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5 lakh people to be given skill training to eradicate poverty

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The government has initiated to provide skills training and gainful employment to five lakh people of poor families by 2020 to supplement the efforts of eliminating poverty in the country. Under the Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP), the people of the underprivileged group will be given training facilities to create skilled manpower, this was disclosed at a consultation workshop on Social Marketing Strategy of the SEIP here today, a press release said. In the first phase of SEIP, a total of 2,60,000 will be given training by December this year and at least 70 percent of them will be provided gainful employments. At least 30 percent of the total trainees will be female, officials of the SEIP project said around one lakh workforce have already been provided skills training since the inception of the program in July 2014. SEIP has developed a draft Social Marketing Strategy to help to mobilize disadvantaged communities towards skills training and job placement. National project director of the SEIP Jalal Ahmed, Director General, Department of Women Affairs Sahin Ahmed Chowdhury, additional secretary of the Finance Division Md Mainul Islam, among others, addressed the workshop with executive project director of SEIP Abdur Rouf Talukder in the chair. Jalal Ahmed said skills training are being provided through 34 government training institutes, 11 industry associations, PKSF and SME division of Bangladesh Bank.

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