

Inauguration of Don Bosco Boys Town Technical Institute laboratory in electricity and solar energy, sponsored by Schneider Electric and the Schneider Electric Foundation

The Salesians of Don Bosco: is a **worldwide Catholic Congregation** Founded in mid-1800 in Turin, Italy, by Father John Bosco, popularly known as Don Bosco. They aim at educating young people (regardless of their creed) especially the poor and at risk ones. They are present in over **140 countries**, managing **hundreds of educative institutions**, but specialized in Technical Education.



The Salesians of Don Bosco – Eastern Africa Province: they aim at equipping young underprivileged boys and girls with various skills (technical and life skills), and strong moral values. They are in Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan and Tanzania; in Kenya, they have four vocational training centers specialized in electricity and we have **partnered with three of them: Boy's Town Technical Institute in Nairobi, Don Bosco Makuyu & Don Bosco Embu** outside of Nairobi. Our partnership will be the same for the three centers and will last for 4 years, **each year 105 new students** will be impacted.

Don Bosco Boy's Town Technical Institute: is the first vocational training center (TVET) we are supporting in our partnership and we are inaugurating the solar & electrical laboratory the 29th. They have a **2-year program** in electricity (with boys and girls) leading to a **national diploma** (Level Two diploma from National Industrial Training Authority).

Areas of the partnership:

- **Renovating** the laboratory: in Boy's Town, it use to be an art class, it was completely redone and secured for training purpose
- **Equipping** the electrical laboratory with electrical devices & didactical bench, in residential electricity and solar energy
- **Training** the trainers through Schneider Electric Teachers action
- Developing a solar module that we would like to certify by the Government (to replicate)

Impacts: **50 students per year** will be trained on SE equipment, laboratories are renovated and safe, we develop a **solar module** based on our solutions that can be replicated nationwide for TVETs.

The Salesians of Don Bosco in Kenya at the inauguration:



Fr. Miguel Angel Ruiz Espinola

Father Miguel is currently the Principal of Boy's Town Technical Institute; he was appointed in January 2017 and he is operating a reorganization of the Institute to make it more efficient and closer to the industry. He started in December 2000 in the

Philippines where he was ordained as a priest of the Salesian Society of St John Bosco in Cebu. He worked for two years in the jungles of Philippines before joining the Salesians community in Lahore, Pakistan, where they were settling their activity. In 2012, he was awarded by the Spanish Government with the Order of Queen Elizabeth for the social work among the Christian Minority of Pakistan. He holds a Degree in Canon Law for the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome.



Fr. Giovanni Rolandi

Father Gianni Rolandi is the Provincial Superior for the Salesians of Don Bosco in East Africa since 2011. For more than 30 years he has worked in East Africa holding several responsibilities in the government of the Province. His good service qualified him to be appointed as Provincial, a service he is concluding in a few days, handing over this responsibility to Fr. Simon Asira, the 1st Kenyan Provincial Superior of the Province. He will then join the Youth Ministry Department at the General Headquarters in Rome.

Don Bosco development project office:

Father. Frederick Swai the Executive Director.

Sam Ebale project coordinator who helped settle the partnership for the three centers.

Schneider Electric Team:

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