

4th PIC Meeting Minutes of the ISEC Project

Chair : Dr. Gazi Md. Saifuzzaman
Director General (Grade-I)
Department of Youth Development

Date : 05 September 2024 **Time :** 16.00 Hours

Venue : Conference Room of Department of Youth Development

2.0 List of Participants(Not according to Seniority)

| SL | Name & Designation | Office |
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| 1. | Mr Kazi Moklesur Rahman, Joint Secretary | MoYS |
| 2. | Mr MA Akher, (Joint Secretary), Director (Planning) | DYD |
| 3. | Md. Manikhar Rahman, Director (Joint Secretary), Director (Training) | DYD |
| 4. | Mr Jagadish Chandra Debnath, Deputy Secretary (planning) | MoYS |
| 5. | Mr. Pallab Kumar Hazra, Director (Planning and Industry Linkage) | NSDA |
| 6. | Ms Afroza Akter Chowdhury, Deputy Chief | SEID, Planning Commission |
| 7. | Md. Mokbul Hossain, Research Officer | Programme Division, Planning Commission |
| 8. | Ms Nahid Farzana Siddique, Deputy Chief | GED, Planning Commission |
| 9. | Mr. Prajesh Kumar Saha, Deputy Director (Planning-1) | DYD |
| 10. | Mr Moazzem Hossain, Deputy Director, Cox's bazar & Deputy Project Director, Cox's bazar | DYD |
| 11. | Mr Saleh Uddin Ahmed, Assistant Director (Planning-1) | DYD |
| 12. | Mr Shawkat Ali, Assistant Director (Planning-2) | DYD |
| 13. | Ms Riful Jannat, Senior Development Adviser | Global Affairs Canada |
| 14. | Ms Ruchika Bahl, Head of ILO CXB Sub-office | Cox's Bazar |
| 15. | Ms Elisa Benistant, Partnership Officer | ILO Country Office |
| 16. | Mr Md. Serajul Islam, National Project Manager | ILO, ISEC project, Cox's Bazar |
| 17. | Mr Istiaque Mahmud, Advisor | A2i Programme |
| 18. | Mr Md. Zillur Rahman, Coordinator, (Skills & Employment Generation) | A2i Programme |
| 19. | Mr Khandakar Fokhrul Alam, Project Lead | BRAC |

3.0 Meeting Proceedings

The Chairman of the meeting Director General (Grade I) welcomed the meeting members and requested Ms Ruchika Bahl, Chief Technical Adviser of the ISEC project to present the progress status as of August 2024.

Ms. Ruchika Bahl, CTA presented implementation status of the ISEC project. She highlighted the current context of Bangladesh and mentioned that, despite the political turbulence project has been continuously and effectively working with the local partners and skills training providers to achieve

the planned activities as per Annual Workplan of the project. She provided a brief status of the project upto August 2024. The synopsis of the presentation is stated below:

- 3.1 **Project target groups:** NEET youth, vulnerable women, Qwami madrasah dropouts, religious minorities as well as existing workers who want to enhance their career through upskilling programme. The project will reach out to the vulnerable youth in the remote areas of the district.
- 3.2 **Financial Progress:** Total ADP allocation BDT 4587.00 lakhs, Expenditure as of May 2024 is BDT 615.57 lakhs (13.42% of the ADP allocation).
- 3.3 **Physical progress:**

Enterprise Development

- 3.3.1 **8 tourist destination profiles and roadmaps to promote tourism in CXB developed.** Responsible Tourism Actors Alliance for CXB formally organised by the private sectors. 9 tourist Destination Management Committee (DMC) to be formed headed by local UNOs with the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Office and private sectors.
- 3.3.2 **Seaweed and Salt value chain studies published and working effectively with private sector and relevant stakeholders for identifying key strategies to diversify the products and promote market connectivity as well as promote decent and safe working environment and Good Labour Practices (GLP).**
- 3.3.3 **Trained 400 young farmers attached to the local Aggregation Centres on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) and GLP awareness training.**
- 3.3.4 **2498 ultra-poor HHs (200 HHs having persons with disabilities) received productive assets and received enterprise development training. 2-year programme commenced from June 2023 and will be graduated in May 2025.**

Skills Development

- 3.3.5 **Skills demand and supply needs assessment study for the CXB- Chittagong completed and the has been published. 49 market-driven occupations identified in five sectors.**
- 3.3.6 **Resourcing and setting up the 21 TVET centres are completed. Tools and equipment and furniture delivered.**
- 3.3.7 **1079 Youth (458 youth-ILO, 520 A2i and 101-BRAC) -49% female enrolled in Skills Development Programmes in 21 TVET institutions under ILO, UNDP-A2i and BRAC. 621 youth completed skills training as of August'24.**
- 3.3.8 **1020 Qwami Madrasah (QMS) students (740 Female) completed pre-vocational training in 22 QMs. Among them 740 (560 female) have been assessed and certified by BTEB.**
- 3.3.9 **369 existing workers in the tourism, IT, agri-machinery and construction sectors trained and certified through upskilling programme and RPL approach.**
- 3.3.10 **2335 adolescents and youth (1347 women and 222 PwDs) completed apprenticeship-based training on 14 occupations. 1349 graduated apprentices (781 girls and women) placed in decent jobs through BRAC.**

Labour Market Information and Employment Support Service



- 3.3.11** Developed Labor Market Monitoring and Planning Platform (LMMPP) for Cox's Bazar district.
- 3.3.12** The ESS/Career Hub at DYD premises in Cox's Bazar operationalised on 20 March'24.
- 3.3.13** 336 (98 women) youth on boarded through online and activation, among them 267 (80 women) received career chat. Also, 19 received CV review services as of August'24.
- 3.3.14** 288 aspirant/new entrepreneurs (177 women) completed business incubation training in 2 cohorts, 154 clients (93 women) already set up their businesses.

Cross-cutting activities

- 3.3.15** Gender Mainstreaming strategy for the TVET institutions developed and trained 20 TVET institutions managers and principals on it.
- 3.3.16** PSEA training for 30 TVET institutions' managers and trainers held in July 2024
- 3.3.17** Development of gender mainstreaming training module for trainers in progress.

3.4 Challenges:

- 3.4.1** Disruption of skills development trainings due to political turbulence of the country. However. Project team is closely working with the training providers to recover the lost time by taking extra sessions on the weekend.
- 3.4.2** Availability of training standards and materials are crucial to deliver skills training programmes. DYD and Project team will work with NSDA to ensure the availability of the training packages of the selected 15 occupations under ISEC project.

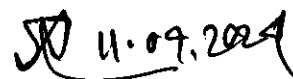
4.0 Decisions:

- 4.1 DYD, ILO and NSDA will work jointly for the accreditation of the selected skills training providers under the ISEC project.
- 4.2 DYD will organise a bilateral meeting with NSDA to ensure the availability of the training standards and materials to deliver quality-assured training programme under the ISEC project.
- 4.3 Project team will take necessary action for timely and effective implementation of the project.
- 4.4 The next PIC meeting will be held in the last week of October 2024.

5.0 Conclusion

Chairman of the meeting offered his sincere thanks to the project team about the project progress and advised to work effectively with government entities to deliver market-driven skills trainings for NEET youth and other vulnerable groups to create wage or self-employment opportunity.

As there no other agendum the chair thanked all the members again and concluded the meeting.



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Director General (Grade-1)

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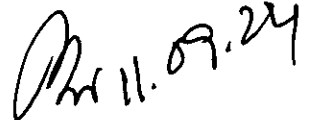
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11. Deputy Director, DYD Cox's Bazar and Deputy Project Director, ISEC Project;
12. Ms Ruchika Bahl, ILO Regional Office, Cox's Bazar.

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