

JOB TRAINING FOR 50 AT RISK YOUTHS IN CAMEROON

I. Youths Integration and Economic Facts in Cameroon

- Integrating young Cameroonians into the country's economic life is still a challenge. The government has recently shown its readiness to strive for better integration of young people and this should produce results in the short and medium term.
- Economic growth is projected to reach 4.4% in 2012, sustained by a recovery in the oil sector. Growth of 4.6% is forecast for 2013, which despite confirming that growth remains vigorous, is lower than the level needed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
- Economic policy will be marked by the ongoing implementation of the major structuring projects identified in the Growth and Employment Strategy Paper.

II. Building Human Resources

The population of Cameroon was estimated to be 19 406 100 in 2010 and the annual growth rate to be 2.8%. The population is essentially young, with more than half aged under 20. Conscious of the potential labour force this represents, the government intends to continue its efforts to improve training and develop a high-quality education system, available to as many people as possible and geared towards the jobs market.

III. Poverty Reduction, Social Protection and Labour

In 2011, the Cameroonian government continued to set up "social safety net" programmes aimed at helping vulnerable groups such as the handicapped, the elderly, widows and marginalized. Action was taken to ensure that the guarantee of social security rights is applied, notably through the mutualisation of health insurance and payment of social security benefits.

Among young people, government action took the form of socio-economic integration programmes and measures to reduce youth unemployment. The government recently initiated a plan to recruit 25 000 young people into the civil service in line with a commitment given by President Paul Biya in the run-up to the 2011 presidential election. This measure is in addition to the PAJER-U programme in favour of rural and urban youth which has resulted in publication of a manual setting out the procedure for gaining access to financing and the establishment of a national fund for youth integration. The mad rush for jobs is still in the increase...

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IV. Social Development International and Diamondback Protective Contribution

[Diamondback Protective Services](#) is teaming up with [Social Development International](#) to start an annual training course in Cameroon with the purpose of providing occupational training for unemployed Africans. Our role would be to provide security training, and a certification through our company to give them the skills to take jobs in Africa and the Middle East. This is a non-profit venture and therefore we are seeking financial partners to make this possible. If this is of interest to your company or organization, please contact us

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