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Donor-funded programme aims to train up 10,000 youths

Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), the apex body for funding microfinanciers, has launched a project to create 10,000 skilled people under a programme. The PKSF part, which will be run through 2017, will be implemented at a cost of US \$7.8 million under the Skills for Employment Investment Programme (SEIP). The Finance Division is working as the executive agency of SEIP. The tranche-1 of SEIP is being implemented in Bangladesh at a cost of US\$138.5 million funded by the government, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), private sector (combined grant of \$38.5 million) and the Asian Development Bank (loan \$100 million). Apart from the PKSF, other government and private organisations, including the BMET (Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training), DTE (Department of Technical Education), BITAC (Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Center), BASIS, BTMA, BGMEA and BKMEA are also executing SEIP to make 0.26 million skilled manpower in different sectors within December 2017. An official at the PKSF said the agency has aimed to train up 10,000, of which at least 70 per cent could be self-employed or employed at government and private organisations. He said youngsters from the ultra-poor families will be offered training for three to six months. — FE Report

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