

# Ethiopia

## Technical Vocational Education and Training programmes



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**Background:** Ethiopia has a population of 80million people and is one of the African countries that has 44 % unemployed and underemployed youths.

The establishment of Technical Vocational Education and Training programmes (TVET) is seen as the way for youths to develop and gain marketable skills. Over the last 10 years the number of youths gaining marketable skills has grown from 0.009% to 0.9%.

Given the immense need we are currently working with a partner N.G.O planning the establishment of two programmes: one in Sagure and the other in Asella in central Oromiya Regional State, (south-eastern) Ethiopia, (about 175 kilometres from Addis Ababa). In 2005, this town had an estimated total population of around 85,000 which had doubled over the previous decade and is still growing.

It is estimated that over 15,000 applicants will be seeking entrance to these programmes and the Sagure programme already has over 4,000 applicants on the waiting list.

The main objective of the TVET programme is to develop the human resource capacity of Ethiopia by training and transforming unemployed and underemployed youths into productive, self-sufficient and contributing members of their society. The TVET programme, when properly executed can be the key initiative for alleviating poverty and building a much needed economic stimulation for the nation. Employed young men and women can raise their children thus protecting them from poverty, abandonment and ignorance.

We have undertaken an assessment of the local market, capacity of existing training buildings, the existence of local materials and the government policy documents as the reference point to initiate the following programmes.

### **Metal working**

General metal fabrication and assembly  
Machining

### **Woodwork**

Carpentry and Joinery

### **Information Communication Technology**

Support & IT service

Hardware & network service

**Leather Products**

Footwear

Leather processing

Leather & garment making

**Construction**

Tiling

Masonry / brick laying

Electrical

It is anticipated that each class will have 30 to 45 students.

We plan to start the programme from September 2011.