



Support Programme for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) reforms in Botswana

EU contribution: € 13.000.000 (approx. BWP 200 million)

Period of implementation: 2019-2023

Location: Botswana, country wide

Implementing organisation(s): Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

Project objectives and description:

This project aims to transform Botswana's TVET system to drive sustainable, inclusive economic growth by reducing youth unemployment—particularly among women, men, and marginalised ethnic groups—by equipping them with skills that match labour market demands.

Achievements / expected results:

A more responsive, inclusive TVET system that creates job-ready graduates and fuels Botswana's economic future. A clear, coordinated structure will be established to align education and TVET policies, with defined roles for ministries, public-private dialogue mechanisms, and streamlined decision-making—reducing inefficiencies and ensuring accountability in skills development.

Further, TVET curricula will be updated to match labour market needs, with new pathways in senior secondary education, green technology training, and sustainable sectors (e.g., tourism, agriculture). Teachers and managers will receive upskilling, while private sector partnerships will expand on-the-job training and internships, backed by improved assessments and monitoring. More women and youth will access hands-on training through strengthened private sector collaborations, with targeted support to remove barriers (e.g., bias, logistical challenges) preventing women's participation. Work-based learning (WBL) programmes will be competency-focused, monitored, and scaled up to boost employability.

Lastly, Technical Assistance will help develop priority curricula, integrate gender-sensitive approaches, strengthen monitoring, and align programmes with Botswana's National Qualifications Framework—ensuring sustainable, demand-driven TVET reforms.

Project website / Social media account links:

- https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/botswana/budget-support-programme-technical-and-vocational-education-and-training-tvet_uk