

Youth skill training contributes to socio economic uplift: UNESCO

Saturday, February 01, 2014 - Islamabad—Youth makes 18 percent of the world population and involvement of this potential in skills training programmes can contribute largely towards the socio economic development of the country.

Director, UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Dr. Gwang-Jo Kim, addressing a certificate distribution ceremony among participants of vocational skills development program for youth from Refugees Affected Hosting Areas (RAHA II) communities.

Country Director/Representative, UNESCO, Dr. Kozue Kay Nagata was also accompanied with him on the occasion, said a news release issued here on Friday

Dr. Kim emphasized on the need for Education for all, referring to the World Education Forum in Dakar, Senegal, in 2000, wherein 164 countries committed themselves to the goal of providing quality basic education for all by 2015, with special emphasis on the learning needs of children with disabilities.

He elaborated that situation in respect of children with disabilities was even worst, around 95 children with disabilities in developing countries are not attending school.

Dr. UNESCO also appreciated the achievement of the young men, women and persons with disabilities, who had actively taken part and had benefited from the training programme.

He congratulated the youths for successfully completing the skills training courses, which aimed at helping them to find better livelihood opportunities to support themselves and their families.

UNESCO with its implementing partner Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP), organized series of workshops and trained 125 male in Mobile Repairing, Welding, Plumbing, Computer Hardware and Electrician and 75 girls trained in Tailoring, Adda Work and Beautician in Peshawar and neighbouring areas.

The event was attended by Mahmood Khan, Provincial Minister for Sports, Culture, Museum and Youth Affairs, Yousaf Rahim, DG projects FATA Secretariat, Munawar Hamayun, Chairperson, SRSP, Dr. Kozue Kay Nagata, Director/Country Representative UNESCO Islamabad and other distinguished guests.

Provincial Minister, Mahmood Khan extended his gratitude to UNESCO, SRSP and the provincial skill development Council Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for imparting such useful trainings.

As part of extending support towards inclusive and barrier free education, UNESCO is also implementing a programme to provide of barrier-free access to the learners with disabilities in non-formal sector.

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