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Role of Youth

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Youth: Why Does It Matter?

Population under 25:

3.1 BILLION PEOPLE:

45% OF THE WORLD POPULATION

Current size of the world's population ages 15-24:

**1.2 BILLION; WILL GROW FOR THE
NEXT 20 YEARS**

Youth: Where Do They Live?

90% OF YOUTH LIVE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

HALF OF THEM LIVE IN CITIES

What is the Youth Bulge?

WEIGHT OF YOUTH IN POPULATION:

40% OF ALL ADULTS (15+) ARE IN AGE GROUP 15 - 29

Youth: What Is At Stake?

The 5 Transitions

- Learning after primary school age
- Starting a productive working life
- Adopting a healthful lifestyle
- Forming a family
- Exercising citizenship

Youth: Major Challenges

How can youth manage the 5 transitions? Learn, Work, Be healthy, Start a family, and Become a citizen

How can youth be heard?

How can youth organize itself?

Youth: Stakeholders

Youth advocates and groups

And from both public and private sectors:

- Policymakers
- Program managers



Youth and the State

The state's capacity might be overwhelmed by “rising of the youth”

Need for political negotiation processes between state and society

The state must be inclusive and equitable in the distribution of available resources



Youth: Key Policies

- Use a multisectoral approach
- Start with children
- Recognize youth's changing needs
- Reach out-of-school youth
- Coordinate program efforts