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## **16 More Vincentians Complete UK Aid SKYE Programme**

Sixteen (16) Vincentians, who completed training in the Skills for Youth Employment Programme (SKYE), received their certificates on Friday April 21st when the Sector Skills Development Agency (SSDA) held a presentation & appreciation ceremony at the Methodist Church Hall in Kingstown.

SKYE delivered certified technical, vocational education and training (TVET) to over 6000 youths aged 15-30, to improve their employability in sectors where there is an evident demand for skilled workers. These include established sectors such as hospitality and construction, as well as emerging labour markets.

SKYE works collaboratively with the National Qualification Department (NQD) and the Sector Skills Development Agency (SSDA) to provide better access to training opportunities, and certification of SKYE graduates. The certificates are recognized nationally, regionally and internationally. 56% of graduates from the SKYE programmes, have already gained employment.

In March 2019 the five-year programme, funded by UK Aid, was launched in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Grenada and Dominica, to help develop a more productive, better trained & more inclusive workforce.

The SKYE programme concludes on July 1st 2023.

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