Empowering Youth on Resilience
"In Asia-Pacific over **220 million** youth are not in employment, education or training while **86 million** youth underemployed and **31 million** youth currently unemployed"
A MOVEMENT TO MAINSTREAM YOUTH LEADERSHIP, SOCIAL INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN AND EMPOWER YOUTH TO ACCELERATE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDGs THROUGH LEADERSHIP, SOCIAL INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.
THE YOUTH CO:LAB THEORY OF CHANGE

**UPSTREAM**
- Systemic approach to youth employment
- Action Oriented Research
- Ecosystem diagnostic and policy support

**MIDSTREAM**
- Youth Empowerment Alliance
- Network of network
- Regional Summits
- Financial solutions
- Advocacy for behavior change

**DOWNSTREAM**
- National dialogues / innovation challenges
- Springboard incubation programme
- Movers / Skills for self-employment
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WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED?

75,000+
Attendees at hosted and co-hosted events

5,000+
Young Social Entrepreneurs' capacity built

600+
Social Enterprises built up or created

USD 29M+
Resources mobilized for Youth Co:Lab from government and private sector partners

186+
Key Regional Partners joined Youth Co:Lab's Youth Empowerment Alliance

29
Asia-Pacific Countries reached and collaborate with stakeholders

5 + 1*
*Research and Knowledge Products upcoming in 2020

USD 1.3M
Resources mobilized for Youth Co:Lab social enterprises

33,000+
People benefiting from Youth Co:Lab social enterprises

200,000+
Youth Co:Lab community on Facebook
"UNDP collaborates with 186 like-minded partners on this agenda to support youth entrepreneurs"
YOUTH CO:LAB OFFERINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**TYPE OF INTERVENTION**

- **CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**
- **STRENGTHENING THE ECOSYSTEM**
- **CREATING ENABLING ENVIRONMENT & POLICIES**

**DIAGNOSTIC SOLUTIONS**
Diagnosing local and subnational entrepreneurship ecosystems

**LOCAL & SUBNATIONAL FORUMS**
Facilitate dialogue and discussions

**UPSTREAM**

- **P2P SKILLS BUILDING PLATFORM**
- **SOCIAL INNOVATION CHALLENGES**

**MIDSTREAM**

**VIRTUAL PRE-INCUBATION PROGRAMME**

**DOWNSTREAM**

- **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ALLIANCE OF PARTNERS**
  - Network of local & subnational stakeholders
  - Systems approach to mapping key local enablers and barriers

- **SYSTEMIC APPROACH**
  - Creating enabling environment & policies
  - Diagnosing local and subnational entrepreneurship ecosystems
  - Facilitating dialogue and discussions

**RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS**
- On key local thematic areas of interest

**FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS**
- Funding and investments to support local social innovations
COVID-19 IMPACTS
A health, humanitarian and development crisis.

1 in 6
Young people are out of work globally due to COVID-19

86%
Of young entrepreneurs in Asia-Pacific negatively impacted by COVID-19

442 MILLION
People projected to be pushed into poverty in Asia-Pacific

235 MILLION
Equivalent full-time jobs projected to be lost in Asia-Pacific in Q2 2020

UNDP’S COVID-19 RESPONSE
Integrated solutions to help young people and countries prepare for, respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure we leave no one behind.

**YOUTH CO:LAB’S COVID-19 RESPONSE**

**CRISIS RESPONSE & POLICY SUPPORT**
Support inclusive policy responses to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on youth-led MSMEs and youth livelihoods and drive systemic change.

**BUILDING SKILLS & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**
Virtual skill development platform supporting young people to acquire key employability skills and knowledge on SDGs.

**MATCHMAKING WITH OTHER ECOSYSTEM PARTNERS**
Matchmaking with other ecosystem partners and initiatives to improve the startup survival rates.

**ONLINE PRE-INCUBATION PROGRAMME (SPRINGBOARD)**
Virtual pre-incubation program for youth startups addressing key aspects of startup transformation to address COVID-19 impacts.

**START-UP SUPPORT & MENTORING**
Dedicated startup support program to improve the fundraising capacity of the startups to address COVID-19 impacts.

**RAISE AWARENESS & INSPIRE ACTION**
Raise awareness and increase knowledge on how COVID-19 is impacting young entrepreneurs, and inspire those who can, to act and support their communities.

**MAPPING & CO-CREATION OF YOUTH INITIATIVES**
Mapping of various COVID-19 responses by ecosystem partners and leveraging opportunities to co-create new initiatives to support youth.
1. **Addressing basic needs and supporting essential services**
   - Produce (PPE) - SEPAK (Cambodia)
   - Distribution of PPEs or other basic supplies – Bundle (Bhutan)
   - Solving transportation challenges of essential workers – Life Cycles (Philippines)
   - Addressing the particular needs of vulnerable communities – Deaf Tawk (Pakistan)

2. **Supporting authorities to manage the crisis**
   - Creating online systems to predict or track cases and assisting with surveying the needs of affected communities – AI4GOV (Philippines)

3. **Supporting mental well-being**
   - Providing videos and remote mental health services or encouraging people to exercise – Mindo (Bangladesh)

4. **Raise awareness and distribute critical information**
   - Disseminating accurate and critical information about COVID-19 to their communities – MyMizu (Japan)
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