

ENGAGEMENT OF RWANDAN DIASPORA RESIDING IN EUROPE TO SUPPORT THE TVET AND HEALTH SECTOR IN RWANDA

Donor : The Government of Belgium (TVET), IOM's Development Fund (Health)

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

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

Duration : 36 months (2019 – 2022), until 31 May 2022 (TVET) and 31 August 2022 (Health)

A. CONTEXT

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

B. MAIN GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

In the context of the TVET 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 trainers 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.

Ultimately, the aim of the exchange is to bring the diaspora trainers and the trainees together and **share knowledge, ideas and skills** addressing a number of local needs. Under the project, ten selected projects received financial support from IOM and **mentoring** from the selected diaspora professionals. These pilot projects will contribute to the development of local initiatives, create jobs and improve the relation between diaspora and their Rwandan counterparts.

For the Health project, 30 health professionals from the Rwandan diaspora in Europe will also temporarily

relocate to Rwanda to provide health services and to engage in skills transfer with local hospital staff.

The IOM Office in Rwanda, in close cooperation with IOM Belgium, the Rwandan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MINAFFET), Ministry of Education (MINEDUC), the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Rwanda Polytechnic (RP, in charge of TVET), is responsible for the implementation of the project activities.

C. HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Interested Rwandan diaspora currently residing in Europe and with a technical or health expertise are still invited to participate in the projects. All information is available on the IOM webpage: <https://belgium.iom.int/rwandan-diaspora-engagement-project>, including the links to the vacancies.

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