Youth Inclusion

Presentation of the EU-OECD Youth Inclusion Project

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While world leaders are committing themselves to the post 2015 agenda there is daunting evidence that a large segment of youth in both developed and developing countries continues to experience well-being deprivations.

Youth challenges in the world:
- Youth bulge (Africa)
- Large education and health gaps
- Violence (Latin America, MENA)
- Skills mismatch
- Youth joblessness (MENA)
- Low quality jobs and informality
- Exclusion from decision making processes

Nearly 2 out of 3 countries in the world today have a national youth policy: There is a growing political will among many national governments to develop comprehensive policy frameworks that better respond to young peoples’ needs and aspirations.
The objective of the project is to support participating countries better respond to the needs of young people through evidence-based policies and strengthen youth involvement in national development processes.
Criteria for selection: Geographical balance, level of development (low income and lower middle income countries) and political will.

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The intensity and nature of youth challenges vary across regions and countries.
Share of the population aged 15-24 (%)

Average 2015 (19%)

Source: UN World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision
Teenage pregnancy and motherhood

Share of women 15-19 who are mothers or pregnant (%)

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys, STATcompiler
HIV Prevalence
Share of youth aged 15-24 who are infected with HIV, by sex (%)

Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators
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Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators
School drop-out
Drop-out rate, Primary education

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics
School drop-out
Drop-out rate, lower secondary education

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics
Literacy
Youth literacy rate, 15-24

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics
Employment
Employment-to-population ratio, youth 15-24 (%)

Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators
Unemployment
Unemployment rate, youth 15-24 (%)

Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators
Youth neither in education nor in employment or training (NEETs)

NEET rate, youth 15-29, 2012-13 (%)

Source: SWTS 2012-13, ILO W4Y Project publications
Key Deliverables

- Development of a global methodology (toolkit) to assist countries in developing, implementing and strengthening youth inclusion strategies;

- 10 country studies (Youth Well-Being and Policy Reviews) produced as a result of the application of the toolkit in partner countries;

- Capacity building to ensure understanding and use of the tools by local policy makers and researchers;

- Establishment of national policy working groups to discuss the process and findings of the country studies;

- Elaboration of national action plans on youth inclusion based on recommendation of the country studies;

- Recommendations for the EC and the donor community at large on how to better support youth inclusion strategies in developing countries through international cooperation.