

GTZ - BOSCO Cooperation

GTZ (German Technical Cooperation) is a German agency commissioned for implementing bilateral technical cooperation. In India one of the areas of bilateral cooperation is Vocational training. The focus of the cooperation is on promoting employment oriented non-formal training for sustainable economic growth. For this GTZ, with the Ministry of Labour, India, has taken up a project called NVTs (National Vocational Training System). The overall objective of the GTZ – NVTs project is: “The Vocational Training System is expanded, in pilot states, to include employment-relevant and demand-oriented initiatives which correspond to the needs of the informal sector”.

In December 2003, GTZ – NVTs entered into cooperation with BOSCO – DELHI. The prime focus of this cooperation is: “Implementing sustainable livelihood strategies for poor youth and women through non-formal vocational training and promotional programmes”. Under the guidance of GTZ – NVTs team, Don Bosco Yuva Kendra, Najafgarh, conducted training-needs assessment in the villages and colonies in the vicinity of the Institute.

Based on the findings of the survey we have initiated updating and modularization of Electrical Technician and Tailoring curriculum. The objective of this re-designing of the curriculum is to increase the access to demand-oriented quality training for candidates with lower level of education. Besides this, training curricula in new relevant skill areas are also being designed to meet the job-market demands.

The cooperation has also facilitated the equipping of the various departments of the Training Institute with relevant training materials, tools and equipments. This has already improved the quality of the vocational training imparted and is increasing the proficiency of the trainees in their particular trades.

As the initial 3-year cooperation enters into the 2nd year, tangible improvement in the field of employment-oriented vocational trainings specially designed for the dropouts and less privileged and

replication of the same is envisioned. In the third year, vigorous efforts were made to get certification from the ministry of labour and vocational training for the new curriculum developed by GTZ- NVTs collaboration. GTZ also initiated the process of net working with more than eighty Don Bosco technical institutions all over India.

