



IVORY COAST

Resocialisation programme for the most vulnerable adolescent girls

Context

Each year, 350,000 to 400,000 Ivorian youth join the working-age population. 67% of them are unemployed. For those lucky enough to find a job, conditions are very precarious and wages are low.

As for education, many challenges remain. 41.5% of girls of secondary school age are still out of school. This situation can be explained by several factors such as the cost associated to attending school, which can be a burden for poor families, as well as the involvement of girls in household chores, and finally the lack of schools.

In the end, young people, even the most educated, miss employment opportunities because of the gap between the needs of the labor market and the educational offer.

Our solution

UNICEF wants to unlock the potential of the most vulnerable girls in the precarious neighborhoods of Abidjan and San Pedro. We will provide the vocational skills and tools they need to generate income, that benefits their families and communities.

These activities will be planned, carried out and centralized in a specifically created incubation center, providing a secure and dynamic environment.

This project is aimed at adolescent girls and young women aged 16 to 24, who are no longer in school and are engaged in precarious work.

UNICEF will join forces with the Ivorian government so that the project is effective and directly integrated in the plan of the Ministry of Education.



UNICEF key actions



- Civic and life skills training, including literacy, the national first aid certificate, a driver's license and life skills modules on entrepreneurship
- Professional training and internships
- Supporting the creation and implementation of business projects for adolescent girls and young women, by providing them with expertise in entrepreneurship, and by putting them in touch with existing businesses, which can serve as mentors

Story from the field

Marc Vincent, Representative of UNICEF Ivory Coast, is sharing his joy with Rebecca Siloue, 23, and her friend Rokia Traore, 20. They just had their graduation ceremony, after their civic and professional training.

“We didn't have an easy start in life but our dream is to become independent women who can take care of ourselves and our families. We still can't believe that we are now able to drive a small tractor or speak in public,” they say.



Financing examples

50,000 €

Vocational training and a 6 months internship for 100 girls

133,000 €

300 girls are trained and advised on their income-generating activities

200,000 €

150 girls are supported during 6 months at the incubation center

500,000 €

Civic and life skills training for 300 girls during 6 months



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