



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.

RESULTS

1,700+
learners graduated
from local vocational training

543
estimated number **raised**
over poverty line

52%
of graduates are **female**

78%
employed/self-employed
within 6 months

9
government technical
training institutions
supported to implement
short vocational courses

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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.

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

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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

3,700+
learners and life staff
reached out to

43%
female (line staff)

52%
female beneficiaries
(disadvantaged learners)

132
partner hotels

62%
employed/self-employed
within 6 months

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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

9
companies supported to
become NSSA-accredited
assessment centres

80
trainers from 46 government
institutions and departments
equipped to Life Skills (63)
females

1,200
persons supported to be
certified in NSSA skills testing

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Dual Apprenticeship Training

Delivers on- and off-the-job training over 18 months to apprentices in the occupations of cook and agricultural machinerybased 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.

Cook Apprenticeship 18 months

Agricultural Machinery Mechanical Apprenticeship 18 months

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Full-time initial foundation /
preparation training 1 month

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Operates as day-release
(5 days OJT, 1 day OffJT per week)

Operates as block-release

Training offered in Yangon

Training offered in Yangon, Hpa Yar
Gyi, and Mandalay/Meiktila

Phase 3
End of course skills assessment
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