

## Promoting Market Oriented Skills Training in the Great Lakes region

**Country/Region:** Rwanda/Great Lakes Region

**Timeframe/Status:** Phase 1 (December 2012 – November 2015)

**Needs:** Despite an overall strong economic growth, Rwanda's economy is characterized by a lack of qualified workforce, especially in the technical sectors. The TVET system has relatively limited coverage and remains largely underdeveloped. A large share of TVET is delivered by private providers.



**Objectives:** The program's overall goal is to contribute to increase employment and income generation of the rural population by improving their access to quality and labour-market-orientated vocational training.

The program aims to

- Increase accessibility of vocational training for rural population and expand vocational training offer
- Improve quality and quantity of available training provision with special emphasis on disadvantaged groups
- Develop the institutional capacity of the relevant institutional system and its key actors
- Contribute to establish a certification system valid in the whole regional labour market
- Support the involvement of the private sector in TVET in offering internships for TVET students and placements for graduates and providing continuous trainings for its employees.

**Target groups:** Rural population of the Western Province of Rwanda, especially poor and disadvantaged people (e.g. ex-combatants, orphans, demobilized soldiers and school drop outs) and women

### **Focus / Activities:**

At the national level, SDC will collaborate with the Rwandan Workforce Development Authority. Trainings shall mainly be delivered to primary school leavers and secondary school drop outs as well as to secondary school leavers. Particular emphasis will also be put on rehabilitating and equipping vocational training centres.

**Human and Financial Resources:** Estimated budget of CHF 40 millions for 12 years.

**Results:** The program has just started.

**Particularities:** The program will start in Rwanda and, based on the experiences in Rwanda, be extended to Burundi and the South Kivu Province in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

**Implementing agency:** Swisscontact