

TVET Reform Project Update – 1 September 2009

Overview

The project activities continued in August although Component 2 and 5 had reduced output because the international experts went on leave during the month. The PMCC met on 17 August; received an update from all components and discussed the paper “TVET Structure and Coordination”. The second meeting of the consultative group on National Skills Development policy met at the end of the August with a follow-up meeting planned in early September. The National Professionals under Component 2 were briefed and commenced review of existing TVET curricula. The technical sub-committees under the ISCs met to review the draft Occupational Standards. The Component 3 team continued meeting with working groups on teachers' training, TVET managers' skills and institutions' management reform and recruited two national professionals to expedite the work. The Component 3 team also received one final consultancy report on "Review status, employment and selection of public-sector TVET staff" and a draft consultancy report on "TVET Funding Mechanism" conducted by a German consultant. Component 4 held the last of four industry sector strategic planning retreats; organized a workshop on occupational health and safety; and met with consultants carrying out study on workplace learning. The Component 5 team held discussions to further the pilot testing of the apprenticeship model, and cooperation with the ILO's Urban Informal Economy project for working children; made preparations concerning the mission of disabled IT expert from Australia; discussed progress with consultants on community based training (TREE) study and negotiated a later start of TVET and gender study.

A calendar of up-coming events for September will be provided separately.

Component 1 – TVET Policy, Systems and Legislation

Act. Ref.	Major Achievements Last Month (August):
1.1.2	Prepared draft national skills development policy and held second meeting of Skills Development Policy Consultative Group (31 August).
1.1.2	Finalised ILO Conventions & Recommendations consultancy.
1.1.2	Presented skills policy issues paper to National Education Policy Committee.
1.1.2	Assisted in planning and attended IFC funded donor mapping workshop on NSDC Action Plan.
1.1.5	Finalized nomination and administrative arrangements for three participants to attend Skills Policy & Systems Course at IFC Turin.
1.2.3	Recruited national legal consultant for review of international and local legislation.
1.3.1	Incorporated PMCC feedback in Finalised Review of TVET Structure & Coordination.
1.3.2	Organised meeting with key industry stakeholders to progress establishment of Skills Bangladesh.
1.5.2	Finalized recruitment of TVET data consultant through Procurement Department in ILO Geneva.
N/A	Commenced recruitment of replacement Component 1 Programme Officer.

Act. Ref. Upcoming Events This Month (September):

1.1.2	• Hold third National policy consultative group meeting (8 September).
1.1.2	• Skills Policy & Systems Course; IFC Turn (starts 21 September).
N/A	• Shortlist applicants for Program Officer position and make arrangements for interviews.
Component 2 – Relevance and Quality of TVET	
Act. Ref.	Major Achievements Last Month (August)
2.4.1	• National Professionals commenced the evaluation of programmes of study.
2.2.2	• Reviewed draft occupational skill standards with technical representatives from the ISCs.
Act. Ref.	Upcoming Events This Month (September)
2.2.4	• Run Competency based training workshops.
Component 3 – Strengthened TVET Institutions	
Act. Ref.	Major Achievements Last Month (August)
3.1.3	• Held Institutions' Management Review meeting (3 August).
3.1.3	• Conducted consultation meeting to discuss development of TVET Institutions' Managers' Training (11 August).
3.1.3	• Recruited National Professional for Institutions' Management Development Programme.
3.2.1	• Held TVET Teachers' Training Review subcommittee meeting (17 August).
3.2.1	• Recruited National Professional to assist with development of TVET Teachers' Training System.
1.4.5	• Received TVET Funding Mechanism Stage 1 draft report and provided feedback.
Act. Ref.	Upcoming Events this Month (September)
3.1.3	• Organize consultative meeting on TVET management practices and skills development (14 September).
3.2.1	• Plan and conduct consultative meeting to discuss development of TVET Teacher Training System and competency standards (15 September).
Component 4 – Improved skills development in industry	
Act. Ref.	Major Achievements Last Month (August)
4.1.3	• Conducted the Sector Development Strategy workshop for Agro-Food Processing sector at UNI Resort Cox's Bazar, attended by the Minister for Industries, Director ILo and CTA TVET Reform Project (31 July-1 August).
4.1.3	• Conducted the Sector Development Strategy workshop for Transport Equipment sector at BCDM in Rajendrapur (14 August).
4.1.5, 4.4.2 &	• Meeting held with consultants to monitor Workplace Learning and productivity study being undertaken by the Northern University of Bangladesh (NUB).
4.1.3	• Visited Apex Adelchi Footwear PPP with Tangail TTC at Tangail. Held discussions with Apex trainers and management to understand the PPP arrangement.
4.1.3	• Visited Western Marine Shipyard and Western Marine training Institute in Chittagong and held discussion with the Managing Director on possible use of Western Marine facilities for future Apprenticeship programs and piloting of Welding courses.
4.3.2	• Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) workshop held at Apex Adelchi Conference centre. Over 100 participants from 8 industry sectors, NGO'S, Donor agencies and government departments attended the workshop (24 August).
Act. Ref.	Upcoming Events This Month (September)

4.1.3	Industry Skills Committee monthly meetings for four sectors on 7-8 September at ILO conference room.
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Component 5 – TVET and the Underprivileged

Act. Ref.	Major Achievements Last Month (August)
5.3 & 5.4	Held meeting with BMET, BTETs, DTE senior management on new concepts/ideas on apprenticeship system & RPL & on piloting with an industry-'Bangla Cat'.
5.7	Held meeting with a Visually Impaired Person Mr. Monsur Ahmed Chowdhury on skills development issues for persons with disability & youths.
5.7	Visited BMIS to observe training facilities to organize training for visually impaired girls to be facilitated by Visually Impaired Australian IT Expert & met blind girls.
5.1	Participated in a meeting with JOBS to review TREE study progress & on identifying TVET opportunities for persons with disabilities and indigenous people.
5.2	Participated in inaugural ceremony of ILO-Dhaka City Corporation 'Action Programme on Child Labour' chaired by ILO Director and visited by the Regional Director (20 August).
5.1 & 5.5	Visited the 'Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed' to observe existing rehabilitation programme & vocation training options for persons with disability.
5.2 & 5.4	Participated in a meeting with HTR-UNICEF & ILO-UIE to identify areas of mutual cooperation for creating access of working children into TVET system.
Act. Ref.	Upcoming Events this Month (September)
5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.7	Visit to CHT & UNDP project in Chittagong to determine opportunities for TREE, apprenticeship, etc.
5.1 & 5.5	Provide technical assistance to 'ILO-Green Jobs Project' on 'Entrepreneurial Skills Development for Youth Girls Technicians' (8-17 September).

Issues: 1. The project office at the ILO building is becoming crowded. In the short term, some new office workstations are being set up and a new office at BTEB for Component 2 will soon be equipped and operational. There should be some discussions on whether the Government can provide accommodation for the project as mentioned in the project document.

2. There was a delay in receiving the second payment from the EC. The payment has now been made.

