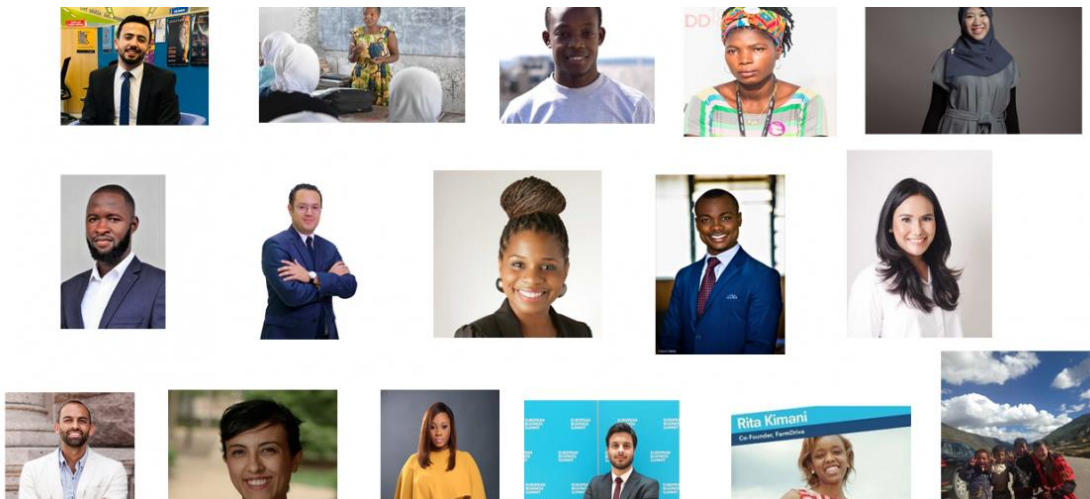


From the S4YE Secretariat and World Bank

Scaling up of Impact Portfolio

We are very happy to share with you that we have finalized the selection of 32 new projects to join our existing partners in the S4YE Impact Portfolio, our external community of practice (CoP). This new cohort represents innovations on a broad range of topics like digital jobs, digital platforms, impact sourcing, business incubation, the inclusion of refugees, and jobs in agricultural value chains. There is also a good geographic representation including 15 projects from Africa, 4 from the Middle East and North Africa, 4 from Latin America, 2 in South Asia, and 5 are Global Projects. We will be co-creating new knowledge products and learning events with this expanded CoP in the new FY. Click [here](#) to learn more about the new cohort and [here](#) to learn about our existing IP partners.

Blog: Amplifying youth voice and energy to create solutions for youth employment



The Youth Advisory Group (YAG) was launched by the S4YE earlier this year. It provides youth with a platform to share their voices and be involved in the discussion around youth employment. The group is comprised of community leaders from diverse and often disadvantaged backgrounds who have launched innovations in sectors such as agriculture, technology, and gender. Read our [latest blog](#) from Youth Voices Series to learn more about our YAG.

Event: Grant Writing Webinar



Young social entrepreneurs can play a vital role in reducing youth unemployment by creating opportunities for those around them. However, one common challenge that social ventures face is raising funds that would make their businesses or initiatives sustainable. Every new or growing social venture might need to map relevant donors and come up with effective strategies for fundraising. Fundraising can take many shapes from submitting a grant proposal to crowdfunding.

S4YE hosted a webinar on How to Write Effective Grant Applications where Mastercard Foundation, the United States African Development Foundation, the World Bank, and two S4YE Youth Advisory Group members shared information about what is effective in writing grant proposals, demonstrating how young entrepreneurs could improve their grant writing skills to make their ventures more sustainable. Please click this [link](#) to download the presentations.

From S4YE Partners

Updates from the Impact Portfolio

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- **UPSHIFT:** To provide opportunities for young unaccompanied migrants UNICEF and its partner JA-Italia decided to launch the Naro chapter of the UPSHIFT program in Sicily. The classes include migrants and their Italian peers and offer a space where they can discuss their social ideas together and start to turn their ideas into innovative projects with everyday social impact. Click here to read the latest [photo essay](#).
 - **Knack:** [Knack](#) has released a set of algorithms that focus on the skills, competencies, and mindsets that are necessary for thriving in the future of work. These 21st Century Knack algorithms encompass the shifting nature of work: [the substitution of expertise with learning](#), the critical role of rapid learning, the shrinking half-time of knowledge, the interplay between humans and machines, the rapid innovation imperative, and the distributed/remote nature of work.
 - **Work4Progress (W4P):** W4P recently celebrated its 2nd Annual Conference bringing together more than 40 representatives of the 3 Work4Progress platforms as well as international experts. W4P also launched a [challenge](#) in June to cover specific technological needs detected during the listening phase. It is open to Universities, Non-Profits, and Private Companies, and it looks for proven solutions adapted to the local contexts.
 - **Educate!** Educate! board members Dr. Nicole Goldin and Dr. Dingaan Mutumbuka recently authored an article for the Diplomatic Courier in recognition of Africa Day. The [article](#) discusses how growing youth populations are a primary unifying trait across the continent, and how leveraging this demographic resource is the best step countries can take for driving the progress that Africa Day exists to honor.
 - **Empower Youth for Work:** EYW project in Bangladesh has published a [report](#) on “Understanding Employers’ Views on Decent Work in Bangladesh” to gain an insight into the opinions, attitudes, and practices of employers in the informal sector, challenges, and opportunities in creating decent work.
 - **Open Learning Exchange (OLE):** [OLE](#) is launching the first remote Community Development Center in Har Har, a village in northern Somalia. Based on the community’s priorities, the focus of career pathways will be Health, Energy, and Transportation. Galway University, partnering with Mogadishu University, will provide support for that community for about 2,000 youth.
 - **Habitat:** [Habitat](#) in Turkey will soon be organizing three-day boot camps and acceleration for their beneficiaries. These will focus on entrepreneurial skills development of the participants providing vertical training, mentoring sessions, and inspirational talks by migrant & refugee entrepreneurs.
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Relevant Resources

- **Unleashing the Entrepreneurial Power of Rural Youth:** IFAD has launched its 2019 Rural Development Report, [Creating Opportunities for Rural Youth](#), which focuses on the importance of youth for rural development, constraints that they face, and how to embed rural youth policy and investments in broader rural development strategies. Rural youth development focuses on three mutually-reinforcing factors: productivity, connectivity, and agency. This report creates a roadmap for development strategies that incorporate a focus on rural youth.

Summer is here!

We wish you all a happy summer! The S4YE newsletter will be back in August 2019.



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