
PROMOTING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT - PHILIPPINES

Project No.	:	32489
Project Cost	:	Cdn\$ 1.2M
Duration	:	2 years (2005 - 2007)
Location	:	Nationwide
Implementing Agency	:	International Labor Organization (ILO)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Over the past two decades, employment creation in the Philippines has been insufficient to keep pace with nearly 1 million new entrants to the labour force every year. The Promoting Youth Employment in the Philippines Project has four main components:

- 1) **The policy environment (macro-level)** component supports change in the policy framework, to encourage an environment that promotes youth employment and action to help young people. It will include the development of a National Youth Employment Action Plan (NYEAP).
- 2) **The institutional strengthening (meso-level)** component develops institutional mechanisms to strengthen capacity and networking/coordination between public and private sector initiatives targeting young workers at the national and local level.
- 3) **The demonstration programs with key youth target groups** include the young unemployed, youth in the informal economy, and young entrepreneurs, and can be replicated outside of the project framework.
- 4) **The Research, Knowledge Management and Advocacy** component will develop a research agenda on the key indicators, determinants and characteristics of youth

employment, unemployment and underemployment as well as on the review and assessment of existing initiatives in key policy areas such as employment, entrepreneurship, education, training and skills development.

PROJECT GOAL:

To facilitate employment opportunities for young men and women in the formal and informal economy.

PROJECT PURPOSES:

To foster enhanced national policies that respond to the labour market problems of young women and men in a more effective and coherent way.

To foster enhanced and well-articulated institutional frameworks to deal with youth employment issues, encompassing both public and private actors.

To strengthen the provision of employment-related services to young people through delivery of local demonstration programs that can be replicated by major service providers.

To enhance the knowledge base on youth employment for policy development and implementation in the Philippines.
