

# SKILLING Eco-VET

**skilling VET ecosystem: enhance enable environments for private and public VET key actors in Ghana and Senegal**

Training Model:

Date:



# Workshop

**International Migration to Europe: Dangers and Opportunities**

**Session 2 - Returning: Challenges and Opportunities**



# Objective

- To raise awareness on the **stigma** that **returnee migrants** face.
- To **strengthen awareness of employable-oriented alternatives** among potential irregular migrants, returnees, and refugees.
- The aim is to **empower potential migrants with knowledge and awareness** that will enable them to make safer decisions regarding their future.



# GROUP DISCUSSION: Expectations from a person that has migrated to Europe

- What do you expect from a person that migrates to Europe?
- Split into 2-3 groups, grab large sheets of paper and create a mind map collectively.
- Begin with the central theme of "Expectations of Migration to Europe", then add branches for different expectations, and sub-branches for positive and negative aspects.
- Share your thoughts with the rest of the group and discuss.



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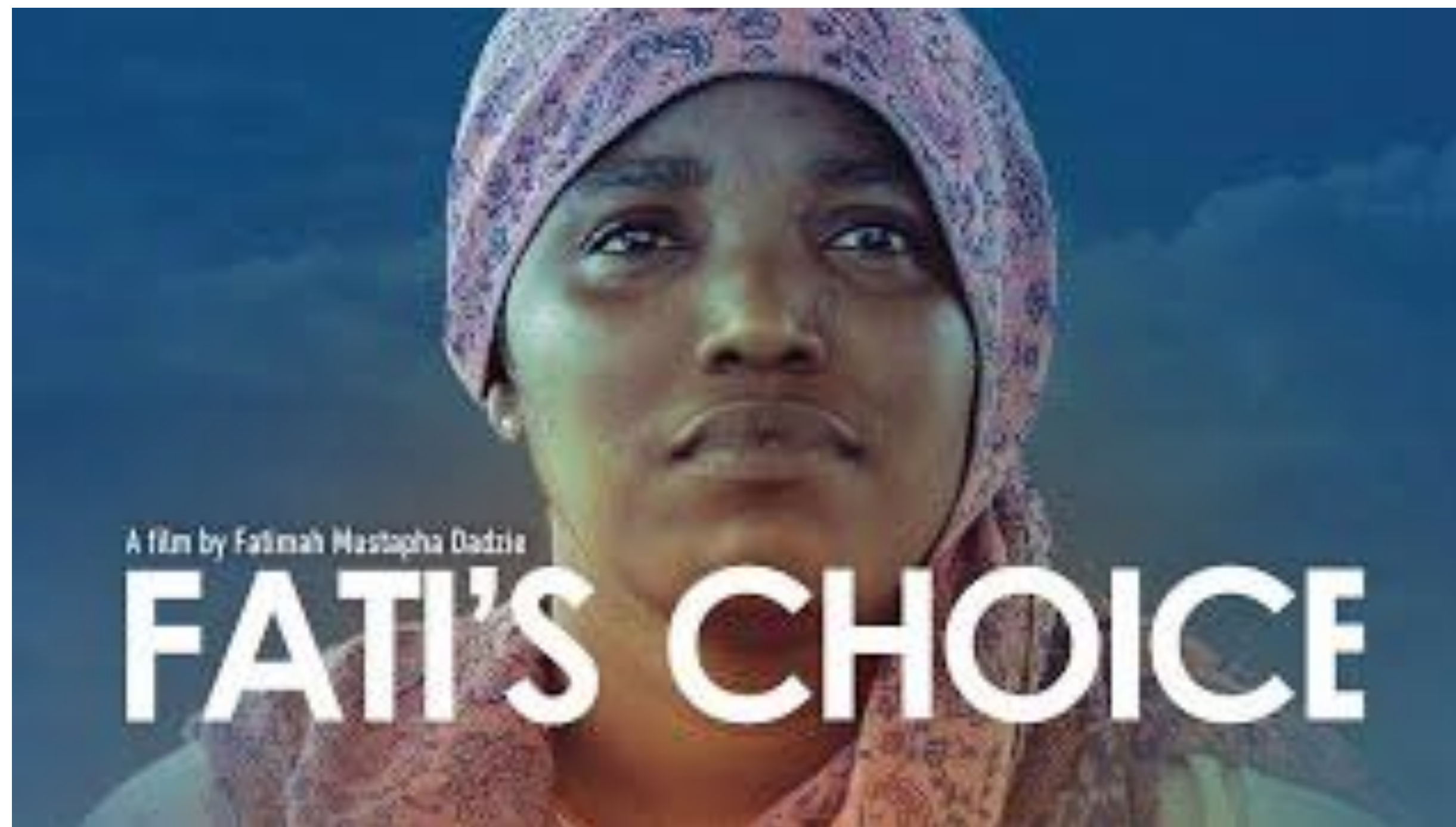
# Returning from Europe

First person account: The experience of XXX (person that has returned home from Europe and can talk about their experience being ostracized by the community and challenges of finding their place back).





## Fati's choice



Watch full film

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emAS7Z1NpSo>



Fati didn't want to go to Europe, it was her husband's dream. Unemployed, the TV repairman left their village in Ghana to try to make it to Europe, but didn't make it any further than Libya. He was arrested in Tripoli, and asked Fati to join him. She went, and when she fell pregnant, the couple decided to make one last bid at reaching the West. They made it to Italy and were sent to a migrant camp. It was there that Fati broke. She asked to be repatriated. But she paid a heavy price: her husband divorced her, and her community considers her a failure.



# GROUP ACTIVITY: How can community leaders support returning migrants?

## Roundtable Discussion

- Split into 4 small groups, each group a specific role: **community leaders, mental health professionals, returning migrants, and policymakers**).
- Instructions: Each group discusses and come up with strategies on **how their assigned role can support returning migrants** and address their mental health challenges. Encourage them to **consider practical steps, policies, and community initiatives**.



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## Discussion Points

- What kind of **community programs or support networks** can be established to assist returning migrants?
- **How can mental health professionals collaborate** with community leaders to create effective support systems?
- Are there **policy changes or advocacy efforts** that could enhance the overall support structure?
- After the group discussions, share your ideas with the entire workshop.



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# Opportunities of work and study in Ghana

## Government Interventions

### 1) The National Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program (NEIP):

- Provides support for startups and businesses.
- 45000+ entrepreneurs trained so far, and 9350+ business funded

[www.neip.gov.gh](http://www.neip.gov.gh)

### 2) Youth Employment Agency (YEA)

- To support the youth through skills training and internship modules to transit from unemployment to employment.
- **Modules include:** Community Health Workers, Prison Officers Assistants, Youth in Textiles, Youth in Waste and Sanitation, etc.

[YEA Modules and Registration](#)



## Study programs at TVET Centres

### 3) Skills Training at TVET Centres (free)

#### ***Training modules include:***

- Welding and Fabrication    -Building Technology
- Electrical Engineering
- I.T
- Mechanical Engineering

Award a vocational or technical education certificate which can be accepted in a country like Germany.

#### [Foreign Vocational Certificates to Work in Germany](#)

### Other Interventions:

Grants and funding opportunities are also available for community programs or initiatives related to the SDGs. E.g,; The Tony Elumelu Foundation champions entrepreneurship Africa to create jobs and eradicate poverty.

<https://www.tonyelumelufoundation.org/>



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