



Alignment and Impact: Evaluating Youth Entrepreneurship Support Programmes on Vocational Training Outcomes in Dakar's Tech Hub

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Abstract

Youth entrepreneurship in Dakar's tech hub faces challenges related to vocational training inadequately aligned with industry needs. Qualitative and quantitative data collection methods were employed, including interviews, surveys, and observational studies among participants in Dakar's tech hub. A significant proportion (45%) of surveyed participants reported mismatched vocational training outcomes with actual industry skills requirements, highlighting the need for better alignment strategies. Youth entrepreneurship support programmes must prioritise skill alignment to enhance vocational training effectiveness and relevance in Dakar's tech hub. Programmes should integrate more direct feedback loops from tech industry experts into their design and delivery processes. youth entrepreneurship, vocational training, skill alignment, tech hub, Senegal

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