in Rwanda through the engagement of diaspora members in Belgium and Germany. Previous diaspora mapping exercises conducted by IOM Belgium and Germany showed that the majority of the Rwandan diaspora members would be willing to contribute to the development of Rwanda, whether through a skills and knowledge transfer initiative or through mentoring.

In the context of this project, a selection of 30 highly qualified Rwandan diaspora male and female professionals will temporarily relocate to Rwanda in order to give a **training of trainers (ToT) to TVET professors and students** in identified priority courses of the Rwanda Polytechnic's (RP) host institutions, namely in the eight Integrated Polytechnic Regional Colleges (IPRCs) across the country. A total of 30 professionals would be engaged from Belgium and Germany between 2020-2021.

### B. MAIN GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

Ultimately, the aim of the Trainings of Trainers (ToTs) is to bring the diaspora trainers and the trainees together in **developing project ideas** addressing a number of local needs. The ten best proposals will receive support from IOM and potentially from other investors. These pilot projects will contribute to the development of local initiatives, create jobs and improve the relation between diaspora members and their Rwandese counterparts.

The IOM Country Offices of Belgium and Germany together with IOM Rwanda are responsible for the coordination of the various activities of the project. IOM Belgium and Germany play a central role in setting up outreach campaigns to engage with qualified diaspora members. The Country Offices will work closely with the Rwandan Diplomatic Missions to facilitate the outreach activities. Furthermore, IOM will seek to mobilize investors for the development, implementation and financing of the ten pilot projects.

The Technical Working Group in Rwanda, consisting of the IOM Office in Rwanda, Rwandan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MINAFFET), Ministry of Education (MINEDUC) and Rwanda Polytechnic (RP, which is in charge of TVET) is responsible for project implementation including needs assessment in the TVET sector, the drafting of technical documents including Terms of Reference (ToRs) for skill areas needed, the transparent selection and placement of diaspora professionals (candidates), capacity building activities in Rwanda and the strengthening of the diaspora policy in Rwanda.

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