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PROFILE



TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE



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Background



YOVENCO Technical and Vocational Training Institute is a private non-formal education institute that provides vocational education for all subjects interested in learning vocational skills in Somaliland.

The institute was established on January 2015 as a private, non-governmental institution. It is registered with the Technical and Vocational Qualification Authority (TVQA) under the Ministry of Education and Higher Studies.

The registration number of the center is License: T06010001) which is annually renewed by the Ministry of Education and Higher Studies.

The institute adheres to the Technical and Vocational Qualification Authority (TVQA) standards and policies and is in line with the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP II) and Sustainable Development Goals.

Vision

We are committed to preparing young people and adults to be productive citizens contributing to social and economic development.

Mission

The institute's mission is to provide quality vocational education and training for the labor market's needs, raise the level of youth employment, and improve the efficiency and competitiveness of the economy. Our training programs will prepare youth (male & female) to effectively perform in the country's workforce to enhance their living conditions.



Market Driven Skills

YOVENCO utilizes the labor market survey conducted by Save the Children in early 2014, in addition to its own labor market assessment which YOVENCO carried out in Berbera with the aim of identifying the most demanded skills in the labor market.

The design of our competitive courses is extremely based on the grounds of their existing high demands in a changing labor market.



Cooperation with the private sector

YOVENCO employs the following schemes in maintaining effective cooperation with the private sector (employers) in benefits for its trained young men and women:

- Internship placement
 - Placement or employment
 - Cooperation for production units
 - Support in quality delivery
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Teaching Personnel

YOVENCO Vocational and Technical Institute have qualified trainers that demonstrate the qualification and experience required for teaching courses and subject matter.

The course levels that the center provides are level I and level II, with various course options ranging from Cooling system repair, Aluminum, hospitality, welding and fabrication, steel fixing, carpentry, electric installation, masonry, fish vending, cooking, and confectionary, entrepreneurship, computer and IT, office management, to Henna/beautification and tailoring.

Past Performance & Track Record

Youth Skills and Training Counter-piracy Project (2015)

YOVENCO implemented Youth Skills and Training Counter-piracy Project in Berbera in 2015. The project was funded by UNODC, with the objective of assisting vulnerable youth with the creation of sustainable livelihoods in an effort to discourage and counter-piracy in Berbera.

A core component of the UNODC's long-term strategy for combating piracy in the horn of Africa was to increase awareness among the Somaliland community of the dangers of piracy, while at the same time working with them to promote civil behaviors among youth at risk and develop sustainable livelihood strategies including offering vocational training for the creation of employment opportunities to provide alternatives to piracy.

The purpose of the assignment was to assist the Government of Somaliland to prevent piracy through vocational training for youth at risk in Berbera. The project provided various vocational skills with high employability to 120 trainees in Berbera.

Course	Gender		Location	Time-Frame
	Male	Female		
Carpentry	30	0	Berbera	2015-2020
Cooling system repair	20	0	Berbera	2015
Masonry	30	0	Berbera	2015
Tailoring	0	18	Berbera	2015
Electricity	20	0	Berbera	2015

Youth Skills Training and Employment Promotion I (2015-2019)

YOVENCO Technical and Vocational Institute has successfully implemented Youth Skills Training and Employment Promotion project which was funded by the United States African Development Foundation (USADF) under the cooperative agreement number 3232-SOM to promote youth skills and create employment opportunities for the youth in Berbera. The project started in 2015 and ended in December 2019.

The project established a trainee selection committee consisting of different stakeholders of the project including, members of the regional Ministry of Education and Higher Studies, Berbera municipality, Community committees, and YOVENCO. In each training session, members of the selection committee had a conceptual meeting on project objectives and deliverables to enable them to contribute to the alignment of the project's conceptual framework.

The project enhanced the living conditions of vulnerable youth in Berbera through the provision of skills training and placement opportunities. The project offered technical skills training for 175 trainees (90 female and 85 males) with their ages spanning from 18 years old to 35 years old. The trainees were selected from the poorest and most marginalized communities in Berbera. Moreover, the project has granted tools and startup capital to 145 trainees who were trained in welding, fish vending, masonry, henna, and tailoring skills.

Course	Gender		Location	Time-Frame
	Male	Female		
Business entrepreneurship	0	40	Berbera	2017 - 2019
Henna and Beautification	0	30	Berbera	2017 - 2019
Masonry and Steel Fixing	40	0	Berbera	2017 - 2019
Cooking	0	30	Berbera	2017 - 2019
Carpentry	40	0	Berbera	Jan - Jun 2015
Welding and Metal Fabrication	30	0	Berbera	Jul -Dec 2015
Fish Vending and Processing	0	20	Berbera	Jan - Jun 2015
Masonry	40	0	Berbera	Jul - Dec 2015
Henna & Beautification	0	30	Berbera	Jan - Jun 2016
Computer & Office Management	15	15	Berbera	Jul - Dec 2016
Tailoring	0	30	Berbera	Jul - Dec 2016

SOS Children's Village Youth Training Skills Project

YOVENCO Technical and Vocational Institute works closely with SOS Children's Village in Somaliland on the Family Strengthening Programme which enables children who are at risk of losing the care of their family to grow within a caring family environment.

To achieve this, YOVENCO Technical and Vocational Institute, in close partnership with SOS Children's Villages, works directly with families and communities to empower them to effectively protect and care for their children through the provision of vocational and employable skills in order to support families economically and become economically self-sufficient to be able to provide parental care and support for their children. A total number of 165 youths have benefited from this program so far.

Course	Gender		Location	Time-Frame
	Male	Female		
Tailoring	0	30	Berbera	2015
Cooking	0	100	Berbera	2019 - 2022
Steel Fixing	13	0	Berbera	2019
Electricity	30	0	Berbera	2019 - 2022
Computer	25	15	Berbera	2020 - 2022
Tailoring	0	10	Berbera	2022
Henna	0	40	Berbera	2022



Figure 6
Photo group of graduated trainees



Figure 7
Tool kits granted to trained youth

Enterprise Development in Fishery Sector for Youth & Women

YOVENCO Technical and Vocational Institute, in partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has implemented Enterprise Development in Fishery Sector for a youth project in Berbera for a duration of 6 months which started from January 1st, 2019 – June 30th, 2019.

The enterprise development in the fishery sector project was part of the Joint Programme on Youth Employment, in which the UN agencies, such as UNDP, FAO, ILO, UN-Habitat, and UNIDO, had been working together with relevant stakeholders to create job opportunities for youth and women.

The project offered business management skills, micro-grants/ revolving funds management practices, and accelerated business development in Berbera. The project has also granted \$30,000 capital through bank accounts for six youth cooperatives as starting capital for their own businesses in the fishery sector in Berbera.



Figure 8
Group cooperative being awarded
the capital cheque



Figure 9
Trainees in photo group

Vocational skills for Building Community Resilience Project

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Course	Gender		Total	Time-Frame
	Male	Female		
Cooling System	55	0	55	2016 - 2017
Welding	30	0	30	2016 - 2017
Aluminum	25	0	25	2016 - 2017
Hospitality	6	19	25	2016 - 2017

YOVENCO Technical and Vocational Institute also implemented Horumarint Cilmiga I& II (2016-2017) project with Save the children. The total trainees were 45 unemployed youth. The youth were trained in welding and cooling system skills.

The objective of the vocational training was to Improve employment access for poor youth, persons with disabilities, and IDPs, with equal gender composition through the provision of IBTVET and employable skillset.



Figure 10
Trainees receiving tool kit



Figure 11
Women trainees in photo group



Figure 12
Men trainees in photo group

Women's Economic Empowerment through skills project

The Transition aid project “Improvement of disaster risk management and food security to strengthen the resilience in “Somaliland” (RDRM)” has the aim to “improve the conditions for a strengthened resilience of the pastoral and agro-pastoral population and communities”.

The target regions of the project are selected villages in the three regions of Marodi Jeex, Saaxil, and Togdher in ‘Somaliland’. The project runs for 3 years and has four main outputs. Under the third output, strengthening the economic and social participation of women and young adults through income-boosting economic measures including agricultural practices, training on economics, basic business skills, and management, and the establishment of social networks is intended.

Course	Gender		Location	Time-Frame
	Male	Female		
Tailoring	0	30	Berbera	2022 - 2023
Henna and Beautification	0	20	Berbera	2022 -2023

Under the abovementioned output, YOVENCO Technical and Vocational Institute is offering 50 female students coming from different villages under Sahil, Togdheer, and Maroodijeex regions, a hybrid education model that combines theory and practical education to master tailoring skills and make a business out of it.

With the partnership of GIZ, YOVENCO Technical and Vocational Training Institute is offering training in a boarding setting (Girls Exclusive). The trainees were selected from Qoryaale, Koosaar IDP, Ali Husein IDP, Cadaadlay, Dacar budhuq, Abdaal, Mandheera, Laasciidle, Go'da Wayn, and Tuulo dhibiijo villages.



Figure 13
Photo group of the opening ceremony



Figure 14
Director of MOES, deputy mayor of Berbera

Enterprise-based TVET in the Sanaag region

YOVENCO in partnership with Save the Children International is implementing the REEVS project (Reducing Economic and Ecological Vulnerability in Sool and Sanaag regions of Somaliland). The Eastern regions are experiencing food insecurities caused by recurrent droughts and tribal conflicts. The project mainly focuses on the transitional aid areas of reconstruction of basic social and productive infrastructures, Disaster risk reduction, and Food security.

YOVENCO Technical and Vocational Institute trained, through EBTvet enterprises, 100 (60 female, 40 male) trainees from Erigavo and El Afweyn. In addition to that, the project helped increase the knowledge and skills of 14 CBAHWs from Erigavo, El Afweyn, and Gar'adag through the provision of refresher training and equipped them with kits.



Figure 15
Women trainees
receiving certificates of
completion



Figure 16
Trainees receiving
certificates of
completion

Life Skills Training, Entrepreneurship and Employability-Next Economy

YOVENCO is implementing SOS children village under the FSP program soft skills training. The training consists of three tracks, the first track is core life skills for all, with 12 training sessions and 4 coaching sessions.

Upon the completion of the sessions, the trainees are divided into two groups based on their interests; one group for the employability training track and the other group for the entrepreneurship training track.



Figure 17
MESAF Regional
Coordinator



Figure 18
Trainees, YOVENCO
and Partner Officials

Concern Worldwide Social Transfer Model skills Training

YOVENCO Technical and Vocational Institute is currently implementing vocational skills training with concern worldwide under the social transfer model 2 project in Somaliland.

The total number of trainees is 40 (21 female, 19 male) and they are trained in level 1 cooling System repair and hospitality management.



FIGURE 19
In YOVENCO TVET
Center



FIGURE 20
In YOVENCO TVET
Center

Refuge and Asylum Seekers' Education & Livelihood Interventions

YOVENCO Technical and Vocational Institute, in partnership with NRC, has trained refugees, asylum seekers, and host communities on vocational skills in Berbera. The total trainees were 51 (40 female, 11 male), and they were trained in beautification, cooking, steel-fixing, and tailoring.



Figure 21
TVET Trainees Who
Successfully
Commenced Work



Figure 22
TVET Trainees Who
Successfully
Commenced Work

Self-sponsored project

YOVENCO Technical and Vocational Institute also provides self-funded vocational training courses in computer, and electrical installation, digital skills, and cooling system repair to the youth, women, and adults.

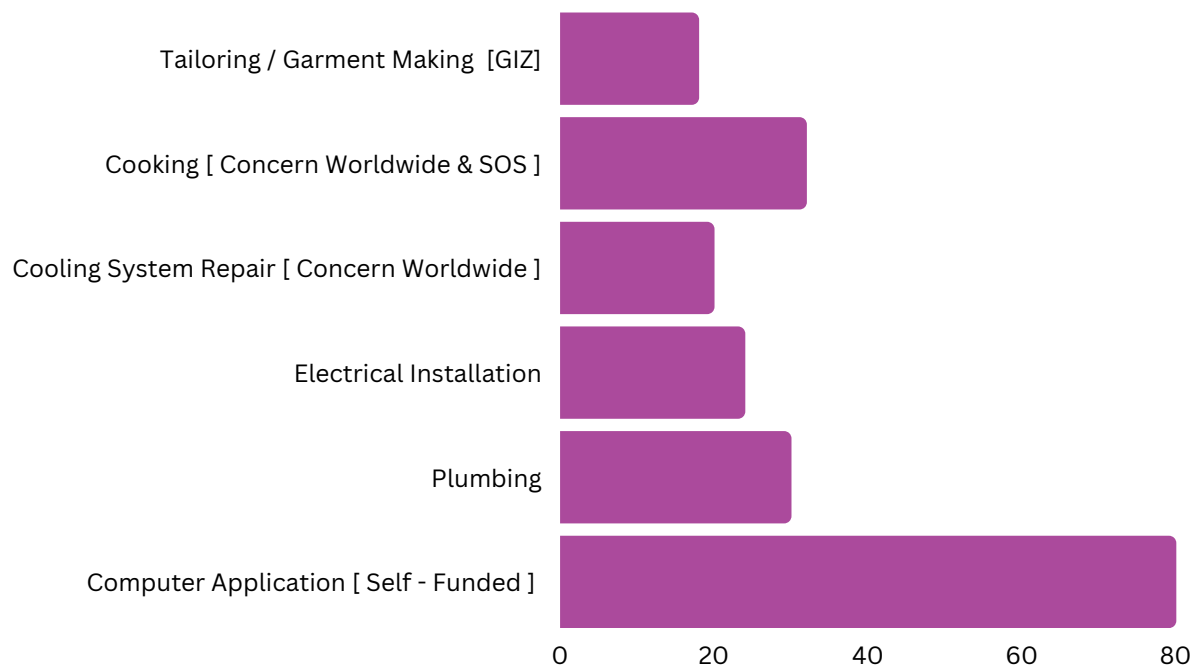


Figure 23
BMA
Executive Secretary
Giving Speech During
The Ceremony



Figure 24
Mayor Of Berbera
Giving Speech At TVET
Graduation Ceremony

Running Courses



Success Stores [Links]

1. <https://fb.watch/i4K1n0dmqw/>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62UgsfENISg>
3. <https://fb.watch/i4K8Fy0ZFm/>

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