



UIL/PASCAL Webinar: The challenge of developing the role of TVET

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COTONOU AND BENIN REPUBLIC

- Cotonou is the commercial capital of Benin Republic
- Benin Republic is a 12million people Francophone Country in West Africa
- Between 1990 (the end of Marxist-Leninist Regime) and 2010 Cotonou attracted a huge population of internal rural migrants
- These migrants were mainly Illiterate and unskilled, and came to look for work

MAIRIE D'Abomey Calavi

- In order to assist these migrants and to prevent a possible spike in crime, the two 'Mairies' (Town Councils) servicing the City of Cotonou but especially the 'Mairie' of **Abomey Calavi**, partnered with the **Ministry of Literacy and National Languages** to promote the learning programme known as '**FAIRE FAIRE**'

Cotonou As
Learning City
&
'FAIRE FAIRE'
as a Learning
City
Programme

- **Cotonou is an aspiring Learning City, part of PASCAL's learning city networks**
- 'FAIRE FAIRE' is a work-oriented literacy programme
- It teaches simultaneously
 - ✓ A national language (reading, writing & numeracy in the mother tongue) **and**
 - ✓ A skill (selected by learner)

OBJECTIVES OF 'FAIRE FAIRE'

- To extend the success of literacy in national languages, the foundation of which was laid between 1972-90 during the Marxist-Leninist Regime.
- To equip rural migrants into Cotonou with sellable skills (e.g. electrician, hair dressing, sewing, carpentry, etc.)

CURRENT CHALLENGES & ORIENTATION

- Beginning 2011, 'FAIRE FAIRE' was dispensed to all migrants
- However, b/w 2011 and 2017, there was an explosion in the population of adolescent migrants
- Therefore, beginning 2017, the focus of 'FAIRE FAIRE' is now on adolescents living in Cotonou
- Only few 'FAIRE FAIRE' training centres exist now in Cotonou.
- Yet more adolescents need this type of training

ACHIEVEMENTS & PROSPECTS

- **120** participants made up of **70** men and **50** women have been made literate and equipped with skills between 2011 and 2018 by the 'Mairie' of Abomey Calavi. The statistics for the other 'Mairie' (Mairie de Cotonou) was not available at the time of this presentation.
- With the establishment of more 'FAIRE FAIRE' training centres, more participants would be trained