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## Promoting Rural Youth Employment in Afghanistan through Entrepreneurship Education and Vocational Training

The project is strengthening the institutional capacity of government representatives as well as employers' and workers' representatives and organizations at large to tackle the youth employment challenge. During its first years of implementation, the project enhanced the knowledge and skills of policy makers to design policies and implement concrete projects to support youth employment. The project is now focused on supporting policy implementers and service providers to provide skills development services and to nurture a culture of entrepreneurship amongst men and women in Afghanistan.

The project is being implemented under the following principles: (i) Getting to know the local context; (ii) Applying a systemic approach strengthening the organizational capacity of several key stakeholders and their network of institutional relations; (iii) Promoting dialogue in action to consolidate local relationships and implementing new programmes; (iv) Learning from South-South cooperation – building connections between India and Afghanistan; (v) Supporting a robust private sector (SMEs and entrepreneurial initiatives led by youth at local level) to spur sustainable job growth and increase the demand for skilled workers; and (vi) Connecting capacities from different organizations working in different Regions and Countries.

The project has **trained over 250 policy makers** and more than **750 entrepreneurs**; and **certified 15 trainers** to deliver [Start and Improve Your Business](#) courses and **certified 13 coaches** to promote youth entrepreneurship.

Read more at the [project website](#).

