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# Swiss VET engagement in Indonesia

## Lessons to be learned?

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# Presentation overview

1. Short history of Swiss engagement in VET in Indonesia
2. Opportunities and threats in the Indonesian Polytechnic system at present
3. What can we learn from that?



# Swiss engagement in VET in Indonesia

- **As of early 1970es establishment of the first Polytechnics in**
  - ✓ Tourism, and
  - ✓ Mechanic professions
- **1985 to 99 establishment of teacher training center for SMK teachers**
- **Bandung tourism school served as blue print for 3 Tourism Polytechnics**





# Swiss engagement in VET in Indonesia

- “Politeknik Mekanik Swiss” was blueprint for system of 14 Polytechnics extending into
  - ✓ *electrical, civil, chemical engineering and commerce,*established 80s to 90s with World Bank & RI financing and Swiss TA
- Switzerland ended its work by end 90es
- RI's Polytechnic system grew to currently > 200 schools



# Opportunities and threats

## Opportunities

- ✓ Currently more than 230'000 students enrolled
  - ✓ National qualification Framework established
- ✓ State schools comparatively well equipped and sufficiently staffed





# Opportunities and threats

## Threats

- Missing link to businesses -> skills mismatch
- Meaningful internships only in selected schools
- NQF only a “hollow shell”
- Curriculum development at the green table
- Instructors university graduates with wrong skills set
- Often not properly equipped
- Systemic failures: direct access of any middle school graduate => leads to sub-standard quality output



# What can we learn?

- ? Can center-based training be the way to go?
- ? How do we integrate the private sector; what's its role?
- ? How can private sector engagement be fostered?
- ? Has isolated assistance in development of NQF, curricula, certification etc. really helped?
- ? Did numerous donors' pilots help?
- ? Can partnering countries themselves take pilots to scale?
- ? What would to do to enable them doing so?
- ? Do we as donors hire the right people to do the job?







# Thank you

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