



Youth at the United Nations

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Youth Development Index (YDI)



Pros YDI

Measure youth development over time

Identify areas that need further attention

Compare progress between countries

Advocate for youth: Develop policy

Encourage collection of youth related data



Cons YDI

Select significant indicators for an index

Reflect dynamic social strata of youth

Weigh indicators meaningful

Collect necessary reliable data

Consider political sensitivity



YDI Profile

Use indicators identified during our meeting and indicators drawn from the Millennium Development Goals targeting youth



YDI Profile

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education

- (8) Literacy rates among 15–24

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women

- (9) Ratio of girls to boys in sec. & tertiary education
- (10) Ratio of literate females to males 15–24

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases

- (18) HIV Prevalence among pregnant women (15–24)
- (19*) % of pop. 15–24 with comprehensive correct knowledge of HIV/AIDS

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

- (45) Unemployment rate among 15–24



YDI Profile

Based on the Human Development Index
(HDI)

Add specific dimension and indicators
focusing youth



Human Development Index



Human Development Index

Health

Knowledge

Decent Standard of Living



Youth Development Index

Health

- (19) Percent of Population age 15-24 with comprehensive correct knowledge of HIV/AIDS

Knowledge

- (8) Literacy Rates, 15-24
- (10) Ratio of Literate Females to Males, 15-24

Decent Standard of Living

- (45) Unemployment Rate, Age 15-24



Youth Development Index

Health

- (19) Percent of Population age 15-24 with comprehensive correct knowledge of HIV/AIDS
- Access to Safe Drinking Water

Knowledge

- (8) Literacy Rates, 15-24
- (10) Ratio of Literate Females to Males, 15-24
- Completion Rate of Secondary Education

Decent Standard of Living

- (45) Unemployment Rate, Age 15-24
- Age 15-24 Who live on less than \$1 per day

Participation

- National Voting Age
- Existence of a National Youth Council



Do we want a YDI?

**Could a YDI possibly be based
on the HDI structure?**