

More than one billion jobs need to be created between now and 2010 to accommodate young workers entering the labour force and reduce unemployment.

State of the Population Report 2000, UNFPA

Each and every one of us must assume a personal responsibility to embrace a new spirit of global collaboration for building secure communities full of productive work for young people. For any one of us to succeed, we must all succeed as one world.

Bill Clinton – US President (1993 - 2001)

YES Afghanistan	YES Dominican Republic	YES Nepal
YES Albania	YES Ecuador	YES Nigeria
YES Angola	YES Egypt	YES Pakistan
YES Argentina	YES El Salvador	YES Panama
YES Armenia	YES Georgia	YES Paraguay
YES Australia	YES Ghana	YES Peru
YES Azerbaijan	YES Guinea Bissau	YES Philippines
YES Bangladesh	YES Guyana	YES Romania
YES Benin	YES Haiti	YES Russia
YES Bhutan	YES Honduras	YES Rwanda
YES Bolivia	YES India	YES Senegal
YES Bosnia Herzegovina	YES Iran	YES Serbia & Montenegro
YES Brazil	YES Jamaica	YES Sierra Leone
YES Burkina Faso	YES Jordan	YES Singapore
YES Burundi	YES Kenya	YES Slovenia
YES Cameroon	YES Liberia	YES Somalia
YES Canada	YES Macedonia	YES South Africa
YES Central African Republic	YES Malawi	YES Swaziland
YES Chad	YES Malaysia	YES Tanzania
YES Chile	YES Mali	YES Togo
YES Colombia	YES Mauritius	YES Uganda
YES Costa Rica	YES Mexico	YES Uruguay
YES Côte d'Ivoire	YES Moldova	YES Zambia
YES Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)	YES Mozambique	YES Zimbabwe
	YES Namibia	

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The Youth Employment Summit (YES) Campaign

A Decade Campaign of Action 2002-2012

Committed to fulfilling the Millennium Development Goals
Through Youth Employment and Engagement

YES Country Networks

Empowering young people to be Leaders and Entrepreneurs

In over 70 countries, youth-led YES Country Networks comprised of diverse stakeholders (governments, educators, practitioners, NGOs, the business community and youth) provide a sustainable and powerful infrastructure to promote policy, programs and action for youth employment.

Consider this:

- There are a **billion youth** on the planet aged 14-24 years
- Of these, **850 million** live in developing countries with little infrastructures for education, skills training, and services for employment and entrepreneurship
- There are **not enough jobs** in the private and public sectors combined to accommodate either the current youth population, or the 1.5 billion children aged 0 - 14 years behind them (in and out of school systems).

Our Belief:

- **Young people**, when self-organized, empowered and mentored will make the best champions and actors to promote employment, entrepreneurship and civil societies.

Youth Employment Summit (YES) Campaign

The YES Campaign focuses on:

- 1) Building the capacity of young people to be leaders
- 2) Building an entrepreneurial culture to promote youth employment

About YES Country Networks

In early 2001, as a result of massive YES outreach efforts, a large number of individuals and institutions took up the challenge to lead committed action at national and local levels. The YES Country Networks were born. Since then, YES Country Networks have been launched in over 70 countries worldwide to take concrete action to combat global youth unemployment.



These networks are comprised of coalitions of diverse stakeholders, which include governments, educators, practitioners, NGOs, private sector companies, and international and bilateral organizations. Each network is different, with a form appropriate for each country ranging from small groups of volunteers to officially-registered autonomous organizations. Regardless of the shape it comes in, each network has had an undeniable impact in its own country.

The YES Networks lead the YES Campaign in their countries, initiating action in:

- Organizing national consultations to understand the local youth employment scenario and work to place the issue on the country agenda.
- Bringing together youth-led and youth serving organizations to focus on the issue of employment.
- Developing partnerships between youth organizations, government, private sector, NGOs, and educational institutions for promoting youth employment.
- Disseminating information on youth employment to diverse stakeholders nationwide.
- Developing National Action Plans for youth employment.
- Identifying and mobilizing resources locally to support YES Network activities.
- Developing and implementing youth employment projects within the YES Framework for Action.



Achievements of a few YES Networks

- **YES South Africa** in November 2004 was funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Development Corporation Unit to build Southern African networks' capacity and develop private-public partnerships for youth employment.
- **YES Honduras** in February 2003 was funded by USAID for a HIV/AIDS education and life skills program.
- **YES Egypt** in May 2003 was funded by Virgitech, Corps to offer 2000 scholarships to teach under-privileged young people basic computer skills.
- **YES Nigeria** in partnership with the Ministry of Women's Affairs and Youth Development hosted a National Youth Employment Summit in August 2003.
- **YES Serbia and Montenegro** received a grant from the Balkan Children and Youth Foundation to establish a functional youth employment network to advocate for greater involvement of youth in the creation of national youth employment policies.
- **YES Iran**, in partnership with the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, hosted a regional meeting for the Middle East and North Africa in September 2003.
- **YES Philippines**, in partnership with the Presidential Office of Special Concern, hosted a National Convention on Youth Employment, in May 2003.
- **YES Burundi** and Foundation Zero-Kap launched a micro-credit scheme for poor families in Burundi to start up micro-enterprises.
- **YES Mexico** in partnership with the Government of Mexico and the YES Campaign hosted YES 2004 in October, the first global milestone Summit since the launch of the YES Campaign.