

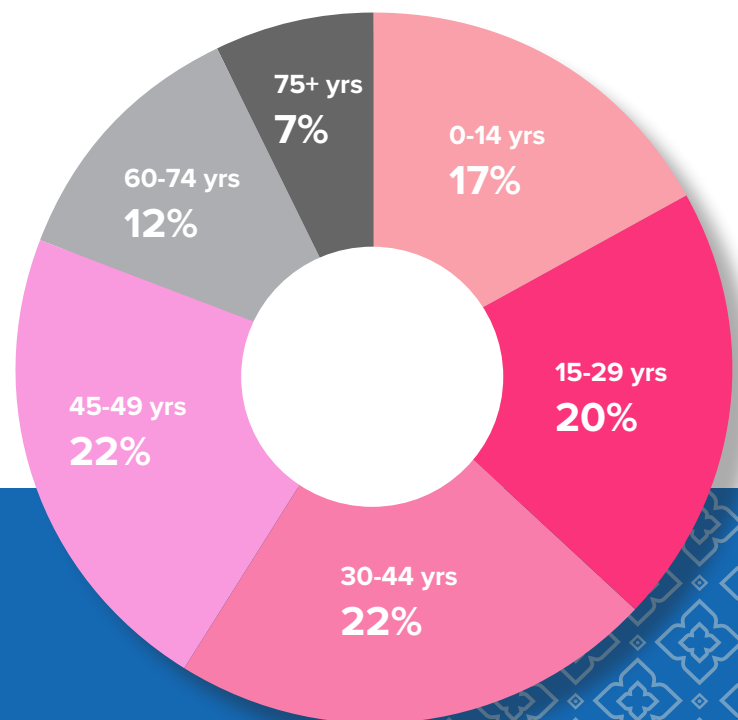
Empowering Youth in Thailand



UNDP THAILAND Youth Strategy

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Thailand Population



Reference: <http://stat.dopa.go.th/>

Why Youth?



Powerful Voice

Given their demographic weight and their role in defining both the present and the future of Thailand, youth need to be listened to, understood and included in all development work



Positive Change Agent

With stronger abilities and capacities, Thai youth are also highly connected and committed to making Thailand's future better. They can and should therefore be proactively engaged and further empowered to contribute to the development of the country



Sustained Impact

Being more aware, exposed and engaged, Thai youth can become more active citizens and actors of the country's development

Thailand's Commitment towards Youth

National Policy Framework that includes youth

- The 20-Year National Strategy (2018-2037) ^{1 2}
- The 12th National Economic and Social Development Plan (2017-2021) ^{3 4}
- The Ministry of Social Development and Human Security's Five-Year Strategic Plan (2017-2021) ⁵
- The Department of Child and Youth Strategy Strategic Plan No.1 (2017-2021) ⁶

National Child and Youth Policies

- The National Child and Youth Development Promotion Act 2007 ^{7 8}
- The 2nd National Child and Youth Development Promotion Act 2018 ⁹
- The 2nd National Child and Youth Development Plan 2017-2021 (Integrated with the Implementation Plan) ¹⁰





UNDP Thailand Youth Strategy

UNDP Thailand
Youth Target:
15-30 years old



Civic Engagement

Increasing youth participation for sustainable development through civic engagement. UNDP creates platforms to connect youth with government and other partners to ensure their voices are heard and support their contribution to development

Example of our work

Thailand Youth Voice for Biodiversity

<https://www.facebook.com/Thailand-YouthBiodiversityNetwork/>

Economic Empowerment

Ensuring sustainable livelihoods for youth through economic empowerment. UNDP strengthens youth capacities on entrepreneurship and innovation through public & private partnership to provide better economic opportunities

Example of our work

Youth Co:Lab

<https://www.youthcolabthailand.org>

Change Agent for SDGs

Engaging youth in the achievement of the SDGs. UNDP exposes youth to complex development issues and creates platforms for collaboration with local communities and connects them to global experiences

Example of our work

Asia Pacific Youth Exchange

<https://www.apyethailand.org>



How does UNDP engage youth?



Youth as a Beneficiary

Youth benefit from UNDP activities as a target group. UNDP includes youth's views, needs and aspirations in its work to ensure that their rights are protected and fulfilled and that development benefits them



Youth as a Contributor

UNDP activities engage youth to take action on development issues that matter to them so they can directly contribute to the sustainable development of Thailand. UNDP supports with guidance and technical knowledge to ensure the success of the activities



Youth as an Initiator

UNDP creates space for youth to explore how development issues affect their communities. By empowering them through conducive learning environments, UNDP enables youth to exchange knowledge, grow and lead their own initiatives

UNDP Approach |

01

Mobilize

...resources and connect

stakeholders to reduce obstacles and increase ability of youth to address issues of common interest

02

Engage

...with different youth

groups and individuals; promoting inclusive and participatory approaches that leave no one behind

03

Empower

...through examples

and role models; help them see possibilities and exercise their voice, provide them with skills development so that they become more confident and proud to develop and protect their community

04

Sustain

...the momentum of

youth development through the establishment of local, national and global networks, linking youth to long-term sustainability goals

UNDP Thailand Youth Engagement

Linkage between CPD & Youth Strategy 2.0

The UNDP Executive Board approved in February 2022 a new 5-year Country Programme for Thailand for the period 2022-2026.

The new Country Programme is fully aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework signed between UN Thailand and the Government of Thailand for the same period and to the National Economic and Social Development Plan. alignment of UNDP Thailand Youth Strategy and the Country Programme Document (CPD) for Thailand.

The objectives of the new programme are to:: (a) accelerate Thailand's transformation into an inclusive economy based on green, resilient, low-carbon, sustainable development; (b) create the human capital needed for social and inclusive development; and (c) increase the ability of people living in Thailand, especially vulnerable people, to participate in and benefit from development, free from discrimination.

It is structured around 3 outcomes and 6 outputs. The Youth Engagement Strategy is fully aligned to support the achievement of the Programme.

CPD

Outcome 1:

Thailand's transformation into an **inclusive economy based on green, resilient, low carbon, sustainable development** is accelerated.



Outcome 2:

Human capital needed for social and inclusive development is improved through **the strengthening of institutions, partnerships, and the empowerment of people**



Outcome 3:

People living in Thailand, especially those at risk of being left furthest behind, are able to participate in and benefit from development, free from all forms of discrimination.



Youth Strategy contributing to the outcome

- Civic Engagement
- Change Agent for SDGs

- Economic Empowerment
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How Youth Strategy contribute to the CPD

Youth Civic Engagement

UNDP creates platforms to connect youth with government and other partners to ensure their voices are heard and support their contribution to development

The youth civic engagement approach promotes **youth engagement with government agencies and stakeholders** on policy development that is strengthened at national and sub-national levels to **support the implementation of gender-responsive, inclusive climate actions and biodiversity conservation**.

The youth civic engagement approach provides meaningful youth participation in policy-decision making through building an **intergenerational platform for raising youth-related issues and topics** submitted to national and sub-national authorities to foster human rights and equality, especially to satisfy the needs of vulnerable youth.

Youth civic engagement approach provides **a platform for vulnerable youth to participate in the decision-making process at national and sub-national levels** to promote an inclusive society

The youth civic engagement approach provides **a platform for youth to discuss their challenges with government agencies, MPs, local government, etc.** UNDP will assist government agencies to integrate the insights from vulnerable youth into policies and services to improve vulnerable groups' quality of life.

Output 1.1

OUT
COME
1

Gender-responsive and inclusive solutions in national, subnational **climate actions and biodiversity conservation** are strengthened for increased resilience

Output 3.1

OUT
COME
3

State and non-state actors engaged in **social dialogues and adopt practices** that foster human rights and equality for a just and inclusive society

Output 3.2

OUT
COME
3

Vulnerable groups, particularly women, LGBTI, youth, ethnic minorities, and people with disabilities are empowered to **engage in decision-making** bodies and processes at national and local levels

Output 3.3

OUT
COME
3

Vulnerable groups have improved **access to quality socio-economic services** and justice

Keywords

Meaningful Youth Participation

Engagement in the decision-making process

Intergenerational Dialogue

Youth Strategy: Indicators

Youth Civic Engagement



The number and **diversity of vulnerable youth** engaging in policy-making at national and subnational levels (Output 3.1, 3.2)



The number of **meaningful youth participation platforms** created for supporting policy-decision making process (Output 3.2)



The number of **youth engaged in intergenerational platforms** to promote an inclusive society (Output 3.1, 3.2)



The number of **recommended solutions incorporated from youth consultation** by the state and non-state sector (Output 1.1, 3.3)

Potential Partners

Youth Civic Engagement



Office of National
Economic and Social
Development Council



National Municipal
League of Thailand



The Secretariat of the
House of
Representatives



Office of Natural
Resources and
Environmental Policy
and Planning



National Children
and Youth Council



Princess Maha Chakri
Sirindhorn
Anthropology Centre



UNICEF

Keywords

Intergenerational Dialogue

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Engagement in the decision-making process

How Youth Strategy contribute to the CPD

Economic Empowerment

Ensuring sustainable livelihoods for youth through economic empowerment. UNDP strengthens youth capacities on entrepreneurship and innovation through public & private partnership to provide better economic opportunities.

The youth economic empowerment approach **equips youth with digital and innovative skills** to access more economic opportunities and improve their socio-economic status. **By cooperating with public and private sectors**, UNDP connects youth to get professional training and engage in green, circular and inclusive activities for their communities.

The youth economic empowerment approach encourages youth to raise initiatives in **enhancing local livelihood**. Through Youth Co:Lab and other UNDP programmes, UNDP provides **an enabling ecosystem for young social entrepreneurs** through a learning-by-doing platform and a network of partners.

The youth economic empowerment approach enables young persons with disabilities, impoverished youth, LGBT groups, and other vulnerable youth groups to have improved **access to skills training and job opportunities**. UNDP provides an intergenerational platform to **enhance social cohesion in the working space**.



Output 2.1

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COME
2

Strengthened capacity of state and non-state actors to support Thailand's **digital transformation and innovation** for improving access and delivery of quality services



Output 3.1

OUT
COME
3

State and non-state actors engaged in **social dialogues and adopt practices** that foster human rights and equality for a just and inclusive society



Output 3.3

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3

Vulnerable groups have **improved access to quality socio-economic services** and justice

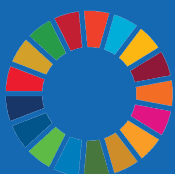
Keywords

Capacity Building

Inclusiveness

Economic Opportunity

Livelihood



Youth Strategy: Indicators

Economic Empowerment



The number of **youth** has increased their skills for economic opportunities (Output 2.1, 3.3)



The number of **youth-led initiatives** created to enhance local livelihood (Output 2.1, 3.3)



The number of **initiatives by state and non-state sectors** that have increased decent job opportunities for youth (Output 3.1, 3.3)



The number of **youth engaged in intergenerational platform** to enhance social cohesion in working space (Output 3.1, 3.3)

Potential Partners

Youth Economic Empowerment



National Innovation
Agency



Citi Foundation



Young Entrepreneur
Chamber of
Commerce

ChangeFusion
GROWING SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

Changefusion



Global Compact



SE Thailand



Stock Exchange of
Thailand

Keywords

Capacity Building

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How Youth Strategy contribute to the CPD



The change agent for the SDGs approach encourages **youth-led SDG Implementation** by conducting **best practices and sharing experience with and among youth networks** especially in climate actions and biodiversity conservation at the global, national and subnational levels.

The change agent for the SDGs approach provides a platform to **connect youth with stakeholders to co-design solutions** to their local challenges, including climate actions and biodiversity conservation

The change agent for the SDGs approach encourages youth to **apply innovative solutions to tackle the local challenges and scale up the ideas** for SDG localization.

The change agent for SDGs encourages **youth to participate in platforms on human rights and equality, inclusive culture, and a rights-based development approach.**

The change agent for the SDGs **raises youth awareness about vulnerable groups** and provides opportunities to co-design solutions with vulnerable people.

The change agent for SDGs promotes **youth-led solutions and youth-related initiatives** to improve vulnerable groups' quality of life.

Change Agent for SDGs

UNDP exposes youth to complex development issues and creates platforms for collaboration with local communities and connects them to global experiences



OUT
COME
3

Output 1.1

Gender-responsive and inclusive solutions in

national and subnational **climate actions and biodiversity conservation** are strengthened for increased resilience

OUT
COME
1

Output 1.2

Improved enabling environment and private

sector practices to support a green, circular, inclusive, gender responsive and low carbon economic development

OUT
COME
2

Output 2.1

Strengthened capacity of state and non-state actors

to support Thailand's **digital transformation** and innovation for improving access and delivery of quality services

OUT
COME
3

Output 3.1

State and non-state actors engaged in **social**

dialogues and adopt practices that foster human rights and equality for a just and inclusive society

OUT
COME
3

Output 3.2

Vulnerable groups, particularly women, LGBTI, youth,

ethnic minorities, and people with disabilities are **empowered to engage in decision-making bodies** and processes at national and local levels

OUT
COME
3

Output 3.3

Vulnerable groups have

improved access to quality socio-economic services and justice

Keywords

SDG awareness

SDG localization

Intergenerational Initiative

Youth-led Initiative

Youth Strategy: Indicators

Change Agent for SDGs



The number of youth with increased awareness of SDG (Output 1.2, 3.1)



The number of platforms enhancing youth-related partnerships for SDG (Output 2.1, 3.1, 3.2)



The number of Youth-led SDG initiatives at national and subnational levels (Output 1.1, 3.3)



The number of vulnerable youth engaged in co-designed inclusive solutions at the national and subnational level (Output 1.1, 3.2)



The number of intergenerational initiatives created through SDGs implementation (Output 3.1, 3.2)



Potential Partners

Change Agent for SDGs



National Science Museum Thailand



Department of Environmental Quality and Promotion



Thai Health Promotion



TK Park



SDG Move



Youth for Next Step



Youth for SDGs



Keywords

SDG awareness

SDG localization

Intergenerational Initiative

Youth-led Initiative

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