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TURKMENISTAN FACT SHEET

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

OVERVIEW

Turkmenistan's transition to a market economy requires workforce development that equips the labor force with modern, market-matched skills and knowledge. Toward this goal, USAID's Youth Development Activity will connect Turkmen youth (ages 15-25) with employment and entrepreneurship opportunities and create sustainable linkages between training providers and the labor market.

YDA engages with three key stakeholder groups (youth, employers, and training providers) to understand and match skills-driven educational approaches to the current and future demands of the Turkmen economy. The Youth Development Activity is implemented by The QED Group, LLC and runs from October 2021 through September 2026.

GOALS

GOAL ONE

Increase inclusive youth employment and entrepreneurship through development of relevant, demand-driven skills needed to enter the job market.

GOAL TWO

Strengthen education and training systems, including feedback loops, to develop modern skills for youth driven by youth, employers, and educators.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

- Additional formal and informal linkages between key stakeholders – youth, employers, and training providers – including alumni/employer networks, mentorship programs, and advisory bodies.
- Strengthened training systems that help Turkmenistan’s youth develop modern, market-matched skills.
- Increased employment and entrepreneurship among Turkmen youth, especially among women and people with disabilities.
- Sustainable and inclusive economic growth.