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MISALE - Training Institute for Commercial Vehicle Drivers in Ethiopia

CONTEXT

Road traffic accident is a major public health problem contributing significantly to injuries, disabilities, deaths and property loss in Ethiopia. With 65 fatalities per 10,000 vehicles, Ethiopia has one of the **highest fatality rates** per vehicle in the world. Road crashes account for up to **8.8% of Ethiopia's GDP**, underscoring the urgent need to **improve road safety**. The majority of accidents are attributed to **limited driving skills** and **bad driving behavior**. The primary objective of the project is to **create productive employment opportunities** for Ethiopian youth, encompassing both young women and men, in commercial vehicle driving and **improve the shortage of skilled labor** in transport enterprises. The project contributes to the reduction of road traffic accidents and skill gap of drivers by contributing to the efforts of the government in transforming the driving schools in the country.

STRATEGY

Under a **Private Public Development Partnership (PPDP)**, UNIDO has collaborated with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Volvo Group, Selam Children's Village (SCV) and the Ministry of Transport and Logistics to **support the establishment of a model academy** for the **training of trainers and commercial vehicle drivers** in Ethiopia.

This strategic approach is designed to meet the escalating demand from private sector companies, constituting an important step towards reducing the alarmingly high level of on-the-road traffic accidents in the country.

IMPACT

The project strives to generate productive employment opportunities for young Ethiopians in commercial vehicle driving, with a potential for wider multiplier impacts on the transport sector.

Some key results are:

- **Skill improvement** reported by 91% of trainees
- Over 80% of the graduates secured **gainful employment**
- **Position improvement** for 40,5% of trainees
- **Income increase** for 49% of trainees

Specifically, the project:

- Trained over **493 certified driver trainers** and **56 novice truck drivers**
- Impacted over **13,600 drivers** (as of September 2022) across **seven regions** in Ethiopia
- **Upskilled** 350 drivers sent from companies
- Trained **100 female city bus drivers**
- **Successfully assessed and re-certified** 3500 drivers with previously suspended licenses
- Contributed to up to **25% fuel savings** thanks to eco and defensive driving
- **Collaborated** with 55 driving schools and 75 transport companies
- Achieved **financial sustainability** of the training academy

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DURATION

2017 - 2025



TOTAL BUDGET

EUR 5,170,000



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