

Partnership to support professional training on post-emergency reconstruction in Haiti

Project at a glance



In order to contribute to the reconstruction of the country following the earthquake, a partnership was signed on 1st July 2010 by the Haitian National Education and Professional training Ministry, the French Ministry of National Education, the private University Quisqueya, the NGO Aide et Action, Schneider Electric and its Foundation. This agreement will be used to improve professional training in the building trade, and to train 2000 young people by 2012 for them to be actors of the reconstruction of their country.

On 12th January 2010, the largest and deadliest earthquake in the history of Haiti hit the west of the island, including its capital city: Port-au-Prince. With a magnitude of 7.0 on the Richter scale, it was followed by a hundred of aftershocks, causing the collapse of the functioning of the state and the **destruction of 4,268 schools and training centres.**

Because of the destruction or damage to schools, the school year 2010-2011 has been arranged to welcome best the students. Of the 4,000 temporary structures (tents, etc.) provided by the department, only 54% could be installed. They are now subject to the vagaries of the hurricane season. After the earthquake, the programmes were revised to focus more on the learnings related to environment: protection, prevention of natural hazards etc..

As part of the post-emergency reconstruction of the country, Schneider Electric has co-signed an agreement to **support vocational training in building trades in Haiti.** This project is in line with the BipBop programme, a sustainable programme by Schneider Electric, which supports vocational training and brings safe and clean electricity to people who need it most worldwide.

The partnership

- **A comprehensive training, adapted to local realities**

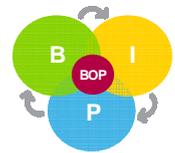


The common will of the signatories to **renovate the Haitian educational system** for vocational training and integration of youth in the country led to an agreement: professional training courses covering the trades of electricity, wood, building and civil engineering will be created. Three facilities-based **Centres of Excellence for Training** and one **Educational Reference Centre** will be located in Leogane. Hence trainings will be deployed in the 20 centres listed on the entire territory.

Haiti lacking a skilled and qualified workforce in the field of construction, this training will meet the local needs, especially since the current supply of vocational training in the field is either insufficient or inappropriate.

BipBop Programme

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- **The Schneider Electric Foundation's commitment**

"This project [...] fits perfectly with our own BipBop "programme for access to energy," explained Jean-Pascal Tricoire, President & CEO of Schneider Electric. "To meet these emergency aid and training challenges, Schneider Electric believes that it is crucial to share its skills. Through giving young Haitians the chance to build a future for themselves in the field of electricity, we are offering them an opportunity to support their families and are actively contributing to assembling a workforce within the country to help it rebuild."

In Haiti, the Schneider Electric Foundation will therefore support the **financing of educational facilities** for the centers and offer scholarships for the most disadvantaged students. In addition, Schneider Electric will offer support and expertise in the field of electricity by providing with electricity the laboratories of the training centers, the twenty satellite centers and an additional mobile unit. Moreover, Schneider Electric will mobilize its network of technical and financial partners to help finance the implementation of the project.

The project today and tomorrow

- **Launching the project**



Since 1st September 2010, the four teachers seconded from the French Ministry of National Education arrived in Port-au-Prince and are working in narrow cooperation with the NGO Aide et Action, which coordinates locally the project. Their responsibility is to **help build educational contents** in a first step, to define needs in educational materials and then to insure the courses for the trainers of the technical centres, which will soon be created. On 4th October, the students have started their school year.

- **Mid-term objectives**

In 2011, the project will roll out **new courses**, train trainers and create mobile units to provide access to training around the country with support from its current partners and other corporate sponsors, drawn notably from carpentry and building and public works. The project calls for the construction of a nationwide system backed by a central skills-set institute and satellites to train trainers.

By the end of 2012, a **complete overhaul of the vocational education** in the construction, wood and electricity trades is announced, based on a training plan for Haitian teachers and on the re-equipment of training centres. At this time, 2,000 young people will have benefited from this programme.

Number of young people trained: 156

For more information:

<http://www.education.gouv.fr/cid55704/le-partenariat-ecole-entreprise-a-l-international.html>

<http://www.aide-et-action.org/>

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