Livelihood for Youth Community Support Program “L4Y”

Objective: to support innovative livelihood development and the employability of up to 4,500 young women and men in 41 target communities in order to improve socio-economic opportunities and inclusion.

The project is being implemented in Batken, Jalal-Abad and Osh oblasts of the Kyrgyz Republic from April 1, 2019.

Support for Employable Skills for Youth

- Market assessment performed
- 1421 youth (70% female) trained in demand-driven Technical and Vocational Education Training courses (TVET)
- 392 youth (61% female) trained in either a beginner or advanced entrepreneurship program

Support for Information Communication Technologies (ICT) and e-services

- 1020 people (53% female) trained in ICT courses
- 24 Technical and Vocational Education Training centres equipped with 120 computers

Support for Value-Addition in Selected VCs

- 30 Common Interest Groups (CIGs) established and equipped with technical equipment
- Total number of members in Common Interest Groups - 831 (60% female)

Support for the Development of e-enterprises and Enterprise Capacity

- 8 lead firms provided with business acceleration services - three were supported with equipment
- 26 firms from the traditional sector were provided with VC business acceleration services. 21 of these VC companies have been provided with development sub-grants
- 27 firms from the traditional sector were provided with e-commerce/pro-youth business acceleration services. 19 companies have been provided with business development ICT sub-grants
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Additional Support for Vocational schools and Entrepreneurs

- 500 women in vocational and IT courses and 200 youth in entrepreneurship courses were trained

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