



***Contributing to long-term value
creation through the promotion of
entrepreneurship opportunities***

Saipem – KFI Women Empowerment Initiative

Saipem's company in Nigeria, Saipem Contracting Nigeria Ltd (SCNL), in collaboration with the NGO Kinabuti Fashion Initiative (KFI) has designed and implemented the Women Empowerment Initiative, in line with:

- The Nigeria commitment of promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, according to Millennium Development Goals (MDGs),
- The Memorandum of Understanding Saipem has signed with the community of Rumuolumeni where Saipem Yard is located, supporting all offshore and onshore projects in the country.

Overview of the Project

Objectives:

- Provide knowledge and understanding on how to set up a private business in Nigeria
- Boosting skills in fashion design and sewing
- Help local women to start up a tailoring business

People involved:

15 women from Rumuorlumeni community to become business owners

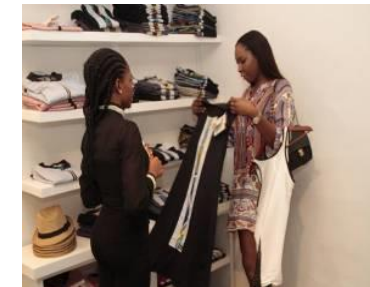
Duration:

6 months of training from April 2013 to September 2013

Continuation of activities during 2014

Project execution

- Selection of the women participating to the training
 - First stage started with 165 people from the Rumuorlumeni community out of which 50 qualified for the second stage.
 - Second stage, out of the 50 selected candidates, the 15 best were chosen
- Entrepreneurial training
- Tailoring Training for 6 months with all equipment provided by Saipem
- Final assessment
- Official Ceremony with Certificate delivery



Feedback

- The best emerging student received employment in Kinabuti Tailoring Atelier
- All remaining women continued activities also in 2014
- Saipem provided for 2014 the area to continue activities
- Appreciation from Rumuorlumeni communities, whose representatives participated to the final Official Ceremony
- Appreciation from Governmental Authorities invited to the final Official Ceremony.

