

Senegal

EMPLOYMENT

Q1 - How does your government promote youth employment?

To promote youth employment, the government of Senegal has:

- Established a national agency for youth employment that trains youth and help them in the process of getting to be self employed.
- Developed training programmes in the several areas such as: entrepreneurship, farming and other vocational activities.

Q2 – What types of grants are available for young people to start their own business?

There are three types of grants available:

1. Government level:
 - The national fund for youth promotion, manage by the ministry of youth.
 - The national fund for youth insertion, which is included in the budget of the Prime Minister's office.
2. Partners' level:
 - "Francophonie", organisation of French speaking countries.
 - The embassy of Great Britain
3. NGO's level:
 - World Vision
 - Christian children fund
 - catholic relief service

Q3 – what types of voluntary service for youth exist?

In Senegal there are two voluntary programmes for youth that exist, which are:

- Volunteers for education programme (to teach in the primary schools).
- Volunteers for the national civic service (to help in several national as well as local programmes such as health, youth employment, city council work, community service etc.).

Q4 - What types of training programmes are available for youth in high-technology industries?

So far two programmes related to computer science and civil engineering in Senegal.

HIV/AIDS

Q1 - Does your government have a national strategy and financing plan for combating HIV/AIDS?

Yes it does. There is a national council for the fight against HIV/AIDS, which is established to implement the national policy/strategy.

Q2 – What government policies exist regarding HIV/AIDS prevention and support? Do these policies promote the human rights of HIV – positive young people?

The capacity reinforcement for ONGs, CBOs and other type of organisation involve in the fight against HIV, through training of actors and funding of projects, e.g.:

Access to ARV

Free voluntary testing and counselling

Decentralisation of the fight in order to be present countrywide

The Senegalese government has passed a law for the rights of PLWH; it is yet to be officially established.

Q3 – Is preventive health education, including HIV/AIDS prevention, part of the school curriculum?

Yes it is.