

YES Factsheet - Fast Facts!

Who are we?

Youth Employment Summit, YES, is an international project of Boston based Education Development Center, Inc., a not-for-profit research organisation, which is managing over 325 projects globally.

YES launched a decade long programme termed - YES Campaign in September 2002 at Alexandria, Egypt, to address the growing problem of youth unemployment worldwide. Over 2000 delegates, from more than 120 countries, attended the five-day event. The Summit was co-chaired by Former President of USA, Bill Clinton and First Lady of Egypt, Mrs. Susanne Mubarak.

Together, they launched the Youth Employment Summit (YES) Campaign (2002-2012) under the banner of the 6Es: Employability, Employment Creation, Equity, Entrepreneurship, Environmental Sustainability, and Empowerment.

Where are we?

We are working globally- from Zambia to Honduras, from India to Georgia; YES Campaign has presence in over 60 countries through its well-networked YES Country Networks. Through our Boston office, we guide and advise youth to work towards our mission - empowering youth to create sustainable livelihoods.

What do we do?

YES supports the country efforts for youth employment by focussing on three key strategies: Outreach and engagement, Knowledge building and Capacity building.

YES initiatives like the YES Academy, Global Knowledge Resource (GKR), Renewable Energy Fellowships have attracted the attention of experts and youth alike the world over.

What are we doing now?

Through the YES Academy launched at the Hyderabad YES Regional Forum 2003, we are identifying multi-stakeholders beneficiaries- engaging and involving them to develop an entrepreneurial culture and building their capacity. We are doing this through various innovative projects that we are launching in assistance with various international donor bodies.

What are we doing next?

Hosted by the government of Mexico, YES Mexico 2004 will be the second global summit where employment strategies will be reviewed within the context of the YES Framework for Action; successful programs, policies, and projects will be highlighted and shared among the delegates.

Who is our Funding Body/ Parent?

Education Development Centre Inc. [www.edc.org]

What type of institution are we?

Not-for-profit, Social

What is the scope of our activity?

Encouraging the youth all over the world to become proactive members and leaders of the process of creating sustainable livelihoods.

What are our areas of activities?

ICT, Renewable Energy, Water and Sanitation, HIV/AIDS, On and Off Farm technologies

What is our special focus group?

Women

Who are our YES Campaign Committee members?

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