

Strengthening the socio-economic resilience of youth by promoting their economic self-reliance

TVET Skills Development Project for the Youth of Coastal Region, Sindh, Pakistan.



Introduction

Pakistan has a high population growth rate and a high proportion of young people in the total population, with over 67% of the population under the age of 29. Compared to other working age groups, people aged between 18-29 years have the highest unemployment rates, with the percentage of unemployed women twice that of men¹. Engaging young people in the labour market and in the increasingly globally connected economy is one of the key challenges for socio-economic development in Pakistan. The central concern of all efforts to promote youth remains to open up sustainable fields of employment and gainful employment for this group and to align qualification measures with existing labour market needs as well as trends in the important industrial sectors. Key barriers to accessing vocational training and subsequent employment include lack of knowledge and financial resources to undertake training, mismatches between labour market demand and training supply or skills learnt, lack of guidance on career planning.

Research and Development Foundation (RDF); a registered PCP certified non-governmental organization working in Sindh, Pakistan has recently launched a skill development program titled '**Strengthening the socio-economic resilience of youth by promoting their economic self-reliance**' in Bhanbhor region together with a German organization Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e. V, which is working to promote food security and livelihoods of vulnerable groups in Pakistan. Project is co-financed by German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). This project aims to support youth aged between 18-29 years through employable skills training so that they can lead a self-reliant life and support their families.

¹ Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force Survey 2017, https://www.pbs.gov.pk/sites/default/files//Labour%20Force/publications/lfs2017_18/TABLE_1_perc_R.pdf (accessed February 2021)

Project Objectives:

1333 young people in the project region have access to high-quality (technical, business management and practical life) training and qualification measures (incl. state-recognised certification) as well as financial, entrepreneurial and market-integrating support for taking up self-employed or employed activities and use these to generate income

In the target areas, support government and private sector training institutes and training service providers operating under the STEVTA and NAVTTC.

Improve capacities of local civil society organisations to support youth to benefit from vocational training and business support and are actively contributing to more inclusive access to education and income for marginalized groups.

Major Activities:

- Market Assessment for the TVET skill needs of youth in the target areas.
- Provide skill development courses for the **1,333** young people aged between 18-29 years of age.
- Selection and capacity building of **10** Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) that will better support RDF in training as well as skilled income generation through training and networking.
- Provide starter kits and entrepreneurship training to **665** young people to promote entrepreneurial activities who want to initiate their own micro-enterprises, e.g. workshops, repair services, cosmetic/hairstyling services, IT services.
- Improve vocational training services and facilities of atleast **5** TVET institutions who are working under STEVTA/NAVTTC

Direct Target Group

1,333 young people aged between **18-29 years**. The target group includes young women, men, persons with disabilities, transgenders and other socially and economically vulnerable groups.



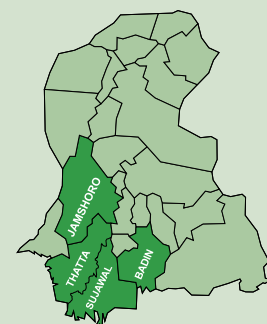
Project Duration:

1st of December 2021 to 28th February 2025.
Total 39 Months




Target Districts:

Thatta, Sujawal, Badin and Jamshoro



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