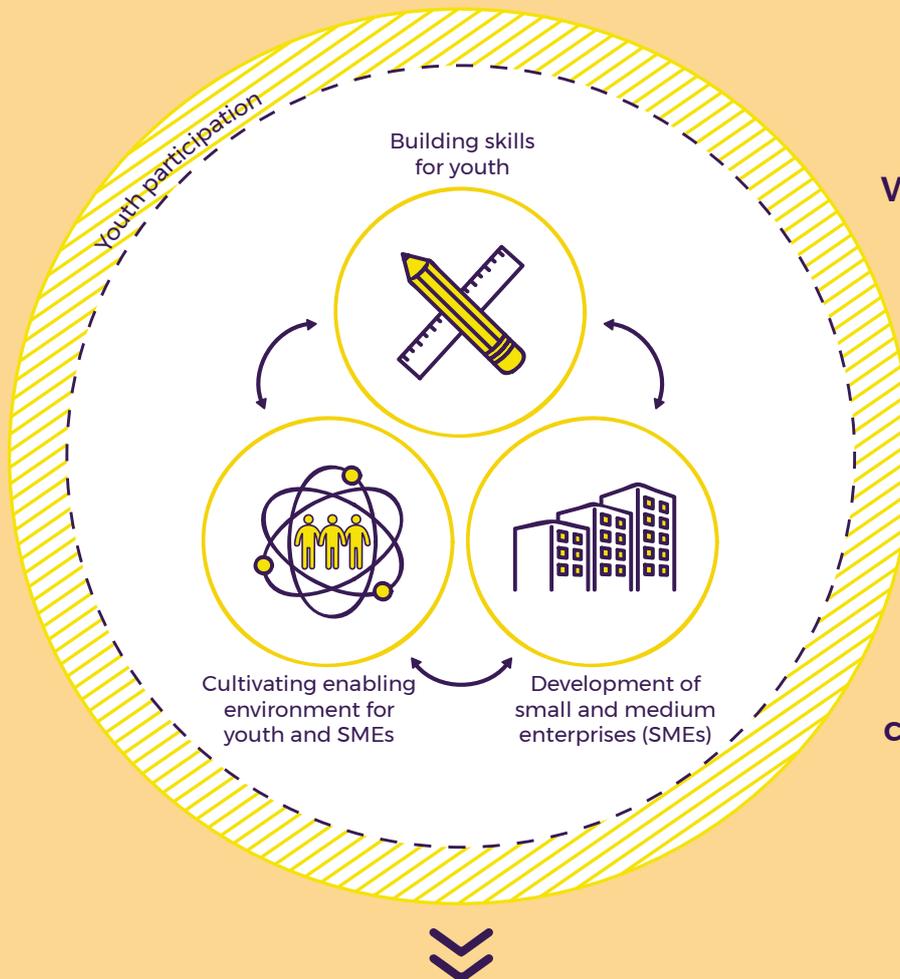


What?



More employment for young men and women in Egypt, Somalia and Nigeria

Work in Progress! aims to create more employment for young men and women in Egypt, Nigeria and Somalia, prompting positive expectations about their future in their countries. The project is built on three main pillars that complement each other and together bring about the desired change.

How?

The project uses a holistic approach to tackle youth unemployment. It focuses on both the supply and the demand side of the labour market and on enhancing the enabling environment for youth and SMEs. By 2018, we will have engaged with more than **5000 young men and women**, accelerated over **100 startups**, connected **thousands of startups** to knowledge, mentorship and finance, and provided business development support to **100 small and medium enterprises**.

Youth are trained in **soft and technical skills** and are connected to employers through **job fairs** and **internships**. Work in Progress! **accelerates startups** led by young entrepreneurs and provides **business development services** to small and medium enterprises. We connect them to angel and impact investors to accelerate their growth and hire youth.

Our research and close cooperation with youth, startups and SMEs, provide us with insights into the challenges they are facing.

We use their feedback as a basis for our **advocacy** towards governments and the private sector. Young people have a strong role in the project – as participants in the interventions as well as partners in planning and monitoring.

Who are we?

Work in Progress! Alliance is led by Butterfly Works, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Oxfam and Venture Capital for Africa (VC4A). These organisations bring their unique expertise in the project, making it possible to implement the holistic approach towards youth unemployment. The alliance members collaborate with and provide technical support to organisations in all three countries. (See the map below)

Butterfly Works is a social innovation studio that creates education and communication projects in emerging economies. They support the set up of digital design Bits schools in Somalia (Hargabits) and Nigeria (Ekobits). The Work in Progress! Alliance also benefits from

“Tunga”, an online platform initiated by Butterfly Works to connect coders from Africa to international clients.

International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an intergovernmental organisation providing services and advice to governments and migrants. In this project, they train youth in vocational and technical skills and the project benefits from their solid relationship with local and national governments.

Oxfam is a world-wide development organisation that mobilises the power of people against poverty. In 60 countries they work to find practical, innovative ways for people to lift themselves out of poverty and thrive. Within Work in Progress! Oxfam facilitates trainings

for youth to boost their chances for employment, supports the growth of small and medium enterprises and works to improve the enabling environment for SMEs and youth.

Venture Capital for Africa (VC4A), the Africa platform for startup funding, is a fast growing community of business professionals building game changing companies across the continent. VC4A facilitates accelerator programs and investor events in all 3 project countries and connects thousands of startups to knowledge, mentorship and finance through its online platform.

Who are we working with?

Participants in 2016 / 17



3760
Youth



60% male
40% female



110
Startups



60% male-led
40% female-led



50
SMEs



65% male-led
35% female-led

