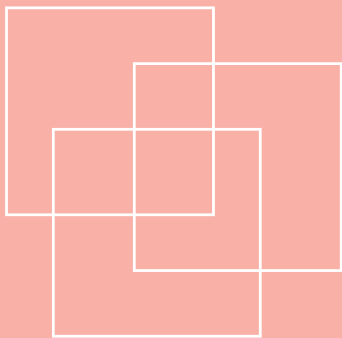




# Analysis of youth employment policy and dissemination through global database and publications (component for Asia and the Pacific)



## AT A GLANCE

### → Partners

Ministries in charge of youth employment, social partners, academic institutions and youth organizations

### → Donor

Government of Japan

### → Duration

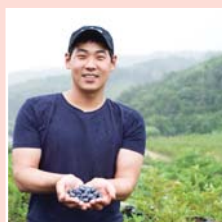
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### → Target beneficiaries

Decision makers, national agencies in charge of youth employment policy formulation and implementation, employers' and workers' organizations.

### → Geographical focus

Asia and the Pacific



ILO/Japan  
Multi-bilateral  
Programme



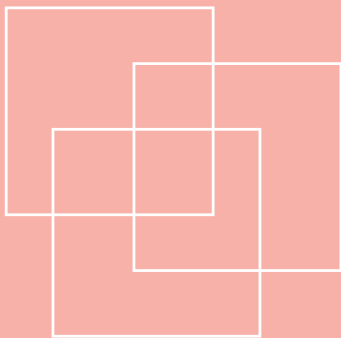
## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Asia and the Pacific accounts for 55 per cent of the world's youth population. It is also home to 45 per cent of unemployed youth. Youth unemployment rates are particularly pervasive in South-East Asia and the Pacific, where young people are more than five times as likely to be unemployed as adults.

In addition to high unemployment the region faces other significant youth employment challenges. More than one million employed youths are estimated to be working in vulnerable employment, meaning that they are own-account workers or (unpaid) contributing family workers. A large number of young people are neither in employment nor in education or training. East Asia and South Asia recently showed some of the lowest unemployment rates among all regions worldwide, but this is because any employment offer is often taken because of the need to make a living. South Asia has one of the highest regional poverty rates, and almost one in four workers are counted among the working poor, while working poverty rates are often higher for youth.

At the International Labour Conference in 2012 ILO tripartite constituents passed a resolution to address youth employment challenges, and called on governments to share experiences and information on effective youth employment policies. They asked the ILO to create a policy database. In response, and as part of its global efforts, the ILO Youth Employment Programme launched this project to review youth employment policies in 10 countries in Asia and the Pacific and conduct in-depth analyses in three selected countries. The objectives of the project are:

- Improve knowledge sharing on policies addressing youth employment challenges in the region.
- Strengthen the capacity of policymakers and social partners to conduct policy analysis, formulate recommendations and identify cost-effective policy options.
- Ultimately, enhance the creation of decent jobs for young women and men in Asia and the Pacific.



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### MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Collect information on policies on youth employment in 10 countries and make it accessible via the online database, YouthPol.
- Conduct in-depth youth employment policy reviews in three countries and share the findings through the youth employment focal points' network in government institutions.
- Develop and disseminate ILO guidelines for youth employment policy reviews. Disseminate knowledge generated by the project through national and regional publications.
- Organize training to improve participating countries' ability to analyse youth employment policies.
- Conduct mutual learning exercises and establish an online community of practice.
- To support the review and analysis work a range of tools developed by the ILO will be used, including:
  - Guidelines developed and tested in Indonesia, Russia, and Zambia.
  - YouthPol, a global electronic database on national youth employment policies and legislation.
  - Youth Employment Network, a global platform designed to prioritise youth employment on development agendas and to allow the exchange of policies and programmes that improve youth employment.
  - The Good Practices on Youth Employment Initiative, which identifies, exchanges and disseminates best practices in promoting decent work for youth.
  - Databases on policy measures including: EMPOL, on employment policy; NATLEX, for labour legislation; and the inventory of policy responses to global financial and economic crises.
  - The Asia-Pacific Youth Network (APYouthNet), which shares resources and information on youth employment in Asia and the Pacific.

### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Share knowledge of youth employment policies among participating countries.
- Foster policy coherence leading to improved youth employment by placing job creation for youth at the centre of economic policies.
- Identify and prioritize the most effective youth employment measures by taking into account available fiscal space.
- Allow constituents and other policymakers to review policy and legislation from other countries.
- Encourage policymakers to implement policy reforms that support youth employment.
- Facilitate the access of young women and men to decent jobs.
- Enhance the employability of workers, the competitiveness of enterprises and the inclusiveness of growth.

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