

Tamkeen's Business Development Programme — Bahrain's Labour-Fund-Financed SME Growth Engine

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Bahrain's Labour Fund (Tamkeen) has backed 13,659 companies with BHD 193m since 2009 via its Business Development Programme, plus wage/training support that lifted average pay from BHD 668 to 760 — funded by a work-permit-fee model that limits direct transferability.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

[Tamkeen \(Labour Fund\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

[Tamkeen — official site](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

[StartUp Bahrain — Tamkeen's track record supporting private-sector growth](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

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