Context

In the era of evidence-based and inclusive policy advocacy, youth plays a vital role. While almost half of the population of Bangladesh is youth, prioritizing their needs in policy decisions is crucial. IID has been mainstreaming youth from its inception through series of initiatives, including youth opinion polls, policy camps, discussion forums and so on. In that context, Youth Manifesto 2019 Survey has been initiated to identify the demands of the youth and bringing to the forefront of the national policy discourse.

Methodology

Gender

Total respondents 11,658
Female 5,738 (49%)
Male 5,920 (51%)

Age range

25-30 Years old 21%
16-18 Years old 15%
22-24 Years old 30%
19-21 Years old 34%

Survey Area

23 districts covered

Top Challenges

- Skill & unemployment: 44
- Drug addiction: 22
- Lack of opportunity in education: 26
- Restricted freedom of speech: 22
- Sexual violence: 17
- Political unrest: 24
- Unsafe road & transport: 17
- Online harassment: 15
- Unconsciousness about SRHR: 9

Top priorities

- Education (87%)
- Employment (66%)
- Healthcare (51%)
- Transportation system (28%)
- Gender rights (25%)
92% of the respondents identify having education helpful to get a job.

Role of educational qualification to get job

- 5% Has no contribution
- 1% Creates lots of obstacles
- 28% Helps somewhat
- 65% Helps a lot
- 2% Creates some obstacles

However, Unemployment rate among the Tertiary level educated population was 11.2% per cent (LFS 2017).

85% of the jobs of 2030 haven’t been created yet (World Economic Forum).

92% respondents agreed adding “learning how to learn” in curriculum will help youth for uncertain future job market.

Adding "learning how to learn" in curriculum

- 56% Effective
- 36% Somewhat effective
- 1% Somewhat ineffective
- 2% Ineffective
- 2% Has no contribution

Providing tax incentive to the employment creating organizations will make effective change in overall job sector.

Tax incentive to employment creating organizations

- 48% Effective
- 40% Somewhat effective
- 7% Has no contribution
- 3% Somewhat ineffective
- 2% Ineffective

Bangladesh sent 734,181 migrants overseas in 2018 (BMET).

92% of the respondents said safe migration will increase employment opportunity for the youth.

Impact of safe migration on youth employment

- 50% Will increase
- 42% Will remain somewhat
- 2% Will decrease largely
- 1% Will decrease somewhat
- 5% Will be the same

While 50% of the population is women, promoting gender friendly work environment will foster overall economic growth.

Impact of road safety women’s economic opportunity

- 0% Will be the same
- 40% Will increase somewhat
- 55% Will increase largely
- 4% Will remain same
- 1% Will decrease somewhat
- 0% Will decrease largely

To solve this huge gap, emphasize should be put on private sector, Pension and other facilities in private job will make youth

Pension and other facilities in private job to incentivize youth

- 70% Make significantly interested
- 26% Make moderately interested
- 3% Have no contribution
- 0% Make moderately reluctant
- 1% Make significantly reluctant