



► The Journey so far: project results

- **Work Wise Youth: A guide to youth rights at work** can be leveraged by youth employment stakeholders and ILO constituents at country-level to raise young people's awareness of their rights at work. The guide places a particular focus on forcibly displaced youth.
- The **training package on advancing meaningful youth engagement** in youth employment programmes can be used to capacitate ILO and PROSPECTS staff and partners to develop and implement youth-inclusive and responsive youth employment programmes.
- **Thematic briefs** showcasing the potential of the **orange and digital economies** to generate decent jobs, with a focus on forcibly displaced youth. These concise and informative pieces underscore the significance of investing in these economies and provide practical recommendations for countries to do so.
- **Strengthened the capacities of 90+ youth employment stakeholders**, including PROSPECTS partners and refugee youth-led organizations in promoting meaningful youth engagement and youth rights at work during the ILO and ITC-ILO Youth Employment Academy.
- **Job Search Clubs** are being established in Iraq and Uganda aimed at assisting young job seekers find decent jobs through career guidance and peer-to-peer support.
- **Youth-to-Youth Fund** is being implemented in Ethiopia; a competitive grant scheme designed to support youth-led organizations with funding and capacity building to implement innovative, small-scale projects on youth entrepreneurship.
- **Youth Network Committee in Ethiopia** launched and nurtured, providing strategic direction to the implementation of the initiative in the country.
- **Youth Leadership Academy** implemented in Ethiopia to equip Youth Network Committee members with the relevant skills and knowledge to fulfil their role.
- The participation of representatives of refugee youth-led organizations has been facilitated in various **global dialogues, regional and country events** (e.g. ILC 2022, ECOSOC Youth Forum 2023, Ethiopia Africa Youth Month 2023, etc.).



PROSPECTS initiative

Advancing young people's engagement and meaningful participation



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▶ At a glance



Partners
ILO, UNHCR, UNICEF



Duration
2022 – 2024



Target beneficiaries
Forcibly displaced youth, including refugee, IDP and host community youth



Donor
Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



Geographical focus
Global, regional, and country-level with a focus on Ethiopia, Iraq and Uganda

▶ The challenge

Young people account for a significant portion of the forcibly displaced population.



They often have limited access to education, training, and decent work opportunities. Yet, they can lead and drive action that positively contributes to their communities and act as important agents in fostering peace and resilience.

To ensure effectiveness and sustainability of efforts responding to the challenges faced by refugee, internally displaced and host community, meaningful engagement with youth is critical.

Moreover, young people as right-bearing individuals are entitled to participate in matters that affect them and their future and must be included in decision-making processes as well as in all stages of the policy and programme cycles.

▶ Our goal

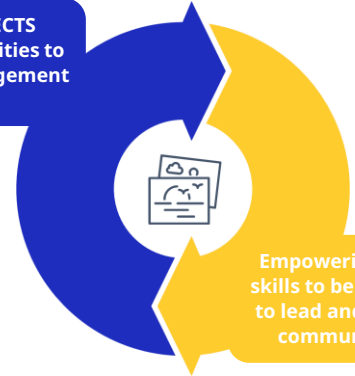
“...to empower and meaningfully engage young people in forced displacement contexts so that they **develop their skills and confidence** to lead socio-economic and cultural activities, start an enterprise, address protection concerns, volunteer in their communities, **advocate** on issues that are important to them, and **provide input to programming.**”

▶ Our approach

To this end, the ILO is implementing a two-pronged approach:

Building the capacity of PROSPECTS staff and partners to engage and partner effectively with young people and work together with them as equal partners to make our programming more youth-inclusive and responsive. Through the development and rolling out of different training materials and packages, agency staff and partners learn how to work with and for young people more effectively.

Strengthening PROSPECTS partners' skills and capacities to achieve meaningful engagement of young people



Empowering young people with skills to be effective partners and to lead and drive change in their communities and their lives

Recognizing the inherent leadership skills, capacities and potential of young people, we focus on empowering them as individuals, facilitating their transition into decent work, supporting them to network, empowering them to lead their own initiatives in their communities, and facilitating opportunities for their advocacy. This engagement and empowerment contributes to their capacity to be self-reliant.

