**About VSDP**

The Vocational Skills Development Program (VSDP) aims to improve livelihood opportunities for women and men from disadvantaged backgrounds through the provision of inclusive market-relevant vocational training, certification of skills, and labour market support measures.

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**Local Vocational Training**

Targets learners from disadvantaged backgrounds who want to work as tailors, sales clerks, house wirers, beauticians, masons, plumbers or rural mechanics. Works in partnership with government ministries and private training institutes for the implementation of short technical and life skills courses. Provides employment linkages in partnership with employers for learners after the training.

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**Project Duration**

**VSDP Phase 1:**
Feb 2014–Apr 2018

**VSDP Phase 2:**
May 2018–Apr 2022

**Target Areas**
Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Mon, Kayin and Tanintharyi

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**Our Partners**

**Partner Ministries**

- 150+ private sector companies
- 30+ civil society organisations

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**RESULTS**

- 7,000 learners graduated from local vocational training
- 220 estimated number raised over poverty line
- 78% of graduates are female
- 78% employed/self-employed within 6 months
- 8 government technical training institutions supported to implement short vocational courses

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In collaboration with the Ministry of Education (MoE), and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population (MoLIP)
Hospitality Training

Trains women and men from disadvantaged backgrounds and hotel line staff in selected hospitality occupations by using a Training of Trainers (TOT) system.

RESULTS

6,000 learners reached out to
43% female (line staff)
52% female beneficiaries (disadvantaged learners)
63% employed/self-employed within 6 months

Policy and Stakeholder Engagement

Provides technical support and inputs to government stakeholders on TVET policies and approaches for implementation of vocational training. Engages with the National Skills Standards Authority (NSSA) to support the development and realisation of a national system for skills testing and certification.

RESULTS

2 occupational areas where skills standards are developed
80 trainers from 46 government institutions and departments equipped to Life Skills (63) females
5 companies supported to become NSSA-accredited assessment centres
826 persons supported to be certified in NSSA skills testing

Dual Apprenticeship Training

Delivers on- and off-the-job training over 18 months to apprentices in the occupations of cook and agricultural machinery based on the Swiss dual training approach. The dual apprenticeship training integrates core and advanced technical skills, as well as other essential competencies, such as life skills. Additionally, it builds capacity of workplace supervisors at partner private sector companies and of the government officials in technical training schools.

RESULTS

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