



# UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S WORK PROGRAMME NEWSLETTER

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## About us

The Understanding Children's Work (UCW) programme is an inter-agency research cooperation initiative involving the International Labour Organisation (ILO), UNICEF and the World Bank.

UCW is guided by the Roadmap adopted at The Hague Global Child Labour Conference 2010. The Roadmap calls for effective partnership across the UN system to address child labour, and for mainstreaming child labour into policy and development frameworks. The Roadmap also calls for improved knowledge sharing and for developing further methodologies and capacity to conduct research on child labour.

UCW research activities are designed to inform policies that impact upon the lives of child labourers in countries where they are prominent. Research efforts help provide a common understanding of child labour, and a common basis for action against it. For further information, see the Programme website at [www.ucw-project.org](http://www.ucw-project.org).

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## Featured research

### GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

This edition of the newsletter introduces the Global Partnership for Youth Employment (GPYE).

Established in 2008 with support from the World Bank Development Facility, the Partnership brings together the Understanding Children's Work (UCW), the International Youth Foundation (IYF), the Youth Employment Network (YEN) and the Arab Urban Development Institute (AUDI).

The goal of the partnership is to build and disseminate evidence on youth employment outcomes and on effective programs to help address the challenges facing young people in their transition to work.

The GPYE leverages the technical and regional experience of the five partner organizations in youth employment research, programming, evaluation, and policy dialogue. The partnership's work focuses on Africa and the Middle East, regions in particular need of better evidence on effective approaches to promote youth employment.

Readers are invited to learn more about this Partnership at [www.gpye.org](http://www.gpye.org)

### PARTNERS

*The Global Partnership for Youth Employability is formed through a unique alliance between key partners, the World Bank, IYF, AUDI, YEN and UCW.*



[www.worldbank.org/childrenandyouth](http://www.worldbank.org/childrenandyouth)

### **The World Bank**

The World Bank supports governments in developing countries on a wide range of child and youth development issues, including youth employment, by conducting research, financing projects and supporting rigorous evaluation.



[www.iyfnet.org](http://www.iyfnet.org)

### **International Youth Foundation**

The International Youth Foundation invests in the extraordinary potential of young people. IYF programs are catalysts of change that help young people obtain a quality education, gain employability skills, make healthy choices and improve their communities.



[www.menacpi.org](http://www.menacpi.org)

### **AUDI MENA Child and Youth Initiative (AUDI MENA CYI)**

The AUDI MENA Child and Youth initiative is a regional, non-governmental organization, focusing on upgrading the capacities of local authorities and municipalities throughout the Middle East and North Africa region to improve the well being of children and youth, especially the vulnerable and disadvantaged, and to enhance knowledge of effective policies and programs that address critical issues of children and youth in the region.



[www.ilo.org/yen](http://www.ilo.org/yen)

### **Youth Employment Network**

The Youth Employment Network is a partnership of the United Nations, International Labour Organization, and World Bank that works to engage, educate and motivate actors to provide improved employment opportunities for youth. It is a platform and service provider focusing on policy advice, innovative pilot projects, knowledge sharing, and brokering partnerships.

## **WHAT WE DO**

- **Research & Learning**

The Global Partnership for Youth Employment (GPYE) supports research and analytical work, including labour market analyses that help to identify policy priorities related to youth employment.

Core GPYE research includes in-depth country studies, city and community appraisals and impact evaluations. This research serves to inform policy dialogue and guide programme design.

- **Policy Dialogue**

GPYE aims to promote effective policy dialogue by convening stakeholders to raise awareness about youth employment issues and share knowledge among a wide range of stakeholders. The partnership convenes a wide range of national and international stakeholders, including policymakers, bilateral and multilateral donors, the private sector, NGOs and youth consultative groups.

- **Local Engagement**

The Global Partnership for Youth Employment helps bring about tangible change through technical assistance to local governments and support to innovative pilot projects. The GPYE also works to strengthen the capacity of local counterparts with the objective of raising the level of investment in youth employment programmes and improving programme design and effectiveness.

- **Events**

Through a variety of conferences and workshops, GPYE brings together key stakeholders to share experience and facilitate cross-country dialogue about “what works” in youth employability and skills development programmes.

### **UCW AND THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT**

Since the establishment of the partnership, UCW has recognized the value of GPYE in building knowledge on youth employment issues and using this knowledge to inform programming.

The research and programming dimensions of partnership collaboration are mutually reinforcing. As an example, the interagency country report ‘*Comprendre le travail des enfants et l’emploi des jeunes au Sénégal*’ was developed within the GPYE partnership and served as an input to IYF in developing its ‘YouthMap Senegal - Youth assessment: the Road Ahead’.

Recent activities carried out within the GPYE framework include the development of the inter-agency country report ‘Understanding Children’s Work in Rwanda’ and the UCW working paper ‘Labour Market in South Sudan’. UCW also contributed to the development of the WB toolkit ‘Measuring success of youth livelihood interventions: A practical guide to impact evaluation’. Finally, inputs to impact evaluation design were provided to IYF, YEN and WB, as part of a broader effort aimed at building knowledge what works in policy terms for promoting youth employment and employability.

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## Programme news and events

1. *Italian cooperation guidelines relating to child's protection (Rome, November 2011)*. The expert meeting, organized by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, brought together experts in the field of children's rights. The meeting was aimed at providing input to the revision of the guidelines of the Italian cooperation relating to child's protection.

2. *Collaboration with UNESCO in the development of the 2012 Global Monitoring Report*. Collaboration was initiated with UNESCO to develop two background papers for the 2012 Global Monitoring Report (GMR). The first study will assess employers' perceptions of deficits in education and skills among workers in a set of developing countries. The second paper will examine the dimensions of youth disadvantage in labour markets, including unemployment, underemployment and inactivity, in a set of nine developing countries.

3. *Collaboration with the World Bank in the development of the 2012 World Development report*. Cooperation also began with the World Bank in developing two background papers to feed into the 2012 World Development Report. The first paper will present a statistical profile of youth neither attending school nor in the labour force. The second paper will look at trends and correlates associated with the group of youth neither in school nor in the labour force, and at the short and long term effects of this condition on labour market outcomes and transitions.

4. *Updating country level child labour indicators*. UCW country statistics on core child labour, schooling and related indicators were recently updated. UCW survey database now contains over 300 datasets for 100 developing countries; in 74 of these countries, data are available for more than one point in time.

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## Recently posted

UCW, [Labour market in South Sudan](#). UCW, Rome, 2011

UCW, [Understanding Children's Work in Bangladesh](#). UCW, Rome, 2011