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The Challenge

Young people and employment

Untapped potential

Unemployment and under-employment

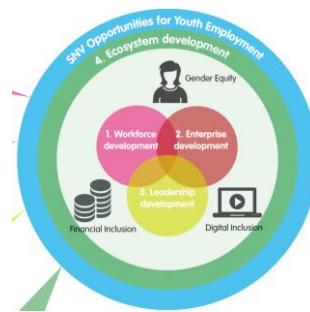
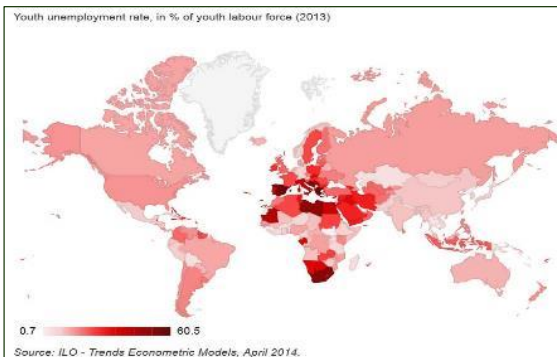
...lead to dissatisfaction amongst young people. They are more likely to challenge their situation actively and become a destabilising force.



- 74 million unemployed young people aged 15-25 globally
- 200+ million young people in insecure jobs
- Growing market demand for skilled labour
- Young people lack relevant market skills required for employment
- Young people lack the means required to start a business

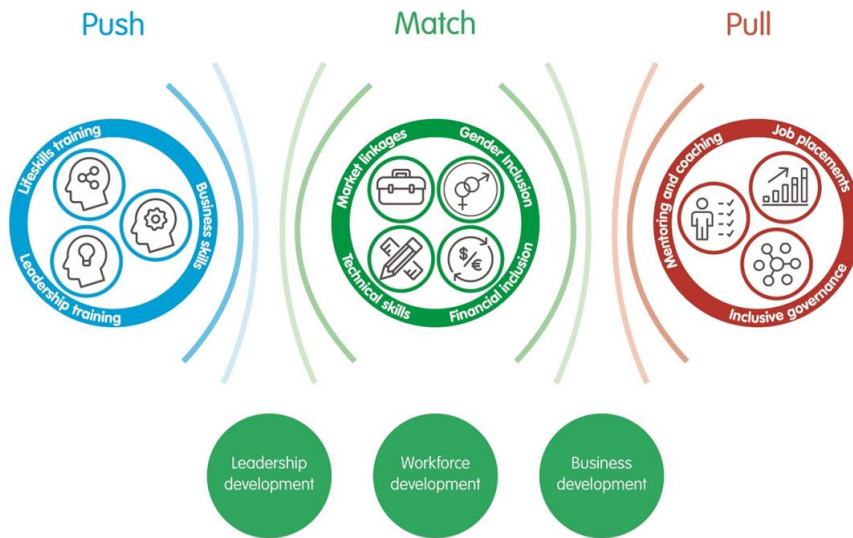
The Context

Highest youth unemployment in Africa



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OYE Approach



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Lessons learned from OYE

Practical opportunities in AG and RE

Trigger, not a tunnel!

Triggering key for long-term results

Access to finance – saving and lending

Integrated multi-stakeholder approach is key;
common challenges and joint solution

Experiences contribute to government policy

...but what about the link with migration?

- Very tricky!
 - Not a one on one link, many other factors influencing migration
 - Legitimized?
 - How can you identify the right group?
- Challenges of unemployment should be enough reason for youth employment projects!
- *"Sustainable agricultural transformation is an approach that offers one of the most robust and immediate opportunities for addressing several of the drivers of migration in Africa" (Impakter 2018)*
- Making agriculture attractive for youth
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Digital technologies
 - Contribution to action against climate change and food insecurity
- No one size fits all approach - tailor to specific contexts

Questions and discussion

What are your experiences from projects working with youth in agribusiness?

Do we share the idea that there is a link between youth employment and the root causes of migration?

What are other factors influencing this link?

How do we deal with the increased focus of Dutch and other donors on the link between youth employment and migration?

Which (complementary) roles can we play in addressing this focus of donors?

Do we want to, and if so how can we influence the debate?

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In developing countries, over 60% of the population is below the age of 25. This youth population will only continue to rise with the high trend of global population growth. The

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