

**Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP Project, Tranche-I)**  
**SME& Special Programmes Department, Bangladesh Bank**

Bangladesh Bank not only engaged itself for mainstreaming Banks and FIs in financing CMSME enterprises, but also has taken steps for creating of new entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship development. The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) has taken a project titled “Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP)” with the assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) to scale up skills of young workers and new entrants. As an implementing agency, SMESPD of BB has provided market oriented job training to Eleven thousand four hundred eighty four (11,484) people by the end of December, 2019. As on August 2021, Eleven thousand two hundred forty six (11,246) trainees received certificate after successful completion and Eight thousand four hundred fifty nine (8,459) trained personnel have been employed in different CMSME sectors and two thousand three hundred twenty (2,320) have become self employed. The percentage of women trainee was 32%. It is expected that, majority of the trained people will start their own business; and a dedicated refinance scheme (New Entrepreneurs Fund) has already been in place to support those new entrepreneurs.

<b>Status of Training Activities</b>							
As of (Last Update time : 11-08-2021 12:25 pm)							
		Total Target (As Per Contract)	Enrollment		Certification	Job Placement	
			Total	O/W Female		Total	% on Certified
<b>A) Tranche-1</b>							
1	BBSME	10,964	10,884	3,367	10,664	8,010	75.11
<b>B) Additional Tranche-1 (Use of Unspend Fund)</b>							
1	BBSME	600	600	302	582	449	77.15
<b>Total Tranche-1 (A+B)</b>		<b>11,564</b>	<b>11,484</b>	<b>3,669</b>	<b>11,246</b>	<b>8,459</b>	<b>75.22</b>

## New Entrepreneurs Creation and Entrepreneurship Development Training Under Tranche-III (Period: 2021-2023)

SME & Special Programmes Department of Bangladesh Bank promotes the development of cottage, micro, small and medium enterprises in the country with the objective of creating selfemployment opportunities and upgrading the relevant skills of existing and potential entrepreneurs. In order to promote establishment of new enterprises and creation of new entrepreneurs, Bangladesh Bank has been implementing various schemes and programs. Entrepreneurship Development is one of the key elements for promotion of micro and small enterprises, particularly, the first generation entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurship, and resultant creation of employment and wealth, is a major mean for inclusive development. Hence, entrepreneurship development has been one of the priorities in countries, the world over. However, still there are some impediments that hinder the development of CMSME sector in Bangladesh. From the experience, it appears that some of the major impediments are lack of general, financial and technical knowledge of the entrepreneurs, lack of access to information, lack of awareness and possible scope and avenues of capacity building. To fill in this vacuum, Bangladesh Bank has been conducting financial training program for the entrepreneurs countrywide since 2012 with the help of IFC, INSPIRED and JICA. The training program covered the issue of business plan, which was a customized version of IFC's Business Edge Module. However, this initiative was quite insignificant in comparison to the necessity of imparting such kind of training. These impediments can be overcome by imparting training to the cottage, small, micro and medium entrepreneurs especially women entrepreneurs. The proposed ADB funded Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP) will provide an avenue to Bangladesh Bank for creating more entrepreneurs in CMSME sector. Bangladesh Bank wants to provide entrepreneurship development training through Banks and Financial Institutions. The proposed target is 1,000. The training activities may be started from January, 2022 and continued up to December, 2023.

Course Name (Proposed)	Month	Total Training Hours	Minimum Educational Qualification	Age Limit
Certificate Course on Entrepreneurship Development	1	110	HSC/ Equivalent	20-45