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Training and Support for
Labour Market Integration
of Socially Excluded
Persons

EVALUATION



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WHO BENEFITED FROM THE PROJECT

- participants referred by FSWS
- persons registering with ETC
- any one who responded to a newspaper advert

ALL PARTICIPATED VOLUNTARILY



PROCEDURE

- FSWS/ETC forwarded mentees' names and contact details to social mentoring coordinators.
- Cases distributed among each group (various methods have been adopted).



FIRST CONTACTS WITH MENTEES

- Getting to know the mentee
- Learning the mentees' NEEDS and GOALS
- Assessment of ABILITIES, SKILLS and QUALIFICATIONS
- Matching the above to current OPPORTUNITIES



TOOLS GIVEN TO MENTEES

The following are only some examples :

- giving the participants opportunity to build their own personal development plan and keeping track of it for a short period of time
- emphasis on life-long learning and self-growth
- methods of accessing practical and relevant websites



... TOOLS GIVEN TO MENTEES

- ideas about methods to adopt and resources to be used in job-seeking
- guidance in CV writing and formulating a covering letter
- guidelines on building one's portfolio
- suggestions on how to contact and approach employers
- tips on performing effectively at an interview





GOOD PRACTICE

- ALTRUISTIC ATTITUDE INSTILLED FROM ONSET OF PROJECT
- SHARING OF RESOURCES, IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES
- SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS AND DISCONTENT
- CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND LIAISON AMONG :
MENTORS-CO-ORDINATORS-FSWS-ETC
- INITIATIVES (AND AUTONOMY)





... GOOD PRACTICE

- SMALL GROUPS – CO-ORDINATORS
- REGULAR MEETINGS
- CASE DISTRIBUTION – VARIOUS IDEAS IMPLEMENTED
- MOCK INTERVIEWS



DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

- incomplete contact details of mentees
- lack of information about mentees
- limited period available for mentoring
- available schemes not sufficient





RECOMMENDATIONS

- profiling and better screening
- extension of implementing project
- ETC to provide mentoring service scheme to complement the role of an Employment Advisor
- other agencies and professionals (within the social field) could be involved in the selection of participants
- relieving of financial burden related to obtaining/compiling necessary documentation during mentoring



MAIN OUTCOMES FOR MENTEEES

- found empathic listeners
- improved one's self-esteem
- moved towards a more positive attitude
- discovered new career possibilities
- learned new skills
- found new methods of job-seeking
- furthered studies
- found employment



RESULTS

Total of assigned mentees	Employed/Furthering studies/Training	Participants retaining mentoring sessions up till end of project
123	33	67



... RESULTS

Job created	Job maintained	Moved to further studies/training
12	1	20



Participants who quit project

Reason being :

Found employment	Furthering studies	Not interested in getting further assistance
3	3	50



MENTEES FEEDBACK

These are some of the general comments given :

- **Dawn is-sessions ghenuni nsib modi differenti kif infittex aħjar għal *vacancies*, eżempju f'gazzetti, fl-internet u anke ndur il-postijiet. Bis-saħħa t'hekk fil-fatt għamilt kuraġġ u mort personalment nistaqsi għal possibiltajiet ta' xogħol.**

These sessions helped me find alternative ways of job-seeking, such as browsing through newspapers and internet as well as directly visiting companies. In fact I managed to personally visit and ask for possibilities.

- **Dawn is-sessions ghenuni hafna għax permezz ta' hekk indunajt li bdejt infittex xogħol li ma kienx tal-linja tiegħi. Hekk ikkunsidrajt *jobs* oħrajn.**

These sessions helped me to understand that I was not moving in the right track in my job seeking. Thus I started considering other jobs.





MENTEES FEEDBACK

- **Anke jekk ma nsibx xogħol, dan is-servizz għeni nagħraf x'għandi nagħmel. Bil-kuraġġ u bi gwida neċessarja bdejt inċempel u nara liema xogħol nista' nsib.**
Even if I don't find a job, this service helped me understand what I should do. Through courage and necessary guidance offered, I started phoning and asking out so as to find a job.
- **Fl-aħħar sibt lil min jismagħni u jifhimni.**
Finally I found someone who can listen and understand.
- **Dan servizz li qatt ma konna nafu bih u li sibnieh utli.**
This is a service which was unknown to us and which we found useful.
- **Għaraft fejn għandi nfittex għal vacancies anke f'riżorsi li għandi d-dar, bħal direttorju.**
I came to know better where to search for vacancies, even by using resources available at home such as a directory.





CONCLUSION

- Participants coming from various walks of life with diverse backgrounds, qualifications and experiences benefited from this project even though time-span was short.
- Positive outcome resulting from continuous support and liaison among all concerned.
- The real success of this project should not be measured by simple statistics but by individual successes, even if these include small steps ahead.
- This was a learning experience for all.





THE END

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