

Skills Development for Youth Employment (SKYE)
BUILDING A COMMONWEALTH OF BETTER FUTURE
A documentary film

Script by Visual Flow Media

Opening: GV of Benin-City, Edo

Street view. Pedestrians going about their daily business. View of city's landmarks.

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Treasure, one of the returnee migrants, is heard talking under these pictures. She's talking about her time in Moscow when she was used a sex worker. She talks in particular about the treatment and abuse she received from men.

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Treasure's interview

Treasure mentions that it was her mother who arranged for her to be trafficked out of the country.

Fade to black.

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Montage sequence.

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Part One: Past Pains

Summary: Capturing the pain, struggles and despair of returnee migrants and other beneficiaries in Edo state and FCT as they narrate their personal stories of despair, the struggles with securing a meaningful livelihood, not having skills for self-employment or employability, lack of knowledge in finding resources or platforms to garner required skills. We see them in their natural habitat like home or with family members.

Peter is at home. He talks about his experience finding work after graduation.

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Narration

Nigeria is a huge country with over 200 million people and most of these are young people – fifteen to thirty-five – who are looking for jobs and an opportunity to build a better future for themselves. But these opportunities are few.

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Other migrants in Edo and beneficiaries in the FCT talk about their personal stories of despair, the struggles with securing a meaningful livelihood, not having skills for self-employment or employability, lack of knowledge in finding resources or platforms to garner required skills.

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Narration

These struggles to find decent livelihood often leads to young Nigerians seeking greener pastures outside the country, with places such as Europe, North Africa and Europe becoming preferred destinations.

According to 2016 figures from the National Bureau of Statistics, youth unemployment rate having risen to 25% from 24% in 2015. These economic trends, coupled with other variables such as political instability and rising waves of conflict, have led to an increasing number of youths in certain categories leaving Nigeria for other countries perceived to hold greater promise.

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Peter and other returnee migrants (Treasure & Delvin) talk about their perilous journeys outside Nigeria.

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Narration

But, Nigeria is a country full of potentials there are several opportunities for young people to achieve their full potentials if only they are given the opportunity, knowledge and skills required. Like they say, Nigeria no dey carry last.

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Part Two: The Future is Present

Summary: SKYE beneficiaries in Edo and FCT talk about how various agencies/organizations teamed up with SKYE to design workshops and trainings for young people and how these intervention programmes were implemented.

A sequence of B-rolls showing beneficiaries in FCT and Edo busy working.

Narration

In May 2018, a German Development Cooperation, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) started the Skills Development for Youth Employment (SKYE). SKYE is a five-year programme that aims to promote the employability of young people (15-35) in the construction and agricultural sectors via value chains, and the establishment of an efficient Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) system in Nigeria. SKYE is funded by German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

SKYE's five priority areas are;

1. Policy and public-private dialogue.
2. Capacity building for intermediary organizations.

3. Improvement of formal TVET in selected economic sectors.
4. Promotion of innovative pilot models.
5. Support for proactive labour market measures

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Beneficiaries talk about how they found out about SKYE programmes, signing-up and entering the training.

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Narration

SKYE collaborated with several partners in training young beneficiaries across the country and especially in Edo and the FCT. These partners include;

- Nigerian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration (NGC), which is a center run by GIZ's Programme Migration for Development (PME). The beneficiaries were trained under the umbrella of the Returning to New Opportunities Programme of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).
- SKYE also collaborated with state and federal institutions such as EdoJobs and NCWD to empower youths with skills and knowledge that will increase employability.

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Part Three: A journey to the Future

Summary: We go on a journey with beneficiaries as they relive their training experience, details about the courses that were taken, duration, challenges and solutions. They talk about the emotions and other nuances that played out in the course of the trainings.

Beneficiaries talk about what happened during the training courses in Edo and the FCT.

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Part Four: A Future Assured

Summary: Seeing a brighter and better future after acquiring life-changing knowledge and skills, beneficiaries share their aspirations, dreams and how they plan to pay-it-forward by impacting their skills and knowledge on others.

Beneficiaries talk about the skills and knowledge acquired from the various SKYE programmes and how they are being applied. They talk about the impact these programmes have in their lives and how it has helped their employability/self-employment.

Gloria (in Edo) has gone from being a beneficiary to a benefactor as she is now a trainer passing skills and knowledge to other young people in Benin-City. She talks about how that makes her feel, seeing that she's contributing to the sustainability of the SKYE programme.

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