



Republic of Botswana - European Union

Human Resource Development Sector Policy Support



Implementers

Government of Botswana (GoB), (Ministry for Education and Skills Development, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Finance and Development Planning)

Facts and Figures

- EU Contribution: EUR 116,800,000.00 (BWP 1401,600,000)

Expected Results

- Expanded and more equitable access to education opportunities at all levels, targeting in particular learners from remote areas and socially disadvantaged backgrounds
- Improved provision and access to quality emergency obstetric, maternal and new-born healthcare
- Better management of the sectors involved (improved M&E, statistics, planning and resource allocation) in order to improve quality of services
- Improved linkages between planning, budgeting, delivery of services and the follow-up of results
- Increased number of students with appropriate knowledge and skills to find employment in the labour market

Duration of Program

- 6 years
- 2010 – 2015

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Improved systems - better results

Supporting system-wide education sector reforms through technical assistance and budget support



Context

The European Union (EU) has been involved with supporting education in Botswana for over 20 years. The main cooperation programme between the EU and Botswana during 2010-2016 is continuing this path with the Human Resource Development Sector Policy Support Programme (HRD SPSP). This makes up 88% of the funds under the 10th European Development Fund.

Objectives

With unemployment high among tertiary education and vocational skill graduates and with the quality of the education system perceived as low in international comparisons, this programme is set to support major system-wide reforms in the education sector. The Education and Training Strategic Sector Plan (ETSSP), the new Botswana Qualifications Authority and the Human Resource Development Council are important reforms supported. Reducing the HIV/AIDS and Child and Maternal Mortality rates are objectives related to the Millennium Development Goals 4, 5 and 6.

Activities

Most of the financial support is released into the Government's Treasury when the involved ministries are making progress annually on commonly agreed areas of reform or targets.

Another form of support is technical expertise provided to the participating ministries in order to build their capacity to undertake reforms to improve service delivery to the citizens. As EU funds are released to the Treasury, public finance management (PFM) system reforms in the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) are also supported.