



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FACILITY Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PSFU

PSFU was founded in 1995. It is Government's implementation partner for several projects and programmes aimed at strengthening the private sector as an engine of economic growth;

Skills Development Facility (SDF) being one of them; a project of the Government of Uganda and funded by the World Bank. The project funds four sectors:- the agriculture, construction, manufacturing and human resource.

The skills training stimulates partnerships between firms, industry associations and training institutions. It is increasing the mobility of the labor force by strengthening the mechanisms for recognition of skills acquired through formal and informal skills training.

I would like to appreciate the Government of Uganda and all donor partners for their continued support towards the organization.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD - SDF

The Skills Development Facility (SDF) is a 5-year project. It is a beneficiary of the \$100 million Uganda Skills Development Project (USDP), funded by the World Bank as a Government Project, implemented by Private Sector Foundation Uganda.

An important element of the initiative is to facilitate collaboration between training providers and industry to promote demand driven skills development with special attention to innovative modes of training.

A total of Ug Shs. 34.7 Billion has been committed as grants for skilling 46,556 employees, interns and members of companies and organizations as of 31st December 2018 and a total of US\$ 13.9 Billion had been disbursed.

I would like to appreciate the World Bank Group for partnering with the Government of Uganda in funding skills projects in Uganda.

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President Museveni inspecting various products during the exhibition under SDF project

WORLD BANK'S ECONOMIC UPDATE AND MINI EXPO IN MBARARA - JUNE 2019

The Private Sector Foundation Uganda - Skills Development Facility organised a mini-expo and exhibition and had a field visit, as part of the launch of the World Bank's Uganda Economic Update at Mbarara University of Science and Technology.

The exhibition, did act as a platform to examine the benefits of increasing public spending on education to achieve higher levels of human capital, reduce poverty and boost the economic growth. Uganda is said to have the lowest budget expenditure on education at 2.6% of GDP in the region compared to Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi which spend between 3.2% and 5.2%.

Richard Walker, World Bank Senior Economist and author of the report said, "**An educated population can help reduce income inequality, promote social mobility and foster social cohesion.**"

SDF is a beneficiary of the \$100 million Uganda Skills Development Project (USDP), which is a Government of Uganda Project funded by the World Bank, implemented by the Private Sector Foundation Uganda. SDF aims to promote employer-led short term training in order to address prevailing skills imbalances and shortages in Uganda. An important element of the initiative is to facilitate collaboration between training providers and industry to promote demand driven skills development with special attention to innovative modes of training.

The expo's goal was to provide a platform to engage more directly with the public, and an opportunity to demonstrate the tangible benefits

and impact of World Bank's support in realizing the country's development goals, and the World Bank Group twin goals of ending poverty and boosting shared prosperity.

WORLD BANK AND SDF OFFICIALS FIELD VISIT

The field visits included the tour by two organs who were funded by SDF-PSFU to witness the impact of the skilling and training in their enterprises.

The Bushenyi Connoisseur Honey Cooperative Enterprise was supported by SDF to skill its 263 members in commercial bee keeping, specifically in queen bee rearing and hive colonization, honey processing and value addition. The organization has now increased the production and quality of honey, and has got a number of marketing opportunities within Bushenyi district, Mbarara and Kampala supermarkets.

Manyakabi Area Cooperative Enterprise, a Cooperative supported to enhance its members' skills in Climate SMART agriculture and post-harvest handling of maize and beans. A total of 276 members were trained and certified by the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT). Beneficiaries have improved quality and increased volumes of supplied to their Cooperative factory that adds value and sells / exports off produce.

The activities culminated in awarding of certificates to some of the members. One of the awardees, Tumuhairé Carolate the treasurer Manyakabi Area Cooperative Enterprises appreciated the funders of the training saying that she had learnt new agricultural techniques, rearing animals, business management and how to calculate profits.



Hon. Rosemary Seninde inspects TEXTFAD a women's initiative making crafts from banana fibre



Chairman PSFU Mr. Patrick Bitature inspects Delight Uganda Ltd.



Hon. Min. Mary Karoro Okurut visits Amours of Glory who make handcrafted bags at the skills fair



Exhibitors from Bella wines excited to participate in the skills fair



H.E. President Museveni inspecting some of products made by the youths under the SDF support during the graduation ceremony in Bushenyi District.



Skilling in tie and dye



SDF beneficiaries from L. Katwe Technical Institute showcasing their work



Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Rugunda interacts with one of the SDF apicary beneficiary



Some of the interns at a workplace being skilled



SDF beneficiaries from L. Katwe Technical Institute showcasing their work



Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education and Sports Mr. Alex Kakooza addresses the 2019 Skills Fair at UMA showgrounds alongside Chairman PSFU Patrick Bitature, Simon Kaheru, Hajat Safina Wabuna and Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of Belgium Erwin De Wandel



Skills of youths is one of means of lowering unemployment rates



Exhibitors from Sunmaker Education excited to participate in the 2019 Skills Fair



Figure Skilling youth in tailoring with SDF support - Lira District



Area MP interacting with youth implementing SDF supported project in Wobulenzi, Luwero district



Some of the products made by trainees



School uniforms made by Arise and Shine an NGO supporting women refugees funded by Skills Development Facility

Name: Julian Adyeri Omalla
Grantee: Cheers Uganda
 SDF has enabled me to achieve my dream of making juice from fresh fruits. I was happy to be included among the beneficiaries. We have now have over 5,000 out-growers who have planted the mangoes.



Name: Muwonge Yusuf
Intern at Alinyikira
 'I Can Now produce my own liquid soap, hair shampoo and shower gel as a result Of The internship placement at Alinyikira.



Name: Akoth Immaculate
Grantee: Rainbow House of Hope
 She now makes school sweaters for supply and plans to train other women on 'Sweater Knitting'. Immaculate is determined to make a better future for her family.



Name: Ojambo Victor
Grantee: Rainbow House of Hope
Welding and metal fabrication
 After dropping out of primary school, I enrolled and successfully completed a short course in welding and metal fabrication . I thank SDF for funding Rainbow House Of Hope where I am now working.



Grantee: Tukolerawamu Youth Development Association
 The group has managed to get a contract with Access Nakaseke institute to make uniforms for nurses, thus increasing on their business portfolio.



Name: Mr. Biingi Solomon
Grantee: Better World Uganda
 I was specifically impressed by the ingredients used in mixing pigs feeds. My pigs since the training have fattened very fast and I have begun stocking piglets for fattening and selling for pork.



Name: Anne Lulonga
Grantee: Rainbow House of Hope
Tailoring
 I am refugee from DRC. I have been trained in tailoring funded by SDF. I am now able to establish my own business. I hope to train my fellow women in the camp.



Name: Kayongo Flavia
Better World Uganda
 After my training in animal husbandry management and organic manure preparation, I learnt how to manage my piggery and poultry to supplement on my income.



Grantee: Love a Friend
 Trainees are able to earn decent income and lead decent life after being skilled in making various products. Love a Friend has also gained recognition by the district authorities.



SDF aims to promote employer-led short term training in order to address prevailing skills imbalances and shortages in Uganda.

Muturi from Texfad being aired on UBC TV

Muturi from Texfad an SDF grant beneficiary being aired on UBC TV on Friday July 19th 2019



Second UBC interview

Moses Ssemulime an SDF grant beneficiary from Katwe Metal Fabricators being interviewed on UBC Tv on 5th July 2019



Sdf Settlement in New Vision

SDF Settlement published on 26th July 2019 in the New Vision



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1. Grantees Orientation**
06th - 07th August 2019
- 2. Grants Committee Meeting**

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