



SEIP Unveiling New Employment Opportunities for Emerging Workforces Throughout the Country

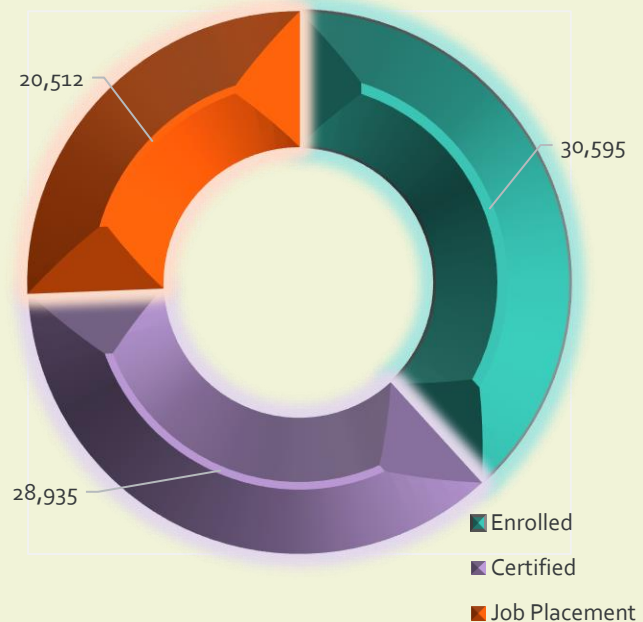
PKSF has been implementing the Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP), a flagship Skills development project of the Government of Bangladesh, from 2015. Through the interventions of this project, PKSF imparts skills trainings on different vocational trades to prepare the most disadvantaged youths to grab sustainable employment opportunities both at home and abroad. Currently, PKSF is extending its support through 4 training components: Regular, Orphan and Abandoned Youths (OAY), Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and Caregiving.

Project Updates: At a Glance

Thirty-Six Partner Training Institutes (PTIs) of the SEIP project have registered 30,595 trainees under 17 different technical trades as of November 2022. Among the registered trainees, 25,101 were male and 5,494 female participants. In total, 28,935 trainees were certified. Of them, 23,831 were male and 5,104 were female. As female participation in the project is comparatively low, PKSF has emphasized on some trades like Fashion Garments, IT Support Services, etc., to ensure more participation of females. Alongside, efforts will be continued to include more female participants in other trades as well.

As of November 2022, the total number of job placement was 20,512 of which 17,008 were males and 3,504 females. The number of wage-earning

SEIP at a Glance (up to November 2022)



employments was 14,288 while that of self-employment was 6,224. In total, 272 trainees secured jobs abroad.

Enrollment of New Partner Training Institutes (PTIs)

Enrollment of New PTIs is a regular and continuous process through which PKSF serves the youths of economically disadvantaged and hilly areas. In July-December 2022, PKSF has partnered with a number of



new PTIs. They are Anando Vocational Training Center (AVTC); Khagrachori, Bashundhara Training & Testing Center; Dhaka, RISDA-Bangladesh; Dhaka, DWF Nursing; Barisal and Ashrai; Rajshahi.



Agreement Signing with Training Institutions (TIs)

PKSF has recently signed 4 contracts with new Training Institutes viz. Professor Dr. Ruhul Haque Polytechnic Institute & Technical Training Center (RHPITTC) (on 27 November 2022), Anando Vocational Training



Center (AVTC) on 09 November, 2022, “RISDA Bangladesh & Specialized Geriatric Care Institute (SGCI) (on 22 December 2022) and DWF Nursing College (on 29 December 2022) for regular and Caregiving training program respectively.

Prof. Dr. A.F.M. Ruhul Haque MP, Chairman of RHPITTC; Mr. Md. Hemayet Hossain, Executive Director, RISDA-Bangladesh; Ms. Salina Akhter,



Managing Director, Specialized Geriatric Care Institute (SGCI); Mr. Maniruzzaman Mia, Executive Director of AVTC, and Mr. Md. Zahirul Islam, Proprietor of DWF



Nursing College signed the contracts on behalf of their respective organizations. On behalf of PKSF Additional Managing Director, Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin and Md Ziauddin Iqbal, Senior General Manager and Chief Coordinator of SEIP signed the documents.

Enrollment Status of Trainees

The enrollment data of the SEIP project show that the gross total achievement against the enrollment target (38,600) is 79%. In the Tranche-1, the enrollment target was achieved more than 100% success, the Tranche-2 secured 100% and the on-going 3rd Tranche has already enrolled 46%, of which 20% are female participants.

Certification Status

Out of the 30,125 individuals enrolled, 28,935 have received the certificates, which represents a 94% of achievement compared to the goal, according to data on certification. However, it is encouraging that the dropout

rate for the PKSF part of the project is lower than the other parts of the SEIP project implemented by other entities.

Job Placement Status

According to data on job placement, 20,512 of the 28,935 certified trainees have successfully been employed. In terms of job placement, the male-female ratio is roughly 5:1. So far, 6,224 graduates have been found commencing their own businesses, accounting for 30% of all employment, while the remaining 14,288 graduates have engaged themselves in wage employment.

Senior Officials of PKSF Inaugurate Caregiving Training



On 2 November 2022, Additional Managing Director Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin inaugurated the 1st batch of Caregiving Training at United College of Nursing under SEIP. The PTI has started this Training on their university premises on Madani Avenue, Dhaka. This batch consists of 20 young and energetic participants. Among them 50% are female and 70% of the total trainees have come from outside Dhaka, particularly remote places like Mymensingh. All of the participants, upon successful completion of the training, will be placed in jobs, mostly at United Hospital.

Mr. Md. Ziauddin Iqbal, Senior General Manager and Chief Coordinator of SEIP and Ms. Kazi Farzana Sharmin, Deputy Chief Coordinator of SEIP, were also present in the program.

Project Visits



The Managing Director of PKSF, Dr Nomita Halder ndc, visited SDS (Shariatpur Development Society) in Shariatpur on 22 December 2022. The Managing Director and three members of the General Body of PKSF -- Ms. Aktari Mamtaz, Ms. Ummul Hasna and Ms. Mahmuda Begum -- visited SEIP activities of SDS and Naria Unnayan Samity (NUSA) in Shariatpur.

From 28-30 November 2022 the Chief Coordinator of PKSF SEIP Project, Mr. Md. Ziauddin Iqbal, and Program Coordinators Ms. Iffat Ara and Md. Salahuddin visited the training and employment activities of the project implemented by UTTARAN in Satkhira, MAWTS and ADAMS in Khulna.



The Chief Coordinator distributed certificates among the participant who have successfully completed their training at MAWTS, Khulna.

On 16 November 2022, the Chief Coordinator of SEIP Project, Mr. Md. Ziauddin Iqbal and Program Coordinators Ms. Iffat Ara and Mr. Billal Hosen visited

the training and employment activities implemented by AKS Khan and Food Cadets Lipi's Euphoria in Dhaka.



On 16 August 2022, Ms. Kazi Farzana Sharmin, Deputy Chief Coordinator of SEIP and Ms. Iffat Ara, Program Coordinator of SEIP, visited Disabled Rehabilitation and Research Association (DRRA) in Debhata upazilla of Satkhira. DRRA began training of two batches, consisting of 40 trainees who have mild physical disabilities.

Workshop on Trainee Management System & Financial Management of SEIP



On 2 August 2022, an Orientation Workshop on the Trainee Management System (TMS) & Financial Management of SEIP was arranged by the Project Implementation Unit (PIU). The Focal persons and Accounts Officers of new PTIs: DRRA, Bashundhara Training and Testing Center, United College of Nursing, HEED Bangladesh, Anando Vocational Training Center were present. A total overview of TMS along with the Financial Management System is explained to the assigned officials of PTIs.

The Evolving Tale of Parvin

Parvin is a modest woman who lives in Hazradighi village in the Bogura district. To provide for her family, Parvin and her husband had to overcome several obstacles. Then she made the decision to work as a tailor since she had a lot of passion for this profession and wanted to support her husband financially by sewing dresses for other people. But she needed the ability to make tailored dresses to fit the needs of the regional market. She then made the decision to enroll in the TMSS Bogra SEIP-PKSF Fashion Garments course. Some people of Parvin's village believed that women were incapable and cannot do anything in life except household chores. They also tried to create several impediments to stop Parvin. But Parvin tried her best to overcome each of the obstacles and soon started earning on her own.



When Parvin came to the SEIP-PKSF Fashion Garments training, her new life began. Parvin gradually grew to appreciate the variety of subjects covered and the lecturing manner used in the regular lectures for the Fashion Garments course. She mastered the ability to work hard, with regular effort and talent, from morning until night.



Upon successful completion the training, the path to making money was created with the support and encouragement of the teachers. Parvin finished the training course and went back home. There, she started working as a tailor, and quickly started earning money. Parvin has significantly improved as of late. She is now a popular tailor among the local girls due to her tailoring

skills and timely delivery of orders. Thus, Parvin's credibility and orders are increasing. Now-a-days, she is earning about 12-15 thousand taka per month while staying home, taking care of her children and doing household chores as well. Along with the acceptance of Parvin in her area, her income and the status of her family have also increased. For all the local women, Parvin is now an inspiration to pursue a career in tailoring. Near her home, Parvin has opened her own tailoring shop. More neighborhood girls will be hired soon to assist her in her task. She will continue contributing to the abolition of unemployment in this way.

Parvin always remembers this contribution of SEIP-PKSF project and TMSS with gratitude. The tearful eyes of her family were full of prayers and gratitude to those who helped an ordinary Parvin to become a successful entrepreneur. She placed requests to PKSF to continue remain this program for creating more successful entrepreneurs in the country in future.

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