

BRIEF ON SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SDP) - DFID ASSISTED

One million youth in Punjab enters in the labour market every year, out of which majority is not adequately equipped with employable skills to be absorbed in the economy. There is a need to equip the youth with demand based skills for improving their employment prospectus. In order to address this challenge under the Punjab Growth Strategy approved by Minister of Punjab, 2 million youth would be provided technical and vocational training in employable skills by 2018.

2. In order to provide the skills training to poor and vulnerable population, Government of the Punjab (GoPb) with technical and financial support of Department for International Development (DFID), UK initially started Punjab Economic Opportunity Programme (PEOP) in 4 Districts of Southern Punjab in 2011 and later on this programme was extended to 14 Districts of Punjab. The total cost of the programme was £55 million including £5 million for Technical Assistance to be borne by DFID. The £50 million of training component of the programme was equally shared (50:50) between GoPb and DFID. Punjab Skill Development Fund (PSDF) Company was established under section 42 of Companies Ordinance 1984 to implement this programme. PEOP will come to an end in December, 2016. The major achievements of the programme are as under:-

- 147,709 youth (40% females) were trained against the target of 145,500 trainees with demand based skills
- 214 technical and vocational institutes were mobilized.
- Training conducted at more than 1000 locations.
- Funded trainings in 250 trades.
- 67% of the trainees are employed within 6 months after their training (reported by a third-party in its tracer study)
- 08 skills studies were completed.
- 31 Industrial partners were engaged for delivery of trainings

2. On the basis of the results of PEOP, another 5 years programme with assistance of DFID i.e. Skills Development Programme (SDP) has been initiated for training of 330,000 trainees (40% Females) in 36 Districts of Punjab at a total cost of £127.500 million on following sharing basis:-

(£ in Million)

DFID	GoPb	Total	% age Contribution (DFID:GoPb)	No. of trainees to be funded
38.40	89.10	127.50	30:70	330,000

3. **Progress of SDP till 30.06.2017**

(Rs. in Million)

Component	Cost	Traget Trainees	Funds Released	Exp. 30.06.2017	%age Utili.	Target Achieved
PCU	12.000	-		1.266		
PSDF (Training)	16,649.130	330,000	2,616.325	2,230.000	87%	46,471 trainees have completed their trainings including 16,635 Females (36%) .
PSDF (T.A)	967.860	-	173.543	135.250	78%	
Total	17,628.99	330,000	2,789.868	2,366.404	85%	

4. In ADP 2017-18, Rs.2,900 million have been allocated to achieve the target of 75,000 skilled trainees during CFY.