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TVSDC Retreat in Aqaba to finalize its 5-year Action Plan/September 20th , 2020

The Technical and Vocational Skills Development Commission (TVSDC) was engaged in a Retreat that involved 20 of its senior and middle managers in Aqaba on the 18th and 19th of September, 2020 which aimed to lead to the finalization of the 5-year TVSDC Action Plan. Under the European Union (EU) funded project “Technical Assistance to the Skills for Employment and Social Inclusion Programme for Jordan” (TA SESIP), implemented by a consortium led by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

The Retreat reviewed the vision and mission of the TVSDC, as well as the operations of the TVSDC. It looked into its short-term objectives for the year 2020, and medium-term objectives for the year 2022, in addition to long term objectives for the year 2025.

Mr. Tarek Al Rashdan, from the TVSDC led the retreat, which was facilitated by the SESIP Key Expert, Engineer Abdelbasit Saleh. The Retreat

resulted in the finalisation of the Action Plan and a road map for the next steps of the implementation of the TVET reform in Jordan.



The second meeting of the Social Partnership Committee for TVET, November 2nd, 2020

Under the European Union (EU) funded project “Technical Assistance to the Skills for Employment and Social Inclusion Programme for Jordan” (TA SESIP), implemented by a consortium led by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the second meeting of the Social Partnership Committee (SPC) for TVET, which gathers employers’ and workers’ organisations, TVET

suppliers and government bodies all involved in governance of the TVET sector, took place on November 2nd , 2020.

The key theme of the meeting was to discuss the necessary mechanisms to strengthen the legal status of the SPC committee, in addition to planning the proposed activities to be implemented, as well as benefit from the support and resources provided by SESIP TA project. The committee’s future activities include holding training workshops for employers,

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trade unions and training service providers, and forming local committees for social partnership in various regions of the Kingdom in addition to

producing information material to raise awareness of the importance of technical and vocational education and training.

Social Partnership for TVET Sensitization Workshops conducted in Aqaba- 23rd -26th of November, 2020

The Social Partnership for TVET Sensitization Workshops were conducted in Aqaba from the 23rd to the 26th of November, 2020. The first Social Partnership for TVET Sensitization Workshop for Social Partners and TVET Providers took place on the 23rd and 24th of November 2020, while the second Social Partnership for TVET Sensitization Workshop for Decentralization Councils took place on the 25th and 26th November 2020, which was held under the European Union (EU) funded project "Technical Assistance to the Skills for Employment and Social Inclusion Programme for Jordan" (TA SESIP), implemented by a consortium led by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).



The workshops content was designed to enhance the participants' knowledge and skills regarding engagement in a social dialogue process at the local level and subsequently taking the initiative to establish social partnership local committees for TVET. The workshops were conducted using a highly participatory training delivery methodology through a combination of interactive presentations by subject-matter specialists and group discussions, and the training content covered key priorities of social partnership for TVET.

The main participants of the workshops were from Karak, Tafila, Ma'an, and Aqaba, and they included representatives of employers from the chambers of industry and commerce, training service providers, labour unions, and representatives of decentralization councils in those governorates in addition to the TVSD Commission. The main objective of the workshops was to sensitize social partners, training providers and government officials at the local level on the importance of working together and sharing responsibilities for the governance of TVET sector.

Concluding Meeting of the Social Partnership Committee for TVET, 13 December, 2020

The concluding meeting of the Social Partnership Committee (SPC) for TVET, held on Sunday, December 13th, 2020, at the JCI, gathering the TVSDC team, the social partners (enterprises and trade unions) and the TVET providers to review the SPC activities of the year 2020 and its main lessons learned. The meeting focused on the future steps of Social Partnership for TVET at the national and local level. TVET requires multi-level governance, said Dr. Qais Al Safasfeh, and for this reason the TVSDC has included it as one pillars of its action plan, as

explained in details by Mr. Tarek Al Rashdan, Assistant to the TVSDC CEO.

Eng. Ahmad Al Bes, Chairperson of the the SPC renewed the offer of the social partners to be more available to contribute with the government at national and local level, to governance and implementation of TVET to ensure the Jordanian enterprises the skills they need and to the students, trainees and workers the skills and competences needed to get decent work.

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Luca Azzoni, SESIP TA TL and Dr. Yousef Qaryouti, SESIP TA Senior Social Partnership Expert, summarised the work done by the project since 2019 and the new steps and challenges to strengthen Social Partnership in TVET and skills development and the sustainability of the initiative initiated with the EU SESIP programme which is now ready to continue with the support of the TVSDC and the international development partners.

SESIP TA Closing Event 15 Dec, 2020

The Closing Event of the project “Technical Assistance to the Skills for Employment and Social Inclusion Programme for Jordan” (SESIP TA) was run online using the TVSDC eLearning Platform TADREBAK, developed with the support of SESIP TA. The SESIP TA project is funded by the European Union and implemented by a consortium led by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

The event highlighted the impact of the project on the TVET sector in Jordan and was attended by the CEO of the Technical and Vocational Skills Development Commission; Dr. Qais Al Safasfeh, and his Assistant, Mr. Tarek Al Rashdan, Ms. Corinne Andre, EUD Head of Cooperation, Ms Ines Alves EU Programme Manager, the SESIP TA experts and the TVET institutions and stakeholders represented in the TVSD Council, that have participated to the implementation as members of the SESIP 4 Working Groups. Dr. Safasfeh highlighted the steps of the TVET reform and the importance of the Technical Assistance accompanying it, Ms André recalled the main results of SESIP, the EU Budget Support to TVET, and of its complementary technical assistance. Mr. Luca Azzoni, SESIP TA Team Leader focused on the joint effort that united the donor (EU), the beneficiary (TVSDC) the target groups (TVET students and teachers, providers, stakeholders, social partners) and the SESIP team of experts, all

engaged in the implementation of the TVET reform aligned to the national HRD Strategy 2016-2025.



The voice of the final beneficiaries was presented through success stories captured in 2 videos highlighting TVET as an effective way for social inclusion. SESIP has contributed to increasing the employability and employment of students and trainees, fulfil the expectations of their families, better meet the demands of the enterprises for more relevant and employable skills, as well as support the effort of Jordanian authorities to increase the stock and quality of the human capital in the country.

DR. Qais Al Safasfeh, TVSDC CEO Wrapup quote

First of all, I would like to thank the European Union for supporting this project, Technical Assistance to the Skills for Employment and Social Inclusion Programme”, which started in 2017, and there were a set of outputs that supported the work of the TVSD Commission in preparing the operational plan and preparing the follow-up and evaluation system for the vocational and technical training sector.

As well as assistance in the field of blended learning, where the programme established the TADREEBAK platform, as well as created a website for the TVSDC. Of course, we are looking forward to more cooperation with the European Union through implementing a greater number of projects because of their positive returns and qualitative addition to the vocational and technical training sector.



Eng. Abdelbasit Saleh, SESIP Key Expert Wrapup quote

Through this project, we were able to launch many national initiatives, foremost of which was the monitoring and evaluation system for all activities, and performance of vocational education and training institutions.

At the top of the initiatives that we have launched comes the TADREEBAK platform, a platform with great possibilities. About 500 providers of vocational education and training can benefit from it and use it in 3 basic areas, namely, specialized training, training of trainers, and also completing practice tests through the question bank that this platform includes, along with many technical characteristics that make it an interactive platform that can accommodate more than 45 thousand users at the same time. A platform available to all vocational education and training institutions.





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Eng. Ahmed El Beis, Head of Social Partnership Committee Wrapup quote



Today, the social partner and the owner of the factory provide the student with the opportunity to choose the skill they need.

The capabilities are varied. Now, we have in our skills curricula and educational programmes that make us aware of the capabilities of the students, thus direct them towards a skill, which is compatible with their reality and commensurate with their aspirations and culture.

Now, if Jordan possesses the skills, the industry will develop. The more skills we have, the more we can produce, as our the natural resources are abundant.

Mr. Luca Azzoni, SESIP Team Leader Wrapup quote

As a technical assistance we have complemented the budget support, and the transfer of resources made by the EU to Jordan to implement this reform. We really believe that we have done a lot in terms of activities, the system now is more coherent in its governance, and there is a technical vocational skills development commission, which progressively recognises the real coordinating bodies. Also, there's a social partnership committee where people have acquired the sense of responsibility and knowledge.

Are the TVET institutions better off! Can they rely on better data? I think that the work we did on labour information system is quite a remarkable support in this direction. And in the end, I think we have left a very positive working relation through which we have transferred skills and competencies to our counterparts.



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