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Strengthening IGAD's regional migration and displacement policy implementation

Migration policies

- Regional migration policy frameworks in the areas of recognition of qualifications
- Migration data

Cross-border collaboration (Moyale)
Strengthening peace and providing basic services and livelihoods for mobile populations & host communities in border regions

Displacement policies

- Implementation of Djibouti Declaration on inclusive refugee education
- Implementation of Kampala Declaration on jobs, livelihoods

Systemic learning
Strengthening of systemic learning on experiences in the field of Migration and Displacement

SIMPI's Economic Inclusion Interventions in the IGAD Region

Consultancy for Economic Integration Assistance for Refugees, Returnees in Kampala, Mogadishu & Juba (Nov 2025 – Jun 2026)

Addresses needs in Uganda, Somalia, and South Sudan: Converts regional policy into city-level pilot actions

Focus:

TVET graduates → Jobs → Sustained Livelihoods

Target:

- 180+ direct participants
- 18 FGDs
- 60 KIIs
- 6 Employability Workshops

Through the Kampala Declaration on Jobs, Livelihoods, and Self-reliance

- Facilitation of **6 advocacy dialogues** to promote refugees' rights to work, documentation, and movement.
- Countries have created **national roadmaps** to enhance refugees' economic inclusion.
- Support of **4 regional public-private sector platforms** between 2021 & 2025 to support knowledge exchange and stocktaking among stakeholders.

Commissioned a consultancy to revise IGAD TVET Strategy

- TVET Strategy **based on a Regional Skill Set Assessment** highlighting the need for adaptation to technological advancements and inclusion of refugees.

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SIMPI and Qualification and Employment Prospects for Refugees, Internally Displaced People and Host Communities in Ethiopia II (QEP II)

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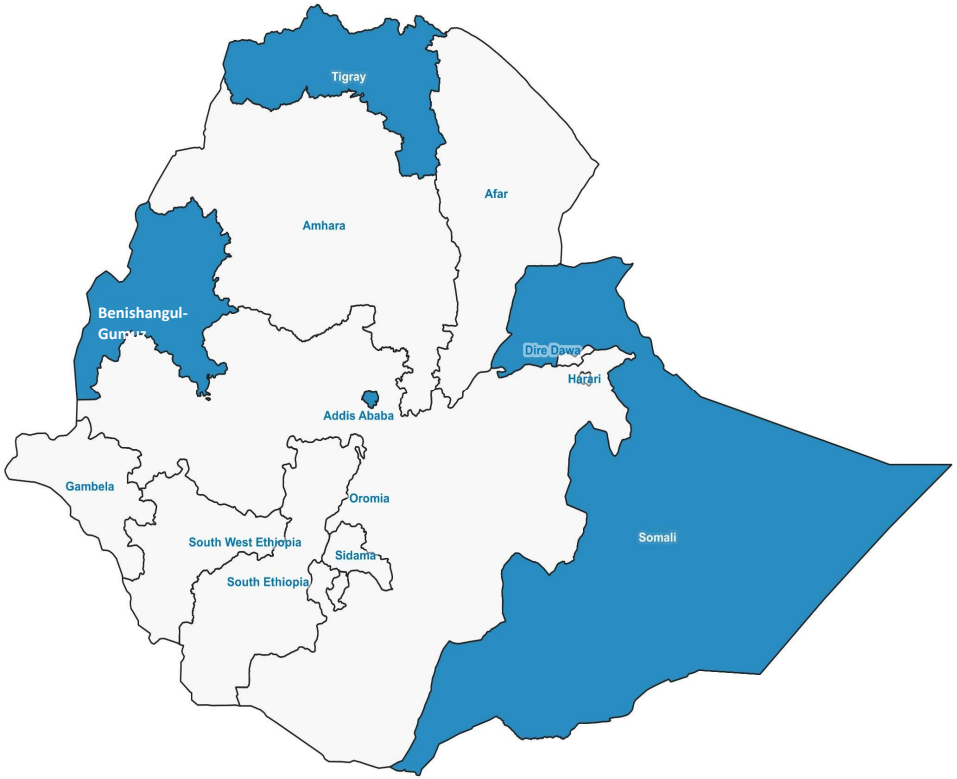
QEP II – Project Overview

Project	Qualification and Employment Prospects for Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Host Communities in Ethiopia II (QEP II)	**Implementing agency**	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
Commissioned by	German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)	**Political partner**	Ministry of Labor and Skills (MoLS)
Co-financed by	European Union	**Duration**	11/2023 – 10/2027
Regions of implementation	Addis Ababa, Somali, Benishangul-Gumuz, Tigray	**Budget**	EUR 22.45 Mio. (incl. EUR 10.25 co-financing by EU)

QEP II – Regions of implementation

Tigray

Benishangul- Gumuz



Addis Ababa

Somali

QEP II and EU Action

Objective
Employment prospects for Refugees, IDPs and Host Communities are improved.

Objective
To sustainably enhance the protection and response to basic needs, for forcibly displaced persons and host communities in Ethiopia, with an emphasis on areas affected by natural and man-made disasters.

Output 1 Policy	Output 2 Access to skills training	Output 3 Employment opportunities	Output 4 Social cohesion	Outcome 1 Inclusive TVET and Livelihoods	Outcome 2 Access to WASH	Outcome 3 Social cohesion and protective services
Coordination among relevant actors on the inclusion of refugees and IDPs in vocational training and employment measures is improved.	Access to vocational training in sectors with high employment potential, including environmental and climate-related sectors, is expanded.	Employment opportunities are improved.	Social cohesion between refugees, IDPs and Host Communities is strengthened.	Access to inclusive skills training, employment opportunities and financial services for IDPs and host communities are improved	Access to WASH infrastructure is improved.	Social cohesion is strengthened. Availability and quality of protection services are improved. The displacement policy is effectively implemented

QEP II (GIZ)

EU Consortium: IOM, AICS, GIZ I Red Cross, UNHCR

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Programme progress 11.2023 – 11.2025

General Programme Updates

Policy

- ✓ **National Technical Coordination Platform(TCP) established for the inclusion of FDPs into skill development and employment**
  - ✓ Ethiopia's nationalization of the AU TVET strategy.
  - ✓ support the establishment of a coordination and exchange platform
  - ✓ and implement capacity-building measures

- ✓ Inclusive TVET Learning Platform conducted at Nifassilk Polytechnic College
  - ✓ To foster peer-to-peer exchange between inclusive TVET colleges to strengthen inclusive TVET Institutes

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Access to Skills Training

- ✓ **Providing labor market relevant short-term trainings at 10 Inclusive Vocational Colleges**
  - ✓ 2961 refugees, IDPs, and host communities have completed short term trainings
  - ✓ In more than 10 different sectors, including agriculture, automotive, woodwork, garment and construction
  - ✓ The participants included 352 refugees, 1115 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and 1494 host community members
  - ✓ Notably, <u>female participation is at 52%</u>

Employment

- ✓ In total, **2960** job entry employment opportunities facilitated.
- ✓ Job entry opportunities facilitated for
  - ✓ 237 refugees,
  - ✓ 1216 IDPs,
  - ✓ 1507 host community members
- ✓ Female participation is at 53%

- ✓ In total **723** beneficiaries who are employed after six months (Sustainable employment)
  - ✓ 49 refugees,
  - ✓ 244 IDPs,
  - ✓ 430 host community members

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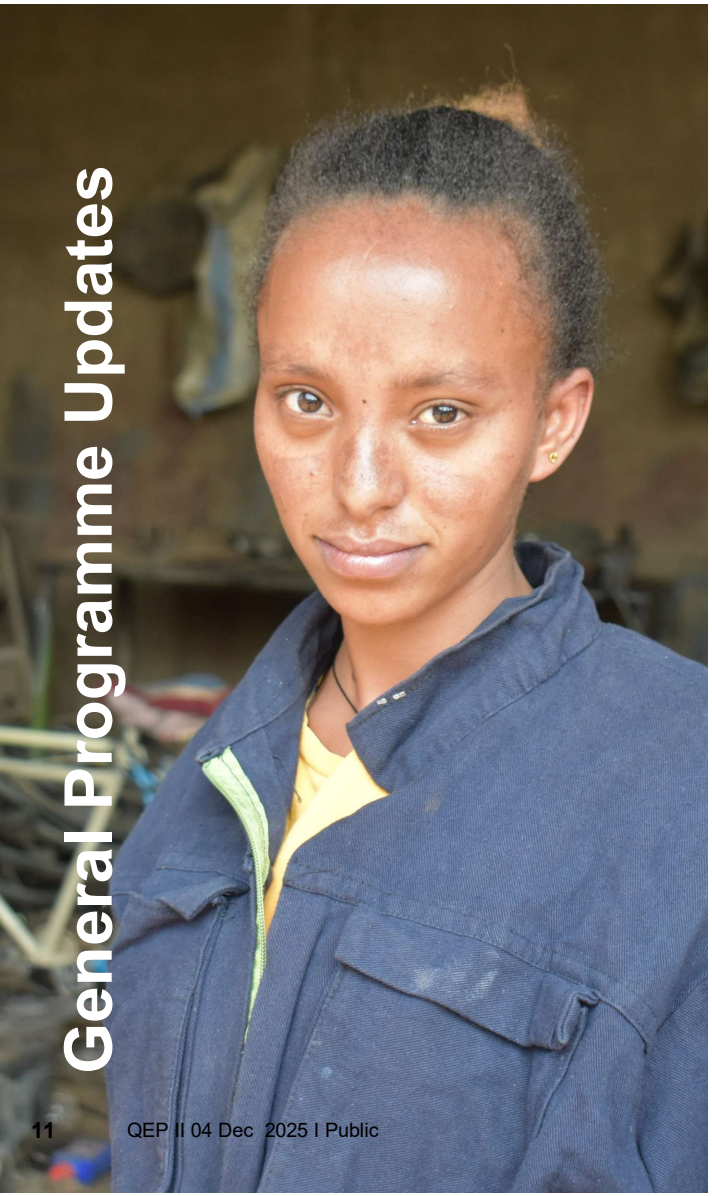

Gender Alliances

- ✓ An international consultancy firm has been contracted to implement the **Gender Alliances (GA)**
  - ✓ The GA will **promote gender equality in TVET institutions** and the labour market by increasing women's participation in traditionally male dominated technical fields (in Addis Ababa and Tigray)
  - ✓ QEP II partners (TVET colleges and the private sector) have been onboarded through workshops
  - ✓ GA officially **launched in 2025!**

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Beneficiary Testimonies Tigray

Haftom (34), HC

Beekeeping suits me, it is relatively easy to start and make a living from. There is a good demand for Tigray honey.

Assefu (21), IDP

Here I gained good practical knowledge and skills how to keep chicken farming clean, and that poultry is a fulltime business.

Meet a QEP supported business owner!

- ✓ Two years ago, Samrawit and friends turned joined QEP training and startup support into a thriving leather shop in a busy area.
- ✓ From bags to belts, her handcrafted designs attract strong demand, boosted by smart social media marketing.
- ✓ Aims to expand, hire people, and provide stable incomes in a community.

How are QEP business groups formed?

Vocational Class training

✓Inclusive vocational class training for six months in leather products

Business groups

✓Refugees & Ethiopians form business groups

Entrepreneurship training

Business Plan Pitch

✓Business groups pitch their plans.

✓A selection committee evaluates and selects the best pitches

Start up incubation programme

✓Selected businesses are admitted into an incubation program and receive start-up support to launch their businesses

Business groups established in the market

Implementation Challenges

Business Licenses

- Refugees face challenges in accessing business licenses
- Lack of information on R2W directives by lower-level administrations.

Work permit

- Delay in the issuance of work permits
- Low awareness among employers about the Refugees Right to Work (R2W)

Anchoring

- Anchoring of programme products into the existing system and increasing of contributions in annual plan and budget

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Thank you for your attention!

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