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About People in Need in Ethiopia

PIN has been operating in Ethiopia since 2003. We currently implement various development and humanitarian works in food security, nutrition, resilience, environment and livelihoods, water and sanitation, education and skills development, social protection and humanitarian response. We have an annual budget of over €8.5 million and 210 colleagues in Ethiopia. PIN is a member of Alliance2015, a strategic network of eight European non-government organisations engaged in humanitarian and development action.



People in Need is a Czech non-governmental organisation (NGO) that has been providing aid in troubled regions and supporting human rights since 1992. Since then, People in Need has grown into one of the largest NGOs in Central Europe. Today, its work focuses on humanitarian and development aid, advocacy for human rights and democratic freedom, field social work, and education, awareness and information.

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LISEC – Green Jobs in the Leather sector



Modjo is a city known for its leather industry, which employs the majority of the city's population. People in Need is giving young people the skills necessary to work in this industry and supporting MSMEs to grow

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The LISEC project contributes to developing the circular economy and reducing the environmental impact of the leather industry in Modjo and surrounding communities.

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Green Jobs in Leather Sector in Modjo

With over 2 million young people estimated to enter the labour market annually, unemployment is a major issue facing Ethiopia. Among the more than 70% of Ethiopians under 30 years of age, unemployment rates climb up to 22%, and unemployment is generally higher for women and girls. In Modjo, there are 5,885 registered as unemployed. Moreover, Modjo faces environmental and social problems caused by the tanneries concentrated around Modjo Leather City.



People in Need and our partners, the International Rescue Committee and Solidaridad, are working to:

- Improve skills and access to employment opportunities
- Improve capacities of tanneries in waste management and manufacturing practices
- Improve social cohesion in Modjo and nearby communities



LISEC project intends to benefit more than **50,000 inhabitants** of the town targeting **4,000 unemployed youth**, of which **1,500 are women and girls**, including the most vulnerable. The project works with **42** Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises (MSMEs) in the leather sector, service providers including **5** Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVETs), job centres, **4** tanneries in Modjo and **8** other companies outside of the city.

Main achievements:

- **5** polytechnic colleges in Modjo, Adama, Bishoftu, Dukem and Sebeta were supported in their leather skills and knowledge development and equipped with **80** leather sewing machines
- **3** short training manuals (**Curriculum and TTLMs**) were developed for leather processing, footwear and leather goods technology
- **3** short manuals (**Curriculum and TTLMs**) were developed for waste management: glue production, protein hydrolats, and desalting
- **636 youth** attended improved TVET short courses and apprenticeships in the LLP sector
- **2,531 youth** have enhanced capacities to develop their business
- **42** leather-related MSMEs received business development support
- **4** Tanneries supported with **Occupational Health and Safety** materials and workers' safety improvements
- **2** Brush-type desalting machines were installed at Colba and Modjo Tanneries
- A CSR Steering Committee was established to promote in Modjo's surroundings to support tanneries to develop CSR policy and gender equality practices
- **30** community projects supported by the CSR
- **86%** increase in workers' satisfaction levels regarding the working condition in tanneries
- **4** tanneries: Modjo, Colba, Friendship and Ethiopia, are in the process of self-evaluation (LWG) with the support of LIDI and UNIDO
- **22** women's savings and gender discussion groups (**535 members**) established
- Access to gender-based violence (**GBV**) services in Modjo has been increased
- Capacities of service providers in Modjo to provide support to unemployed youth and women are improved



Women's savings groups enhance the ability of women to manage financial risks through access to formal and informal financial services. Village agents within the LISEC project create social cohesion between the community and tanneries.

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