COVID Impact: Act on Skills ...

Tajikistan experience in promoting skills and resilience

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Context of Tajikistan

- **9.2 million** People live in Tajikistan
- **70%** Live in rural areas
- **40%** of population are adolescents and youth

- **500,000** Are not in employment, education or training (NEET)
- **50%** those who graduate from high school cannot find jobs
- **40%** of labour migrants are under the age of 30

- **13%** Adolescent and youth have access to TVET
- **Girls 11-17 year old are twice as likely as boys to be deprived in school attainment.**
- **only 20%** of rural girls have access to internet
Completion of quality secondary education

Life skills for 21st century

Innovation and social entrepreneurship

Workplace training and employability

Access to quality learning and enabling environment focusing on education reform and drop-out prevention

Targeting most marginalized adolescents and youth with 21st century skills through extra-curricular interventions

Enhancing leadership, problem solving and entrepreneurship skills and provision of social entrepreneurship opportunities in Innovation Labs

Providing young people with facilitated access to employability through Impact Sourcing using digital space

Resilient, skilled, engaged and employed

Transition from school to work - Economic empowerment of youth
Adolescents girls and boys are learning and contributing to school life.

Adolescents girls and boys are empowered, motivated and competent to engage positively with their communities.

Adolescents girls and boys successfully transition to adulthood and work life.

2 million students in formal education
114,280 adolescent and youth in non-formal education
84 innovation Labs and Impact Sourcing Hubs
Impact sourcing for employment of marginalized youth

Impact Sourcing tested and launched with the Ministry of Labor

Youth learn market aligned transferable skills

Social cohesion and inclusion

Private sector comparative advantage

17,000 marginalized youth expected to be employed by 2024.

Innovative solution in time of COVID-19

Services provided for US based private sector
✓ data entry
✓ data management
✓ accounting services

Pamir Innovation Hub
A resilient system addressing COVID-19 challenges

- Soft skills and competencies for building resilience
- Mental health services and enabling environments
- Foster innovations
- Leverage partnerships
- Engaging young people
- Planning Way forwards
Leveraging partnerships for skills

➢ EU: Improving quality learning, skills and competencies (Euro 14,500,000);

➢ WB Partnership: Socio-Economic Resilience Strengthening Project, Youth Inclusion and Livelihoods (USD 16 m); Scaling-up UNICEF supported skill building initiatives.

➢ Leveraging ADB Resources: Adapting UNICEF’s Adolescent Competency Framework for TVET reform (USD 84 m)

➢ Significantly expanding Private sector partnerships at national and global level
Thank you very much!