

EVALUATION OF UNDP SUPPORT FOR YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

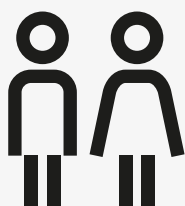


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THE FACTS

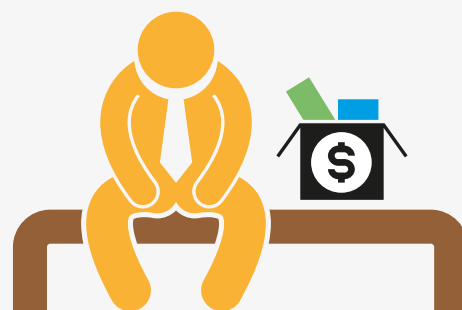


1.2 billion people are aged between
15 and **24** years globally



12%

of employed
youth live below
the poverty line



270 million
youth are not in



Employment



Education

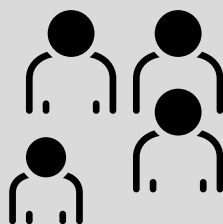


Training

30%

of employed youth in **low-income
countries** are underemployed

compared with **8.9%**
in high-income economies



23%

of **countries** have
gender parity in upper
secondary education



SCALE OF UNDP SUPPORT

UNDP expenditure on youth economic empowerment
between 2015 and 2021 is estimated at around
\$866 million

OVERVIEW OF UNDP SUPPORT

UNDP's approach to youth economic empowerment



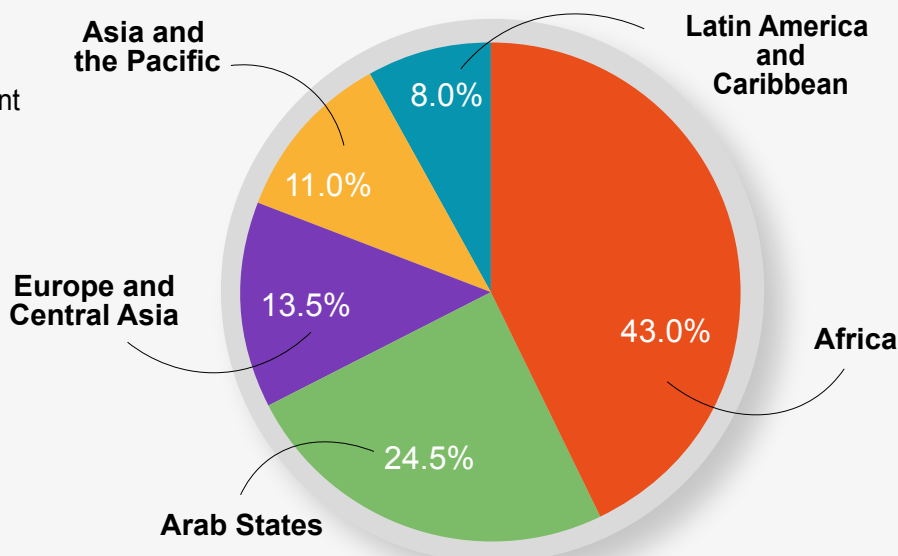
Increase
employability



Fostering demand
for labour



Create conducive
policy environment



CONCLUSIONS

UNDP positioning

- Key player in youth economic empowerment
- Important role within the UN system and global agenda setting
- UNDP youth strategy is catalytic to mainstreaming youth agenda



Internal coherence

- Global vision not yet integrated organization-wide
- Uneven implementation at global, regional and national levels



Effectiveness

- Results achieved, mostly at smaller rather than larger scale
- Not enough attention paid to the enabling environment



LNOB and gender

- "Leaving no-one behind", gender equality and women's empowerment mainstreamed
- Contributions to upstream changes limited



Partnerships

- Strategic partnerships not sufficiently leveraged
- Governments and the private sector not fully mobilized



Reporting

- Monitoring systems don't adequately measure and demonstrate results achieved



Innovation

- Global leader in promoting youth social entrepreneurship
- Challenges include accessing youth in hard-to-reach areas



Resource mobilization

- Resource mobilization challenges not systematically addressed
- Limited and inconsistent resources allocated



COVID-19

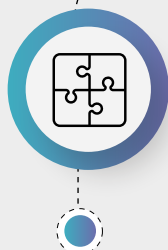
- Youth at the centre of UNDP's COVID-19 response



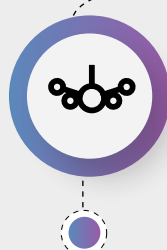
RECOMMENDATIONS



Prioritize interconnection and synergies of youth economic empowerment interventions



Detail UNDP's programmatic approach towards youth economic empowerment



Ensure organization wide coherence



Prioritize support that address the root causes of inequality



Leverage strategic partnerships to foster youth empowerment



Strengthen M&E practices on youth economic empowerment for results



Formulate a resource mobilization strategy for youth empowerment