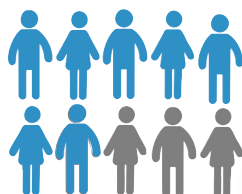


YOUTH EMPLOYMENT *in sub-Saharan Africa*

The UN estimates that Africa's **15 to 24 year old** population is expected to grow by about **6,000,000** each year for the next **decade**.

7 out of **10** young workers are self-employed.



The median age is **18** years old.

Enhancing the **productivity** and **income** of youth is a key priority.

12% of youth are **unemployed**.
Over **70%** of young workers are **underemployed**.

Young people with **higher education** are **twice** as likely to be **unemployed** as those with basic education.

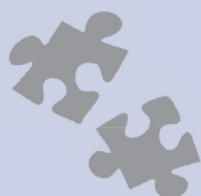


60% of youth aged 15-24 have not gone beyond primary school.

Millions of young people work in agriculture.



Some key factors that constrain youth livelihoods



Skills mismatch



Lack of information about opportunities



Lack of access to credit

Lasting solutions:

- Provide **evidence** on what interventions work, what do not, and what is scalable.
- **Uncover** the **barriers** to school-to-work transitions.
- Foster an enabling environment that spurs **youth-led innovations**.
- Improve **data** collection and use.

For more information, please refer to Betcherman and Khan (2015), *Youth employment in sub-Saharan Africa: Taking stock of the evidence and knowledge gaps*, a scoping paper commissioned by IDRC and the MasterCard Foundation.