



ANGOLA

Developing entrepreneurial youth

■ CONTEXT

In recent years, Angola has experienced high growth rates, mainly driven by its oil sector, and is set to continue on this path. Yet, growth has remained capital intensive, import dependent and has not generated enough employment for a rapidly growing population. Unemployment is estimated at 26% and a large segment of the population works in subsistence agriculture or the informal sectors. In order to encourage job creation and economic diversification, the Government of Angola embarked on a major reform of the education system to better equip youth for the future.

■ STRATEGY

The Entrepreneurship Curriculum Programme (ECP) was launched as a pilot in 2009, bringing together partners from governments, the UN system and the private sector. In 2010, Chevron Angola joined the multi-partner initiative as a part of the company's national Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy.

UNIDO assisted the Ministry of Education in developing and testing educational tools such as syllabi, teacher guides, student textbooks and teacher training manuals. Moreover, locally customized materials were used to train teachers and education officials. This approach helped build local capacity and ensure local ownership

■ PROJECT OVERVIEW



Goal: Entrepreneurship Development for Youth

Partner: Ministry of Education, National Institute for Education Research and Development (INIDE), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Donor: Korea, Portugal, Chevron, UNIDO

Budget: USD 1,9 million

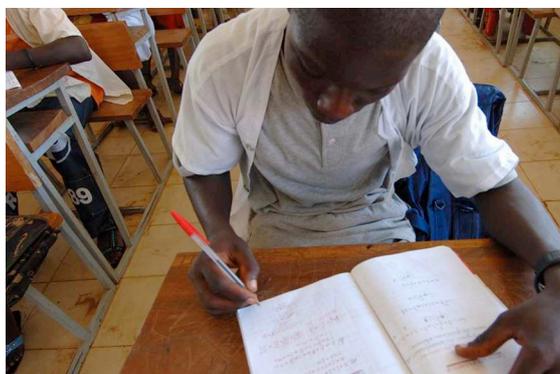
Duration: 2009-2014

of the programme, strengthening overall programme sustainability. During the programme's pilot phase, entrepreneurship was introduced as a stand-alone subject in 45 secondary schools across nine provinces of the country. It was presented as a compulsory subject, examinable by the National Institute for Education Research and Development (INIDE). Due to the positive response of the pilot, the Government began a national roll-out of the curriculum in 2014.

The overarching goal of the ECP is to develop entrepreneurial skills amongst youth, in turn, setting the foundation for a sustainable and dynamic private sector. Entrepreneurship

teaching fosters qualities such as creativity, self-confidence and the ability to take calculated risks. Young people are taught how to identify, develop and manage new business opportunities. They learn concepts such as

“save, invest and grow”. In addition, students participate in unique learning experiences outside the classroom as they interact with Angola’s business community.



■ RESULTS

- Entrepreneurship curriculum materials were developed and approved for pilot testing
- 139 teachers have been trained and qualified to teach entrepreneurship
- 70 education officials have been trained in implementing the entrepreneurship curriculum
- National roll-out approved by the Government, targeting 500,000 youth
- 9, 800 students have taken the entrepreneurship course to date, 42% of them female
- An independent evaluation concluded that ECP students significantly increased their entrepreneurial knowledge, skills and intentions and were able to contribute to family savings and income

“Entrepreneurship discipline helps us to understand how an entrepreneur manages a business. It is useful in our day-to-day life. Entrepreneurship is important for those who dream to start a business because it will help us a lot in our future. I intend to open a business.”

Dunisia Almeida, student of entrepreneurship

“We can see astonishing differences in students. Parents told us that their kids are improving their attitude towards their responsibility in the household. Some students started to make savings. Young people are developing confidence so they can climb up with their entrepreneurial efforts. I believe we are on good track.”

Diasala Jacinto Andre, National Programme Coordinator, INIDE

“This programme will have an immediate impact on 500,000 students. It will foster creativity, a spirit of entrepreneurship and self-confidence among youth, and create the foundations for sustainable growth.”

Eunice de Carvalho, General Manager of Policy, Government and Public Affairs, Chevron

