

Press Release

Twenty-one private training institutes to get grant assistance Sudokkho partners with new training institutes

Skills and Employment Programme in Bangladesh (SEP-B), also known as **SUDOKKHO** has **partnered with twenty-one new private training institutes**. This initiative is part of the ongoing scale-up of the programme's collaboration with private training institutes to increase their capacity as training providers and become sustainable business entities in the private training market of Bangladesh. The programme has already capacitated forty-seven private training institutes and has ongoing collaboration agreement with thirty-eight of them. The new private training institute coming onboard is a milestone towards achieving a sustainable private training market in Bangladesh.

The new partners are Akhter Technical Institute (ATI), Manusher Jonno Foundation, UCEP Bangladesh, BRAC, Noakhali Technical Institute, Muslim Aid Institute of Technology (MAIT), UDOY, Asea Trading International, Hazrat Shahjalal Polytechnic Institute (HSPI), National Institute of Fashion Technology, National Professional Institute (NPI), BGIFT Institute of Science & Technology, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF), Sheba Manab Kallyan Kendra (SMKK), Meaningful Advancement in Techniques (MAIT), Salman Training Center, Peace & Rights Development of Society (PRDS), Star Bangla Technical Training (SBTT), Asia Technical Training Center (Asia TTC), Universal Institute of Business and Technology (UIBT) and Grameen Shikkha (GS).

Sudokkho organised the **contract signing ceremony** and a **day-long programme orientation** session for the new partners on **18th December 2018** at Ascott the Residence at Baridhara, Dhaka.





Mr. Erling Petersen, the Team Leader of SUDOKKHO, Mr. Suresh Mahto, Skills Development Director and the members of the programme team were present during the signing ceremony. Mr. Erling Petersen welcomed the new partners and expressed his hope for a fruitful partnership; which, in turn, will create a sustainable private training market for Bangladesh. He pointed out the difference of Sudokkho from other skills development projects. Mr. Erling Petersen and Suresh Mahto both stressed heavily on the point that development of the private training market, which Sudokkho is working for, has become more relevant than ever as Bangladesh is expected to become a middle-income country by 2021.

Later the partner training institutes were oriented on different aspect of the programme intervention.



Sudokkho is a five-year skills training and employment programme in Bangladesh funded by **UK aid** through its [Department for International Development \(DFID\)](#) and the [Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation \(SDC\)](#). The programme is executed by the [Directorate of Technical Education \(DTE\)](#), Government of Bangladesh. [Palladium International](#) is implementing the programme in consortium with *SwissContact* and *the British Council*.

Sudokkho tests and scales-up market-driven, quality skills training systems within the readymade garments and construction sectors that will stimulate further investment in training by trainees, private training providers and employers. Sudokkho aims to **ensure employment of 65,000 poor people, including women and disadvantaged populations**, after successful completion of training through its partnerships with privately owned training institutes and industry-based training initiatives. The partner training institutes and partner factories of the programme has already **trained over forty thousand unskilled youth**.

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