Some **4.5 million** Rwandans are between **15** and **34** years of age. This number is expected to increase by almost **one third** by **2035**.

**65%** of young Rwandans are **underemployed**.

The majority work in **agriculture** as unpaid family farm workers, independent farmers, or waged farmhands.

Among the economically inactive, more than **1 in 5** young **women** are looking after home and family, compared with fewer than **1 in 10** young **men**.

**Only 1 in 3** Rwandan youth has completed primary school.

**Two thirds** of Rwandan youth **work less** than **35 hours per week**, but are willing to work more.

Unemployment is **higher** among young women than among young men in **urban areas**.

**13.5%** of Rwandans with a **university degree** are **unemployed** – 7 times the national unemployment rate.

**12.6%** 5.6% **Less than 1 in 100** youth are enrolled in technical schools.

**Lasting solutions:**

- Target the sources of **underemployment**.
- Build the **evidence** base for measures that tackle rising **unemployment** among graduates.
- Assess the **impact** of existing youth **training** programs.
- Address the **barriers** that hold young **women** back.

For more information, please refer to Laterite Ltd. (2015) *Youth employment in Rwanda: A scoping paper*, commissioned by IDRC and the MasterCard Foundation.