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In 2016, the International Labour Organization (ILO) carried out a country inventory of youth employment interventions in Jordan through extensive desk research and complemented by structured interviews with implementing agencies in Jordan.

In 2017, the report “Promoting youth employment and empowerment of young women in Jordan” was issued, which draws on an extensive analysis of data from the Youth Employment Inventory Jordan. The report identifies key barriers faced by young people in Jordan in their efforts to enter the labour market. It also compares the current landscape of active labour market policies for young people with global good practice and those barriers which are specific to Jordan.

The report shows that well-designed and appropriately targeted youth employment programmes can play a crucial role in improving labour market outcomes of young people in Jordan. The goal is to enable young people to work in higher quality jobs with better working conditions, including increasing access to social protection and opportunities to participate in social dialogue.

Comparing the current landscape of youth employment programmes in Jordan with global evidence and the local challenges facing young people in the labour market yields five main recommendations for social partners, policy-makers and practitioners.

I. Prioritize investments in decent jobs for young people

II. Improve the labour market opportunities of young women, especially those in rural areas

III. Design youth employment programmes with an eye to global good practice and adapt them to local challenges

IV. Improve the labour market integration of refugees while safeguarding working conditions

V. Promote evidence-based programming through a culture of monitoring, evaluation and learning

Key recommendations for policy and practice

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