The coronavirus pandemic is posing a multi-dimensional challenge for young people:

- Disruptions in education & training
- Amplified vulnerabilities among young workers
- Longer & more difficult transitions into decent work
1 out of 6 young people surveyed stopped working since the onset of COVID-19.

Young workers are more vulnerable than adults to job losses, pay cuts and reduced working hours...

Young workers employed before the pandemic have seen on average a 23% reduction in working hours.
65% of young people report learning less since the onset of the pandemic.

51% of young people believe their studies will be delayed, an assessment more common among young women.

9% of young people think their education might fail.

Yet, youth have been resilient: 44% pursued new training courses & technical skills in high-demand.
The pandemic has taken a heavy toll on young people's mental well-being.

17% of young people aged 18 - 29 are probably affected by anxiety or depression.

Mental well-being levels are on average lower for young women as well as for younger youth.

Low mental well-being is almost double among youth whose education or work has been disrupted by the crisis.
Lockdown measures resulted in unavoidable effects on young people’s access to their rights.

1 in 3 young people report a significant impact on their right to participate in public affairs including peaceful protests.

More than one in four report a significant impact on their right to freedom of religion or belief.

1 in 3 youth who have stopped working state their right to housing has been significantly impacted.

A greater impact on rights is associated with lower mental well-being.
SOCIAL ACTIVISM

Young people turning the tide of COVID-19 crisis into an opportunity for collective action.

One in three young people reported high levels of volunteerism

One in four showed high levels of donating to charities

How have young people helped?

Combatted misinformation

Assisted elderly and those in need

Distributed food and protective equipment

Youth entrepreneurs provided financial and work-related support
“IF YOU WERE THE LEADER OF YOUR COUNTRY, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?”

Here’s what young people said they would do:

- Strengthen containment measures and favour safe income-generating activities.
- Enhance measures to protect workers and support enterprises, jobs and income.
- Improve public health infrastructure and protective equipment for frontline workers.
- Ensure equal access to information and boost the accountability of government responses.