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ACADEMY FOR SAFE TRUCK DRIVING

Académie de Conduite de Camions en Sécurité (ACCES)

With its strategic geographical location and increasing foreign investments, Morocco is strengthening its position as a regional road transport hub to link Europe and Africa. As a result, there is a growing need for more certified truck and bus drivers. At the same time, youth employability remains a high national priority, with Moroccan youth being twice as likely to be unemployed compared to the national average.

Despite its potential for creating economic growth, the road transport industry remains a high-risk sector. According to the World Health Organization, Morocco ranks first among Arab states and sixth worldwide for road fatalities, with over 3,000 deaths annually. Furthermore, the World Bank estimates that costs related to road accidents and fatalities amount to 2.5 percent of the Moroccan GDP, or 8 billion Moroccan dirhams annually (approximately \$870 million). Improving road safety will help Morocco move further along the path to a more secure and prosperous future.

USAID RESPONSE

USAID supports youth employability while addressing road safety challenges through the establishment of the Academy for Safe Truck Driving (ACCES). ACCES aims to help narrow the skill shortage in the road transport sector by providing courses on safe and defensive driving, fuel efficiency for various types of trucks and buses, and soft skills, such as professional communication and customer service. Engaging both the public and private sector, the Academy offers a highly

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specialized driver training program that combines both theoretical and practical training, as well as career guidance to help students smoothly transition from the Academy into the workforce.

In collaboration with relevant government stakeholders, ACCES aims to scale up this training model to additional educational institutions in Morocco, thereby enhancing educational outcomes and driving skills to further improve road safety and youth employability in the transport sector.

RESULTS TO DATE

- Assessed future skills and job needs in the Moroccan road transport sector.
- Upgraded the capacity of the host training center by furnishing two driving simulators and a modern semi-trailer truck, and by refurbishing the training facilities.
- Developed truck and bus driving training curricula, which have been approved by the relevant Moroccan authorities and the private sector.
- Launched the training of the first intake of 12 young Moroccans for safe truck driving, including one female student.
- Four OFPPT trainers benefitted from continuous technical training and driving coaching sessions.
- 64 transport professionals received technical training related to safe and environmentally friendly driving techniques.
- 420 young trainees have participated in the workshops and events conducted by the ACCES Career Services.

FACTS AND FIGURES

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:

- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

HOST-COUNTRY GOVERNMENT PARTNERS:

- Ministry of National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education, and Scientific Research
- Ministry of Equipment, Transport, Logistics, and Water
- Office of Vocational Training and Job Promotion (OFPPT)

PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS:

- Volvo Group
- Federation of Transport and Logistics in Morocco

LOCATION: Institut Spécialisé dans les Métiers du Transport Routier, Casablanca

TOTAL BUDGET: \$3 million

USAID CONTRIBUTION: \$1.5 million

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