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### VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES SUPPORT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

*Vocational Training to enhance the skills of youth launched in Becora*

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Providing youth with technical skills through vocational training programmes is a critical step in helping create sustainable job opportunities in the future. The '**Vocational Training for Vulnerable Young People Programme**' aims to provide self-employment opportunities for vulnerable youth, veterans and ex-combatants and to generate income using practical skills.

With funding from RESPECT, the Vocational Training will be conducted by the "Escola Tecnica Profissional de Dili" under the Division of National Skill and Development in the Ministry of Labor and Community Reinsertion. An inauguration ceremony will be held today at the "Escola Tecnica Profissional de Dili" in Becora.

Vocational Training will be delivered to 69 people through 2 separate courses, which cover automotive repairs and welding. To ensure that the programme also benefits the rural areas, 25 students will be selected from the districts to participate in the training.

The automotive repair training will be delivered to 25 trainees over a period of 6 months, while training in welding will be delivered to 44 trainees over two terms of 3 months. Both courses will be taught at the "Escola Tecnica Profissional de Dili" in Becora. A small subsidy during the course and during on-the-job training will be paid to assist the students with their costs.

Upon completion, trainees will be encouraged to participate in further studies in micro-business management conducted by the Ministry of Labor and Community Reinsertion through the Division of National Skill and Employment or other partners to provide them with technical and business advisory support.

The long-term objective of the vocational training programme is to assist in reducing the massive unemployment numbers in the districts and to empower people to generate household income through their own initiative.

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