

About the Impact Portfolio

The Impact Portfolio is a group of **19 diverse and high-potential youth employment projects** representing 15 developing countries from six continents. These projects were selected through a blind-process by independent reviewers. This unique group of projects will be a collective “learning laboratory” for the Solutions for Youth Employment (S4YE) coalition.

Through the Impact Portfolio, S4YE aims to **learn, assess, showcase, and potentially support** the scaling of innovative youth employment interventions. S4YE will develop joint knowledge product(s), develop a network of youth employment actors, and facilitate targeted technical guidance to ongoing projects on specific areas of high demand and shared

Objectives

S4YE is currently consulting with each of the 19 project teams in order to curate the following knowledge, to be finalized in a brief report by June 2017.

PROJECT DESIGN

Identify the components of each project so as to understand what types of design features are being used, what is working well or is not.

INNOVATION FOCUS

Identify novel features and micro-innovations including using technology in new ways, collecting baseline data in absence of existing labor data, engaging private sector, strengthening youth participation and designing performance-based mechanisms for training providers. The final set of innovations will be shared among the projects to facilitate ongoing learning and improvisation.

MONITORING & EVALUATION

Youth employment programs often face challenges in designing and implementing metrics and tracking progress. S4YE attempts to understand the different M&E systems and indicators being used by the 19 projects, while also providing inputs and guidance on specific themes.

Activities

- **Networking and Peer to Peer Technical Assistance:** Encourage discussions among projects and share tools, setting up an informal network of practitioners and encouraging continuous learning.
- **Showcasing:** Share lessons and best practices from each of the 19 projects that might be of interest to the broader youth employment ecosystem.
- **S4YE Partnership:** Grow the S4YE coalition by expanding partnerships across the private, government, social entrepreneurship and civil society (CSOs) sector.

Innovation Lab

As part of the long-term vision, S4YE is developing an Innovation Lab to **pilot, test or scale innovative youth employment interventions**, especially those that better link the supply side with the demand side and involve the private sector. This shared learning with the Impact Portfolio projects serves as a learning laboratory that will help develop the innovation blueprints.

Summary Listing of the 19 Impact Portfolio Projects

Country	Organization(s)	Project Name	Dates of Implementation
Bangladesh	Save the Children	Education for Youth Empowerment Bangladesh	2012-2020
Cambodia	Digital Divide Data (DDD)	N/A	Ongoing since 2001
Colombia	Accenture & Plan International	Youth Building the Future	2015-2017
El Salvador	RTI International	USAID Higher Education for Economic Growth	2014-2019
India	Generation LLC (McKinsey)	Generation India	2015-2020
Kenya	UK Department of International Development (DFID) & Adam Smith International	Kuza Project (Mombasa County Youth Employment Programme)	2014-2017
Kenya	World Bank	Kenya Youth Employment and Opportunities	2016-2021
Kosovo	UNICEF	UPSHIFT Project	2014-2018
Lebanon	World Bank	National Volunteer Service Program	2011-2018
Panama	International Youth Foundation (IYF) & Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF)	New Employment Opportunities (NEO) Panama	2015-2018
Rwanda	Educate!	N/A	2016-2018
Rwanda	Technoserve	Strengthening Rural Youth Development through Enterprise Development (STRYDE)	2014-2017
South Africa	Accenture	Skills to Succeed Academy	2016-2020
South Africa	Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator	N/A	2011-2021
Tanzania	IYF & MasterCard Foundation	Pathways to Work (Via)	2015-2021
Tunisia	International Labor Organization (ILO)	FORSATI Program	2016-2019
Tunisia	Silatech & Microsoft	Tounes Ta3mal	Ongoing since 2013
Turkey	Youth Business International (YBI)	Livelihood Program Targeting Entrepreneurship Skills and Business Creation	2016-2018
Uganda	MasterCard Foundation & Swisscontact Uganda	U-LEARN II	2016-2021