

Welcome to The Seventh Ethiopian Youth Forum



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Introduction

Survey forms completed :1244

Cause and reasons for spread of unemployment among youth

- **failure in school**
- **dependency syndrome**
- **many years of experience required by employers**
- **desires to go abroad – brain drain**
- **low self-initiation for employment**
- **discriminating among jobs**

Consequence of unemployment - social and economic problems

- **dependency on parents and family**
- **widespread use of drugs**
- **promiscuity**
- **spread of HIV/ AIDS and STDs**
- **declining economy**
- **increase crime rates**

Enhancing employment opportunity for youth

- **improve the quality of education**
- **promote employment in new economic sectors**
- **provide youth with opportunities of micro-loans**
- **advocate against job discrimination**

How actively are NGOs, the private sector and GOs responding to the youth's unemployment?

- fully: 14.2%**
- partially: 69.5%**
- not at all: 14.3%**

According to the prevailing situations of employment do you think you will find a job when you complete school?

- yes: 21.2%**
- no: 28.8%**
- not sure: 55 %**

Question	Yes	NO
Do youth have the capacity to be entrepreneurs?	28.5%	71.5%
Does the current school curriculum encourage youth entrepreneurship?	39.3%	60.7%
Have youth inherited positive work ethics and culture from the previous generation?	41.3%	58.7%
Do you do a part time job during your free time?	36.3%	63.7%
Do you think that the Government should supply youth with job opportunities while they're still in school?	57.3%	42.7%
Have you ever tried to get a job?	53.4%	46.6%
Did you succeed? (out of those who tried)	34.5%	65.5%

Would your parents allow you to have a job while you're still in school? (in your free time)

- **yes: 46.7%**
 - **because they want me to develop experiences**
 - **so that I can help them with my expenses**
- **no: 53.3%**
 - **because they want me to concentrate only on studies.**
 - **because the society would despise them saying they are financially poor because they have to send me to work.**

“Children have proved when they are involved, they can make a difference in the world around them. They have ideas, experience and insights that enrich adult understanding and make a positive contribution.”

State of the World Children Report, 2003