



Promoting youth employment in the Philippines: Policy and Action



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Outline of the presentation

- World facts on youth employment
- The international commitment
- Some figures on the Philippines
- What can we do



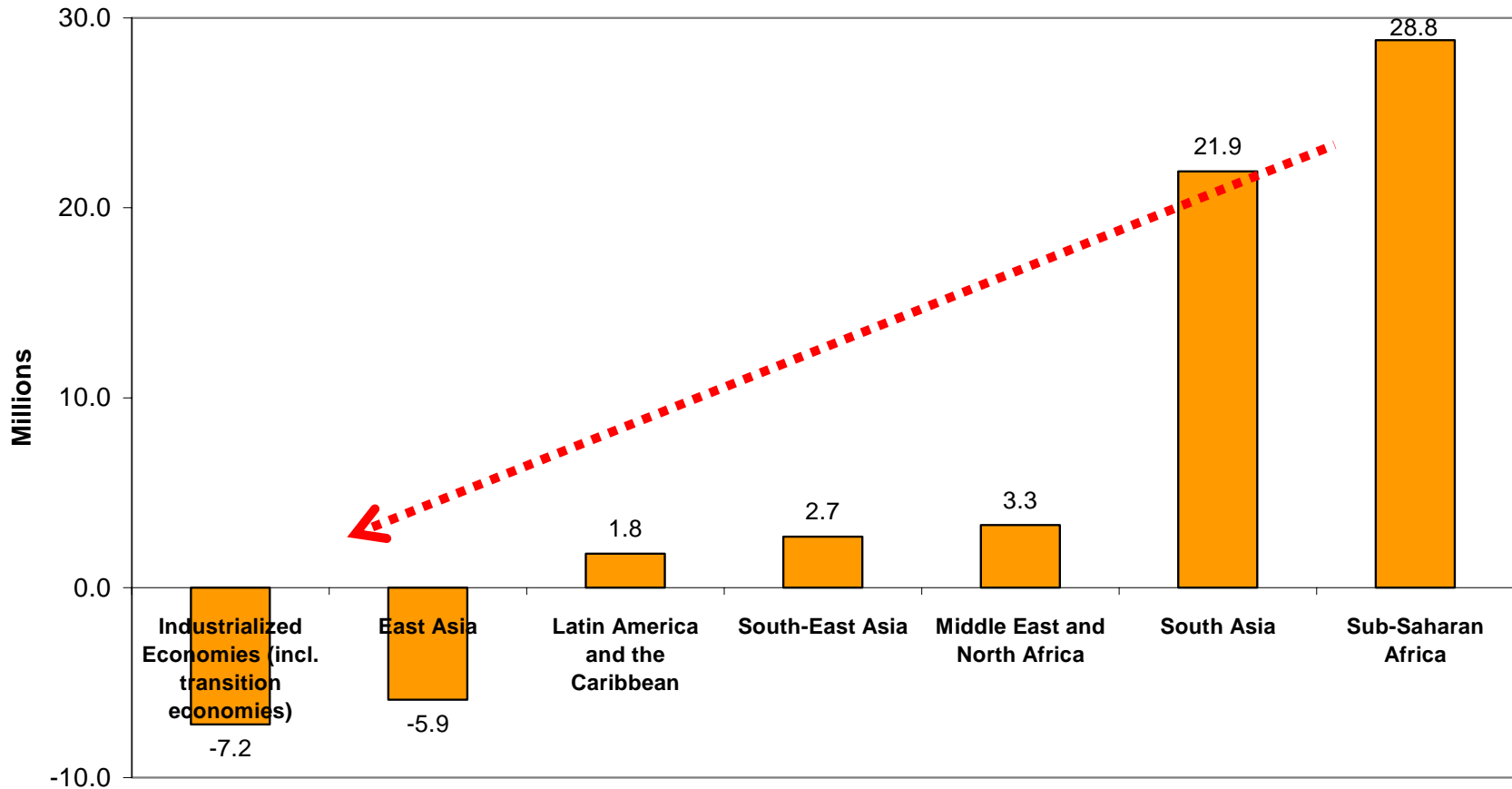
World Facts on Youth

Some statistics

- Youth unemployment on the rise (approximately 88 million in 2003 vs. 69.5 million in 1993)
- Youth unemployment rates are at least two times higher than adult unemployment rates
- Unemployment rates are higher for teenagers than young adults, women than men, disadvantages groups and those with low literacy and skills

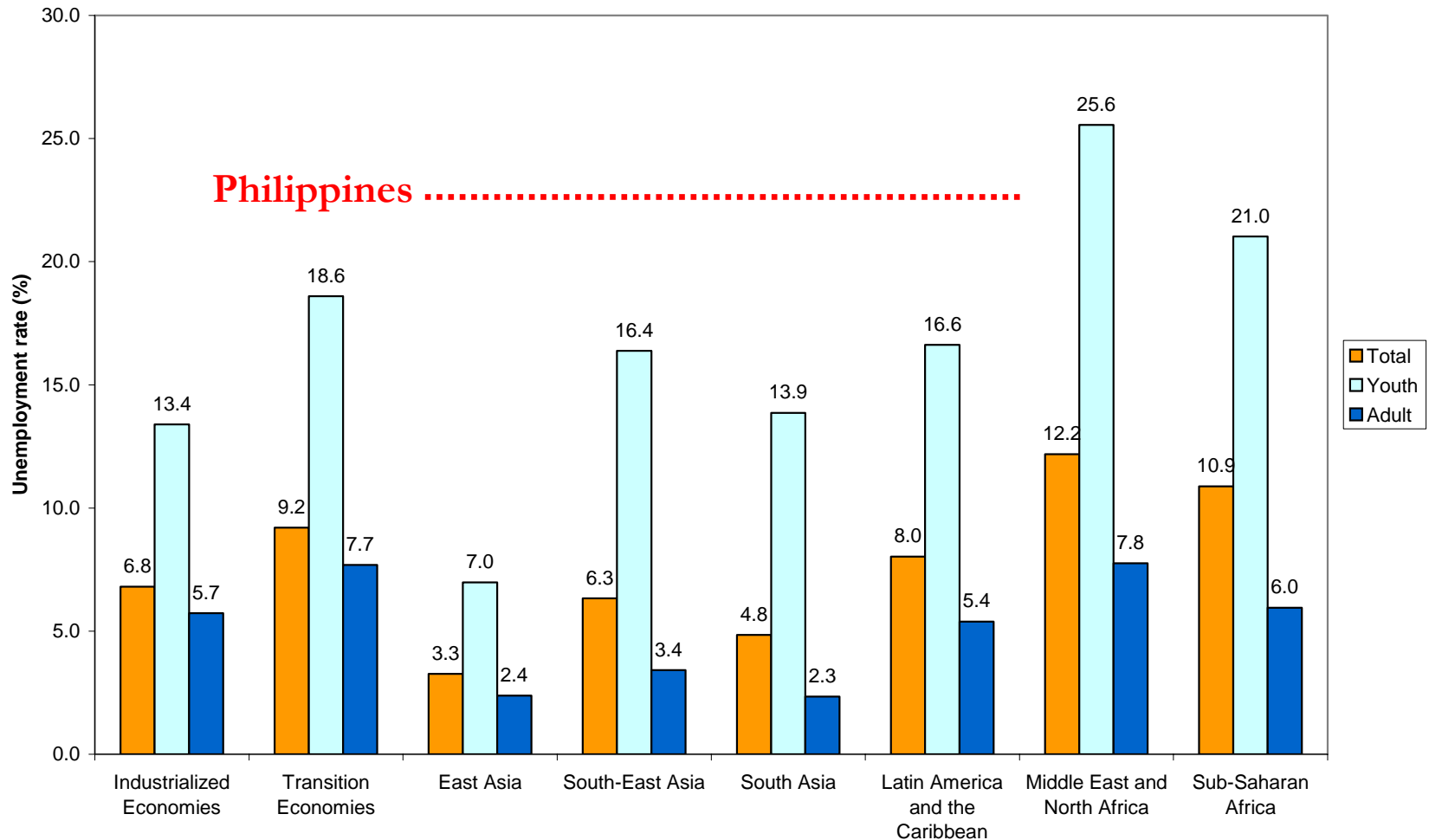
Developing regions will have the largest share of youth entering the labour market

Net change in youth labour force, 2003-15



Increasing job quantity is a key priority, especially in Africa and the Middle East...

Regional unemployment rates (total, youth and adult), 2003



**OPEN
UNEMPLOYMENT
IS BUT THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG...**

**QUALITY ALSO
MATTERS**

Underemployment: 130 million youth working poor
(25 % of total working poor);

Informal employment: Some 90 per cent of new jobs in Africa
over the 1990s;

Disadvantaged youth:

- ✓ 100 million youth with disabilities in 2003;
- ✓ 55 % of world's youth in rural areas;
- ✓ Many young people are in hazardous work

Poverty:

- ✓ 238 million youth living with less than US\$ 1 a day and 462 million living with less than US\$ 2 a day
- ✓ 160 million young people undernourished

HIV/AIDS:

- ✓ Out of 10 million youth with HIV/AIDS in 2003, 6.2 million in sub-Saharan Africa, of whom 75 % young women



THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT

UN MDGs

Goal No 8: Develop a global partnership for development

■ Target 16

In cooperation with developing countries, develop and implement strategies for decent and productive work for youth

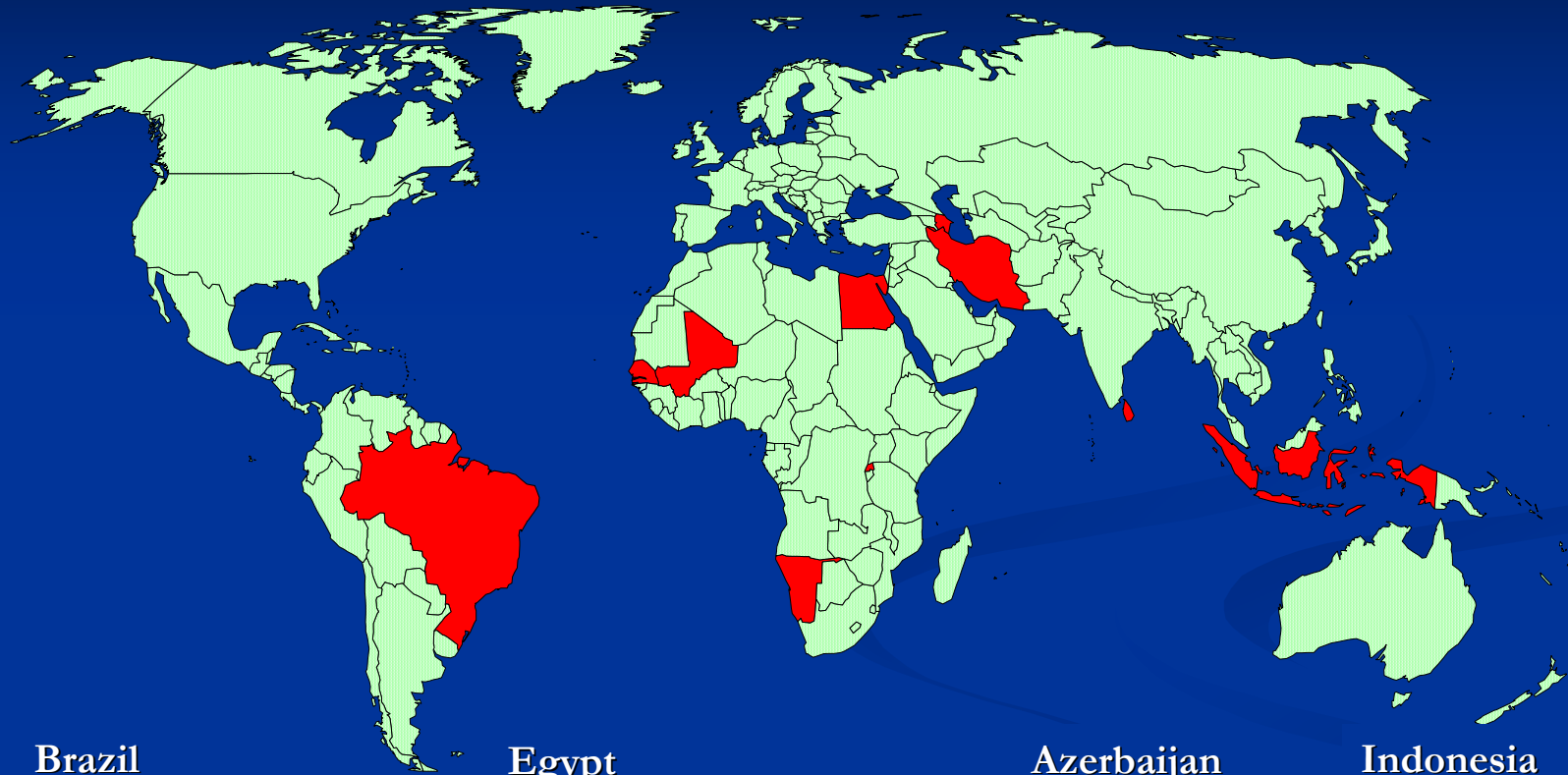
■ Indicators

Unemployment rate of young people aged 15-24 years, each sex and total (ILO)

The High-Level panel of the Youth Employment Network (YEN)

- In 2000 the Heads of the UN, the ILO and the World Bank convened a high-level panel to prepare a set of policy recommendations that would give young people (everywhere) a *'real chance to find decent and productive work'*.
- The high-level panel suggested four priorities:
 - Employability
 - Equal opportunity
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Employment creation
- It called upon countries to prepare national action plans for youth employment

The YEN and the lead countries



Brazil

Egypt

Azerbaijan

Indonesia

Islamic Republic of Iran

Sri Lanka

Mali

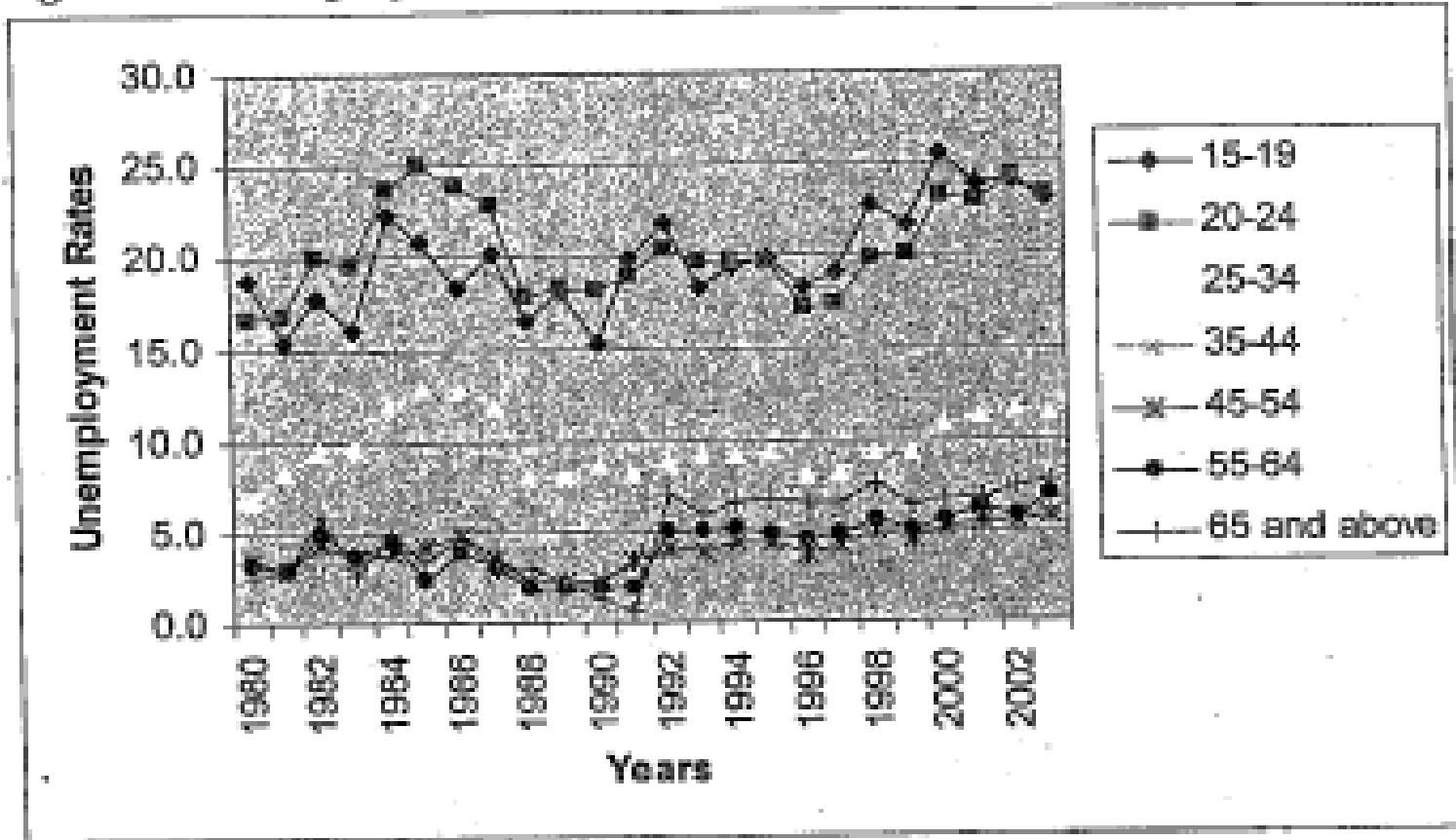
Namibia

Rwanda

Senegal

Youth unemployment in the Philippines

Figure 5. Unemployment Rate by Age Groups, 1980-2003



Source: National Statistics Office, Labor Force Surveys

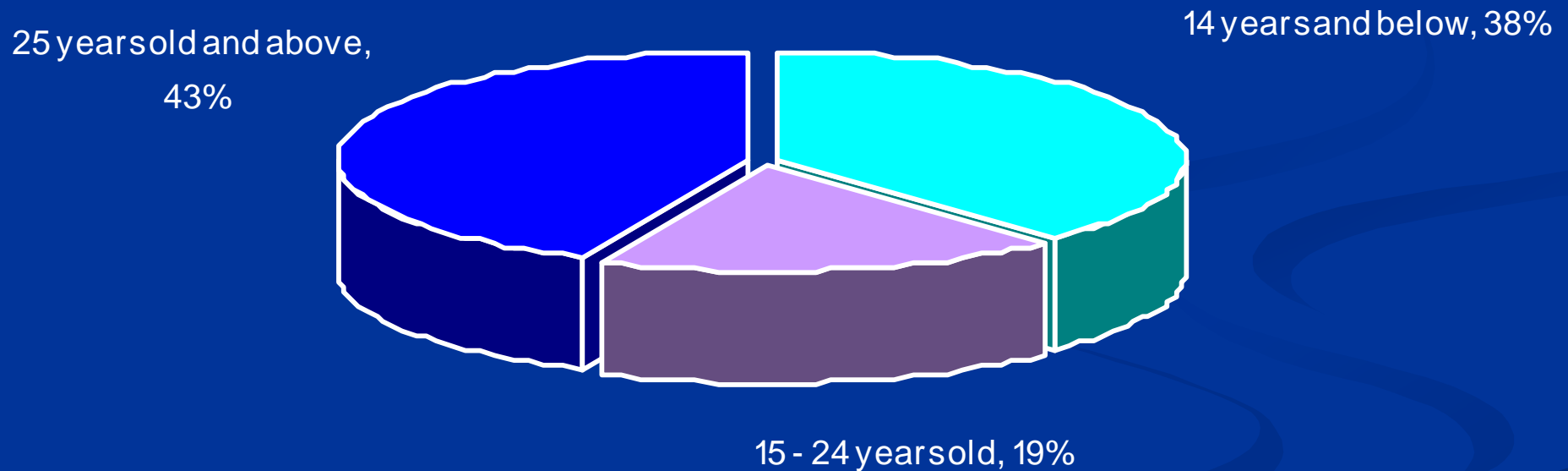
YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES

	Age	Number of youth unemployed (000s)	Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	Youth Unemployed/ Total Unemployed
2001	15-24	1820	23.3	49.8%
2002	15-24	1919	23.7	49.5%
2003	15-24	1853	22.8	47.1%
2004	15-24	1789	22.1	45.9%
2005*	15-24	1778	22.2	44.1%
2005**	15-24	1424	17.8	49.0%

* January 2005; ** April 2005, new series, preliminary

Uncertain prospects

Figure 1: Philippine Population Distribution



What can we do?

The ILO integrated approach

- ❖ **Pro-employment and pro-youth growth**
at the heart of economic and social policies
- ❖ **Targeted interventions**
to overcome specific disadvantages faced by youth in entering and remaining in the labour market

Combination of policies and programmes addressing both labour demand and supply

- Employment-intensive infrastructure development
- Promotion of economic sectors with strong youth employment potential
- Labour market regulations
- Workplacement and other innovative schemes
- Self-employment, cooperatives and entrepreneurship



- Access to universal basic education
- Quality VET and lifelong learning, including core skills
- Skills for informal sector workers
- Measures and partnership to link school to work
- Employment services, career guidance and labour market information

MORE AND BETTER JOBS FOR THE YOUTH IN THE PHILIPPINES

- 1. FINDING OUT**
- 2. LISTENING**
- 3. TAKING STOCK OF CURRENT
EXPERIENCE WITH POLICIES AND
PROGRAMMES FOR THE YOUTH**
- 4. DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING NEW
TARGETED LOCAL INITIATIVES**
- 5. MONITORING, EVALUATING AND
LEVERAGING SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMMES**
- 6. ADVOCACY FOR NATIONAL POLICIES**
- 7. MOBILIZE SOCIAL PARTNERS**

Thank you

