

## Senior Expert Corps – a Project of Swisscontact

**Promoting entrepreneurship through expertise – Imparting technical skills through volunteer work**

The retired professionals of our Senior Expert Corps (SEC) are qualified experts on site. Through their consulting services, they provide hands-on, cost-effective support towards sustainable development of companies and institutions.

### SEC Assignment in Benin, 2019

Assignment No. 3409

**Location** Savi, Benin

**Client** Fashion Designer

**Expert** Erica Matile

**Period** 14.01. - 01.02.2019



#### Client Profile

MEWA, Association and AHCCS, an association of the Fashion Designers in Savi/Ouidah. All Fashion designers with their own studios and mostly some apprentices who work with them and get instructed.

#### Tasks

- create cuts from paper
- modifications and develop new models
- create pattern from fabric
- sewing accessories
- design and color theory
- processing techniques

#### Results

24 participants received further training, of which approx. 60% were illiterate and only Fon-speaking. About 2 of them were at the highest level, 16 learned an incredible amount in the 3 weeks and were very, very committed.