Globally, **66.6 million** young women and men are unemployed.
THE CHALLENGE: YOUTH NEET

- The proportion of youth NEET reached 22% world-wide.

- Women are disproportionally more affected in emerging (80.3%) and developing (66.1%) economies than in developed ones (55.7%).
144.9 million young workers in emerging and developing countries are living in extreme or moderate poverty.
THE CHALLENGE: WORKING POVERTY

Young workers are more likely than adults to be in working poverty.

WORKERS IN POVERTY AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL WORKERS

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Youth employment investments remain **fragmented** despite increased policy attention.
The goal is to scale up action and impact on youth employment through effective, innovative and evidence-based interventions.
The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth is the overarching global partnership on youth employment under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

It was endorsed by the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination and launched by ILO Director General in 2016 at the ECOSOC Youth Forum.
With 22 UN entities and a growing alliance of partners from governments, social partners, youth and civil society, private sector and beyond, we want to build partnerships to increase the effectiveness of current youth employment initiatives.
The partners of **Decent Jobs for Youth** commit to 15 key principles, which guide their actions and youth employment investments.
The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth is centred on four strategic elements.

**STRATEGIC ELEMENTS**

- **BUILDING A STRATEGIC ALLIANCE**
- **SCALING UP ACTION AND IMPACT**
- **SHARING AND APPLYING KNOWLEDGE**
- **MOBILIZING RESOURCES**

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THEMATIC PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

DIGITAL SKILLS FOR YOUTH
QUALITY APPRENTICESHIPS
YOUTH IN THE RURAL ECONOMY
GREEN JOBS FOR YOUTH
YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SELF-EMPLOYMENT
YOUTH TransitionING TO THE FORMAL ECONOMY
YOUTH IN FRAGILE SITUATIONS
YOUNG WORKERS IN HAZARDOUS OCCUPATIONS

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CONCRETE PLANS FOR ACTION

Take a look at the thematic plans:

www.decentjobsforyouth.org/communications-materials
ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM LINKED TO THE SDGs

It’s a space for partners to join and engage with others creating real change for young people across the globe.

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A commitment is a pledge to take joint action and facilitate youth’s access to decent work.

Commitments include ongoing and upcoming joint initiatives at country, regional or global level, that are aligned to the guiding principles and contribute to the strategic elements of Decent Jobs for Youth:
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