

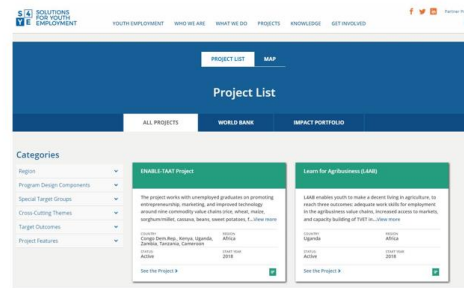
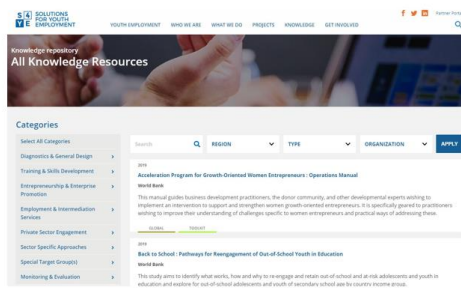


S4YE Newsletter October 2019

From S4YE and World Bank

New Resources for Youth Employment practitioners launched!

This month [Solutions for Youth Employment \(S4YE\)](#) has launched two new virtual tools to help practitioners leading youth employment operations: [S4YE Knowledge Repository](#) and the [S4YE Project Portal](#).



S4YE's Knowledge Repository is a global inventory of over 200 practical toolkits, guidance notes, and other resources curated to help youth employment practitioners design, implement, and scale programs. The S4YE Project Portal provides information on over 100 youth employment operations being implemented by the World Bank, as well as all 44 youth employment projects within S4YE's Impact Portfolio community of practice.

The Knowledge Repository and Project Portal provide a convenient, easily navigable platform for project teams to learn about new, innovative youth employment projects, identify potential partners for collaboration, and access helpful resources to implement effective youth employment projects.

Upcoming event in Ethiopia!

The Regional Youth Employment Forum, *Learning from Innovations in Youth*

Employment, is a collaborative effort between the World Bank's Social Protection and Jobs team in Ethiopia and S4YE. A preliminary agenda with more details is available [here](#) (subject to change).



Please contact Sunamika Singh (ssingh30@worldbank.org) to learn more about the Forum.

Private Sector Partners' Virtual Meeting: This month, [S4YE's private sector partners](#) convened virtually to discuss the work program for the upcoming year, identify shared thematic priorities and build concrete action items that will be championed together. Building on the initial discussions at the S4YE Partner Summit in April this year and subsequent conversations with each company, the meeting concluded with four clear workstreams to be developed collaboratively, including the launch of a webinar series, developing joint thematic products, designing a global mentoring initiative and also creating a joint catalytic facility to leverage World Bank operations for transformational impact in some countries. We are excited about working together with our private sector partners.

Updates from the Impact Portfolio

YBI recently launched 'Entrepreneurial Soft Skills for the Future': This scoping study outlines the soft skills that young entrepreneurs need now and in the future to successfully navigate the challenges of our rapidly changing job market, as well as a skills' framework. The [report](#) shares good practice examples for developing and assessing soft skills from the global

YBI network and beyond. YBI will draw on the study to design and pilot a new soft skills training curriculum.

Acumen added Programa Valentina to its portfolio of 10 investments in the Acumen Pioneer Fund in Latin America: Programa Valentina becomes [Acumen's](#) first investment of a company focused on education and workforce development in Latin America.

Learnings from LinkedIn Randomised Control Trial (RCT): Early results from a randomized control trial (RCT) between Harambee, RTI International, Duke University's DevLab, and LinkedIn show an increase in employment rates from providing a short intervention on use of the LinkedIn platform for young work-seekers. Read a summary of the study [here](#) and the working academic [paper](#).

To celebrate International Youth Day 2019, countries of the Empower Youth for Work program hosted a variety of events targeting youth employment intended to 'Open Doors of Opportunity': In Bangladesh and Pakistan, campaigns were held to raise awareness about the importance of decent work. Likewise, Indonesia saw youth-led panel discussions on the topics of life skills and youth stereotypes in the workplace. In Ethiopia, the themes of entrepreneurship transforming youth education were expressed through dialogues as well as art. Key stakeholders from the government and private sector alike were present in all countries. For the full stories, visit the [EYW website](#).

Educate! was recognized for their contributions to SDG 8: Out of over 600 applicants, Educate! was recognized by the [Alquity Transforming Lives Foundation](#) for their contributions to SDG 8, as well as their practices and results in economic empowerment, potential to scale, and sustainable approach to addressing social challenges.

Updates from the Youth Advisory Group

'Biscate' wins Social Impact award at the ITU Telecom World Expo: Biscate, launched in 2016 by [UX](#), whose co-founder is **Frederico Silva (YAG member)**, is a public service that allows lower-income workers in Mozambique to register their services by USSD (using basic mobile phones with no internet connectivity) so that clients can search, select, get in touch with, hire and evaluate their services.

Y2Y & YAG members' mentorship program launch: The World Bank's [Y2Y](#) and [YAG](#) have launched a mentorship program for their members. The match was done based on members' expertise and areas of interest, including entrepreneurship, networking, agribusiness, climate change and many other. The objective of the mentorship program is to provide a platform for mentees and mentors to work together on skills development and achieving professional goals.

Relevant Resources

Timely and relevant evidence of youth priorities and experiences should be placed at the center of responsive, accountable and successful programs and policies: Yet the majority of youth employment programs fall short of integrating the voices of young people into their design and implementation in a manner that allows for program adaptability. This [interactive presentation](#) tells the story of how [Africa's Voices](#), a Nairobi-based organization, devised a platform to hold one-to-one conversations at scale with youth employment program beneficiaries and introduces a new paradigm about how youth can be put at the driving seat of interventions for dignified work.



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