

RAS/06/53/NET: Education, Employability and Decent Work for Youth in Pacific Island Countries

Internal Interim Evaluation Details

1. Achievements to Date

Since the project commenced operation in April 2008, the key achievements include the following:

- 1.1 For Objective 1: Knowledge enhancement
 - Completed desk review of existing quantitative and qualitative information on the formal and informal labour markets for the youth and on existing information on education and training systems for youth for all five covered countries: Kiribati, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.
 - Completed assessment of labour market information and findings and recommendations made on how to improve national collection and analysis of data on the labour market for the youth for the Pacific region with field visits conducted in PNG, Samoa and Vanuatu.
- 1.2 For Objective 2: Capacity building
 - Convened a regional training on youth employment issues and programme and policy development (especially in introducing the National Action Plan on Youth Employment) in cooperation with the Turin Centre, involving key representatives of implementing partner organizations and other key stakeholders
 - Training of staff at the Ministry of Labour and relevant line ministries to analyse the labour market situation of the youth, review and coordinate the delivery of youth employment support services and contribute to policy development
 - Organized a training workshop for young leaders of trade union and workers organizations in collaboration with ACTRAV and ITC Turin Centre to familiarize selected representatives of trade unions with ILO guides and policy documents on decent work for youth and gender equality
- 1.3 For Objective 3: Demonstration projects
 - Commenced the implementation of pilot programmes to deliver and test the new TREE training and assistance packages through the local providers in three pilot countries to include: PNG, Samoa and Vanuatu.
 - Conducted a Training of Trainers on ILO Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB) to create a Pacific pool of SIYB trainers

2. Pipeline Activities

- Knowledge sharing on good practice and policy lessons within each of the five countries and across the Pacific Island region through sharing of results/synthesis of country desk reviews, LMI, newsletters and electronic networks and forums
- Organize national workshops to facilitate the participation of tripartite constituents and youth networks in policy and programme development on decent work for the youth
- Organize training for employers organizations to share toolkits for employers to participate in policy and programme implementation
- Continue capacity building support to workers organizations to increase the participation of young workers in union activities and enhance their capacities to influence policies and promote Decent Work
- Capacity building for youth organizations to increase their voice in dialogue, policies and programmes for decent work for the youth
- Putting in place policy networks and forums to promote a more coherent delivery of youth employment policies and support services by public and private sector providers
- Continue pilot implementation of TREE and monitoring and sharing of lessons learned and developing tools and materials appropriate for Pacific TREE
- Develop SIYB manual
- Organize national workshops on SIYB and accreditation of SIYB trainers
- Organize gender mainstreaming activities
- Consolidating lessons learned and best practices through development of knowledge materials for dissemination and advocacy purposes.

3. Plans for Future Evaluation

Based on the project document, the evaluation will be done at the end-of project towards first quarter of 2010 (not later than March 2010) for purposes of analyzing the project performance and collecting lessons learned from the monitoring and evaluation of the pilot programmes and present them to stakeholders

A steering committee will be officially convened in each of the 5 countries so that tripartite partners and other social partners are fully aware and involve in the project implementation, especially in making strategic decisions and also be involved in making recommendations for dissemination and replication of pilot programmes and in identifying and recommending new project proposals by national and regional agencies and donors to continue the gains of the youth employment programme.