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.

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.

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

Our Partners

Partner Ministries

Partner Organisations

150+ private sector companies
30+ civil society organisations

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RESULTS

1,700+ learners graduated from local vocational training

52% of graduates are female

543 estimated number raised over poverty line

78% employed/self-employed within 6 months

9 government technical training institutions supported to implement short vocational courses

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

Hospitality Training  
Local Vocational Training  
Dual Apprenticeship Training  
Policy and Stakeholder Engagement
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.

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.

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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Cook Apprenticeship

- **Occupational Areas**: 2
- **Trainers**: 80
- **Companies Supported**: 9
- **Persons Supported**: 1,200

Agricultural Machinery Mechanical Apprenticeship

- **Occupational Areas**: 2
- **Trainers**: 80
- **Companies Supported**: 9
- **Persons Supported**: 1,200

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