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GROW Project Launched to Drive Green Jobs and Sustainable Construction in Africa

The GROW Project:

The **GROW Project – Construction Waste Remediation and Recycling Vocational Training in Sub-Saharan Africa** has officially been launched, bringing together European and African partners to address construction waste challenges while promoting green job creation in **Nigeria and Mozambique**.

Co-Funded by the European Commission under the **Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Vocational Education and Training in Sub Saharan Africa** programme, the GROW Project aims to strengthen vocational education systems by equipping young people, construction workers, and educators with **green, digital, and entrepreneurial skills** for sustainable construction waste management and recycling.

The construction sector is one of the largest generators of waste globally, accounting for up to 30 per cent of total solid waste. In many Sub-Saharan African countries, most construction and demolition waste ends up in dumpsites, despite its strong potential for reuse and recycling. GROW seeks to turn this challenge into an opportunity by integrating **circular economy principles** into vocational training and linking skills development with labour market needs.

Through the project, Vocational Training institutions in Nigeria and Mozambique will modernise curricula, train instructors and managers, and pilot innovative training programmes focused on





construction waste reduction, recycling, and sustainable building practices. The project also promotes **work-based learning**, internships, job fairs, and entrepreneurship to improve employment and self-employment opportunities for young people.

Gender equality and social inclusion are central to GROW's approach, with a commitment to ensure that **at least 30 per cent of beneficiaries are women**. By encouraging women's participation in green construction careers, the project aims to foster more inclusive and resilient local economies.

GROW is implemented by a consortium of partners from Europe - Mínimos Quadrados – MQ; AREA; MUNDUS; and Africa- Lagos Waste Management Authority – LAWMA; APODISSI; UniZambeze; Instituto Superior Dom Bosco – ISDB, including vocational training institutions, public authorities, universities, and private sector stakeholders. The project aligns with EU Global Gateway priorities, national development strategies in Nigeria and Mozambique, and the African Union's Agenda 2063.

By strengthening skills, promoting innovation, and fostering cross-border collaboration, the GROW Project is expected to contribute to cleaner cities, reduced environmental impact, and sustainable job creation across Sub-Saharan Africa.



The project's partners:

European Partners

Mínimos Quadrados – MQ; AREA; MUNDUS

African Partners

Lagos Waste Management Authority – LAWMA; APODISSI; UniZambeze; Instituto Superior Dom Bosco - ISDB



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