

# PRAEJEM

## Regional Project to support children and young migrant workers

### LITERACY, APPRENTICESHIP AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING: IMPACT ON THE WORK AND MIGRATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE



### Context

In the framework of the Regional Project to support children and young migrant workers (PRAEJEM), over 4000 migrant children and young workers had access to literacy services, apprenticeship with a craftsman-instructor and vocational training in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Mali. A study has been carried out among this project's beneficiaries to determine:

- The impact of literacy classes on the work of young people
- The effects of literacy classes, apprenticeship and vocational training services on their decisions related to migration

## Main research findings

### Significant improvement of young people's skills and competencies at work

- 90% of the young respondents **can read** and 59% know how to **write** thanks to the literacy classes
- According to the respondents, 98% saw their work performance improved at least a little: they are able to **perform new tasks** and are more **autonomous**, which has a positive impact on their **self-esteem**. Their craftsmen-instructors confirm this performance improvement.
- The project fostered the development of a real relationship of trust between the young apprentice and his/her instructor, beyond the employment relationship.

### Shift in perception about migration

- **New and « reasoned » approach towards mobility:** young people still plan to move but only if a job opportunity arises.
- The majority of the young people wants to complete their apprenticeship/ training in order to settle in their country.
- The craftsman-instructors play an important role in raising young' people awareness about the risks related to migration.