

# AKF to train 400 youths in hospitality sector

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KARACHI: Aga Khan Foundation Pakistan (AKF-P) with its several partners, will train 400 youths of various areas of Pakistan in hospitality sector under the banner of "Livelihood Up-Gradation and Development of Youth Programme".

It was stated in a ceremony organised here Monday in connection with the inauguration of training programme at Pakistan Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (PITHM) Karachi, one of the partner organisations of the programme. The programme focuses on building technical and management capabilities of 400 youth (within the age bracket of 18-29 years) in six districts of Pakistan, ie Karachi, Lahore, Muzaffarabad, Quetta, Gilgit and Swat. The training courses are being organised in all these six districts.

Ms Nida Kamal Siddiqui of Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN), Islamabad welcomed the participants and hoped that after getting the training, they would be able to serve the hotel and tourism industry. Course leader, Ms. Naheed Abbas, the Head of Food and Beverages at PITHM gave an overview of the course and employment opportunities in the hospitality sector.

She said there are tremendous employment opportunities in the hospitality industry of Pakistan as well as abroad. In Dubai, new hotels and restaurants are being opened, which would create more employment opportunities for the trained people of Pakistan as well.

Ms. Rezwana Khan of NGO-Resource Centre briefed the participants about the programme and the courses being offered. She said this training is being provided free of cost to the youth. Rezwana said that the selected youth are either unemployed or currently working in hotels and restaurants in these districts but with little expertise and skills or working in a non-hospitality related sectors. The objective of the programme is to increase their

potential either to seek more gainful employment or establish their own hospitality related businesses and to raise awareness amongst policy makers, hospitality industry, owners of hotels and restaurants, media, and local communities and to put in place a system for sustainability, she added.

The programme is a joint collaboration among USAID, Education and Employment Alliance (EEA), International Youth Foundation (IYF), Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) and Aga Khan Foundation Pakistan. While NGO Resource Centre is coordinating the development of curriculum for training and production of training manuals. The other partner organisations of the programme are Pakistan-Austria Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management-Swat, College of Tourism and Hotel Management, Lahore, Tourism Promotion Services (Pakistan), Serena Hotels, Chefs Association of Pakistan, Aga Khan Rural Support Programme - Gilgit, Karakoram International University, Gilgit, NGO Resource Centre-Karachi and National Vocational and Technical Education Commission (NAVTEC).

Under the project, two courses of six-month duration each are being offered to these youth comprising both males and females. These courses are Food Production and Food and Beverage Service.

The Food Production training course would explain the students how to deliver quality food by applying updated techniques of production while maintaining sanitary and hygienic conditions. Students would gain in-depth food and beverage skills, know-how and hands-on techniques for consistently delivering quality service in every type of operation.

The Food and Beverage Service training would explain students how to deliver guest-driven service by finding out guests' needs and expectations besides in-depth food and beverage serving skill during the course.

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The Livelihood Up-gradation and Development of Youth Programme focuses on building technical and management capacities of approximately 400 youth (within the age limit of 18-29 years) in Karachi, Lahore, Muzaffarabad, Quetta, Gilgit and Swat.



**KARACHI: Inauguration ceremony of the course under "Livelihood Up-gradation and Development of Youth Programme" at PITHM, Karachi. Seen is Nida Kamal Siddiqui of RSPN Islamabad; Rezwana Khan of NGO Resource Centre; Naheed Abbas of F&B at PITHM and the course participants.**

The Karachi training was inaugurated on Monday at the Pakistan Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management, Karachi; which is a partner organisation in this programme. Other partner organisations include Pakistan-Austria Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management, Swat; College of Tourism and Hotel Management, Lahore; Tourism Promotion Services (Pakistan) Serena Hotels, Chefs Association of Pakistan, Aga Khan Rural Support Programme, Gilgit, Karakoram International University, Gilgit; NGO Resource Centre, Karachi and the National Vocational & Technical Education Commission (NAVTEC).

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