RIFT VALLEY TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (RVTTI)

1. ADDRESS OF THE INSTITUTION
Box 244-30100 Eldoret, Kenya

2. TYPE OF INSTITUTION
Public

3. YEARS IN SERVICE
57

4. INSTITUTION’S STRATEGIC VISION
RVTTI is a UNEVOC Network Center. It implements the national TVET goals and engages in International advocacy for the advancement of TVET. To accomplish this, the institute has the following strategic objectives:
1. Offer relevant and quality TVET courses, accessible to all cadres of society and meet the requirements of industry and society.
2. Increase enrollment capacity from the current 5200 to 7500 on campus and 1500 online by 2023.
4. Promote and participate in technological innovation and in the discovery, transmission and enhancement of knowledge for development through annual innovation awards.
5. Advance knowledge and its practical application by research and the dissemination of outcomes through annual conferences and publication of the Afri-TVET journal

5. TVET PROGRAMMES AND GRADUATES
RVTTI has 8 admitting departments with a total of 38 technical and 7 business courses. These courses are offered at certificate, diploma and higher diploma levels. Enrollment is approximately 30 trainees per course, per module. Annually we graduate approximately 1100 trainees.
Specific areas are:
1. Building & Civil Engineering
2. Electrical & Electronics Engineering
3. Business & Development Studies
4. Hospitality & Dietetic Management
5. Automotive & Mechanical Engineering
6. Medical and Biological Sciences
7. Pharmacy & Chemical sciences
8. ICT

6. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE
RVTTI has a 9 member Board of governors (BOG) appointed in accordance to the TVET Act, 2013. The Principal (Secretary to the BOG) runs the Institute assisted by 2 Deputy Principals, a Registrar, Dean of Students, Finance officer (top mgmt) academic and non-academic heads of departments (middle level)

7. NUMBER OF TEACHER/TRAINING STAFF
165

8. KEY STAKEHOLDERS
Government of Kenya (Ministry, Public service Commission); Trainees, parents, guardians and sponsors; Industry, Research Institutions & Institutions of higher learning e.g. Toyota Kenya, MTRH, KEMRI. International - COL, UNEVOC

9. QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
RVTTI is an ISO 9001:2015 certified Institution. The Kenya Bureau of Standards is the certifying body and it granted the certificate in June 2017 and it is due for renewal in November 2019. RVTTI has established its Quality Management System (QMS) by determining all the requirements and developing the necessary documentation. It has assigned duties & responsibilities for the various roles and developed a quality policy to guide the operations of the QMS. Implementation is carried out using Deming’s Plan-Do-Check-Act cycle through a process approach and risk based thinking. In maintaining and continual improvement of the system, functional heads are continually trained and mentored on implementation, and there is a pool of trained internal auditors who conduct periodic checks on the system. As per the standard requirements, the Certifying body conducts annual audits of the system.

10. KEY CONTACT PERSON FOR THE I-HUBS PROJECT
Dr. Edwin Tarno, PhD, HSC. Chief Principal

11. MAIN REPRESENTATIVE AT THE PROJECT LAUNCH MEETING
Dr. Edwin Tarno is the Chief Principal, RVTTI. In recognition of his contributions to TVET, he was awarded a national honour - The Head of State Commendation (HSC). RVTTI is a centre of excellence in TVET for the East Africa Community (EAC) as well as a UNEVOC Centre. RVTTI, through his leadership, was voted the winner - Champions of Governance award by the Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya. It also won first Prize in the “Africa Tech Challenge” - CNC machining. RVTTI is also an ISO 9001:2015 certified institution. He has been in the forefront in championing the Greening TVET discourse earning him a fellowship award by the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Pollution Mitigation (SETPOM). Most recently, Dr. Tarno was appointed to the African Union panel of TVET experts’ advisory council. He is widely published and is the founding editor of the AfriTVET Journal.