

FORMAL AND NON-FORMAL EDUCATION IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

When discussing VET in India one should distinguish between formal and non-formal VET sector. Both sectors will be discussed in the subsequent sections and are depicted in the illustration in the appendix. Formal sector comprises legally defined VET pathways that lead to certificates or diplomas acknowledged by the government. Formal sector frequently attracts more attention in literature, politics and research than the non-formal. Taking into consideration the number of 260 million young people aged 15-29, present capacities of Indian VET sector on a whole are disproportionately small. Indian government (India G. o., National Policy on Skill Development, 2009) estimates that the overall capacity for skill development provided by public and private institutions amounts to around 3.1 million people annually.

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