



ADPP Guinea Bissau TVET Capability Statement

ADPP GB was founded in 1981 with a mission to create long-term economic, social and cultural development opportunities for the most vulnerable people, acting mainly in rural and hard to reach areas.

Young people in Guinea Bissau face multiple and complex challenges. 70% of the population lives in poverty, and only 58.6% of children finish primary school. A significant majority never attends secondary school and instead, works in the informal sector to meet their basic needs. Bissora Vocational School (BVS) was established in 1997 to empower young people with life, professional and business skills in 6 trades. At the end of 2018, BVS had seen 1,584 students graduate from its courses.

The school currently offers boarding to 126 students and this year has enrolled 250 students in courses ranging from 8-weeks to 11-months. It actively promotes enrolment and provides targeted support for young women and students with disabilities in efforts to increase their social and economic independence.

The boarding school environment provides vulnerable students with psychosocial support and a safe, open learning environment. To date, an average of 20% of

students are young women and one student with a disability is enrolled.

Current courses include Agriculture & Livestock, Construction, Management and Trade, Solar Energy and Electricity, and Water Systems Maintenance. In 2019, 6-month courses in Informatics, Dressmaking and Mechanics have been introduced. All courses incorporate foundational subjects including mathematics, Portuguese, social studies and physical education, as well as extensive life and social skills components.

Between 30 and 50% of coursework is made up of practical learning, as much as possible in the local community, to provide students with experience in their chosen trade and strengthen work readiness. Furthermore, students are equipped as active players in the development of their own communities.

Since 2016, Agriculture students spend one-third of their time working in communities close to the school to identify needs and practical solutions to challenges such as food security, WASH, and women's rights. Moreover, courses were offered in cashew processing to compliment an EU-funded project to develop the

local value chain. Students completed training and internships in the Cashew Processing Factory built through the project. The factory currently employs 12 course graduates full-time.

BVS is continuously adapting to its community's evolving needs. With support from Foundation

Electric Schneider, BVS is the first school in the country to offer a Level 2 Certificate in Solar Energy and Electricity. The first class of 10 students is due to graduate in December this year. In 2018, BVS rolled-out 8-week entrepreneurship courses for returning migrants to support reintegration, supported by IOM.

Highlighted Experiences

DATES	PARTNER	TOTAL BUDGET (EUR)	KEY RESULTS
2010-2012	European Union	659,757	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of school infrastructure and intake capacity Revision of Agriculture course to include Livestock
2016-2017	Islamic Development Bank	54,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restructure of Agriculture & Livestock course to increase practical component
2017-2020	Foundation Schneider Electric	23,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restructure and merging of Level 1 Electricity and Level 1 Solar Energy courses into Levels 1 and 2 Solar Energy and Electricity courses Revision of cross-cutting entrepreneurship modules Professional Development for 11 BVS staff
2018-2019	SOLSEF & Instituto Camões	60,993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of three new courses in Dressmaking, Informatics and Mechanics
2018-2020	African Development Bank	138,595	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiation of 1ha model field for Agriculture and Lifestock course Financial support for 80 students - 20 students (10 female) have received support to date
2018-2020	European Union	37,350	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocational School 40 students (22 female) Trained in cashew processing
2018-2019	International Organisation for Migration	9,525	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and implementation of 8-week Reintegration and Entrepreneurship course for returning migrants

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