

# ILO to give training to women entrepreneurs

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At least 2,000 women entrepreneurs will this year get Business Development Training, to be provided by the International Labour Organisation and Development Cooperation Ireland (DCI) Partnership Programme.

The National Programme Coordinator, Rhoda Mwamnyange said a total of 1500 women would undergo initial training while 500 others will attend advanced training.

She said out of those earmarked for initial training, ten percent will be people with disabilities and another ten percent will comprise of people living with HIV/Aids.

She said similarly, another ten percent of the advanced course trainees would come from the disabled, while people living with HIV/Aids will also constitute another ten percent.

The ILO-DCI partnership pro-

gramme is now in its second phase. The programme was designed to contribute to the overall Ilo objective of creating greater opportunities for women and men, and to enable them secure decent work and income.

Mwamnyange said during this second phase of the programme, Women entrepreneurs including those with disabilities and women living with HIVAids would increase their access to business environment as well as business development services, including Basic Business Skills, BBS and entrepreneurship development tools such as Gender and Entrepreneurship

The programme coordinator said her programme would identify women with disabilities and women living with HIV/Aids to participate in training course via national Disabled People Organization and HIV/Aids Associations.