Entrepreneurial Propensity Among School and College Students in Tanzania

Abstract

This study examined entrepreneurial inclinations among vocational training centres (VTCs) using a sample of 508 trainees from 12 VTCs in Iringa region, central Tanzania. A majority of VTC trainees have interest in starting own businesses, motivated primarily by the need to have control over their own lives. While gender and having taken entrepreneurship courses have no significant effects on start-up inclinations, perceived chances of getting a job and background of entrepreneurial family are positively associated with interest in entrepreneurial intention. Results suggest a need to re-examine entrepreneurship training in VET and for policy makers to be careful in promoting entrepreneurship as an alternative career for those unable to secure paid jobs.

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