

YETP Fact Sheet November 2016

Established in: April 2012

Total number of beneficiaries trained: Over 1,000

Total number of entrepreneurs receiving guidance: Over 450

YETP was created as a pilot project in April 2012 to address the widespread challenge of youth unemployment and business creation for young survivors. YETP was done as an extension of the Education Into Employment (EiE) program that was established with SURF and AERG in 2010. Since its establishment as a pilot project in April 2012, the Youth Entrepreneurship Training Programme has trained over 1,000 youth survivors in work readiness and entrepreneurship skills. Originally launched as a pilot training program for university graduates, YETP has grown to include an innovative business development and incubation program, a business networking club, and an internship and employment program.

Support provided by Inspire!Africa and other SURF partners enabled this progress to be made possible, through the 5 cohorts of trainees that have passed through the program. Participants in the program consistently report back that the training ‘opened their eyes and mind’ and helped them to realize their own personal value. The training builds confidence, innovation and creativity – all traits that are desperately needed and lacking in the Rwandan job market. However, skills alone are not enough to compensate for the job deficit, and as a result many youth survivors remain unemployed.

In 2016, the YETP:Accelerate program took a different, multi-pronged approach to mitigating youth unemployment. Rather than support new beneficiaries to access training, AERG and SURF have been supporting those graduates of YETP who despite great efforts and time, remain unable to find work and income.

YETP:Accelerate was funded by Inspire!Africa for **January-End June 2016**. YETP:Accelerate has a small training component for a vulnerable and homeless class of students at One Dollar Hostel, but the primary focus is on providing support to unemployed youth who have already passed through YETP but remain unemployed. That focus is on business workshops, internship linkages, and employment workshops.

YETP Accelerate Statistics

SMEs established: 46

Number of youth employed in businesses: 54

Number of SMEs grown among vulnerable groups: 35

Number of jobs created in started and grown SMEs: 87

Number of people linked with internships: 108

Number of entrepreneurs supported through business coaching: 153

Number of youth attending employment and business development workshops: 199

Some examples of the results

Internship: KUBWIMANA Jonathan



Kubwimana Jonathan is 24 years old. He studied at the Integrated Polytechnic College, but couldn't find a job after graduating. Through YETP accelerate, he got an internship with the company Communication Solution limited. He provides services on the hardware and network for the National Institute of Statistics. His internship will end in January 2017, but he has good prospects of turning it into a full time job. Without the support from Inspire Jonathan's would not have the opportunity to acquire internship chances which will equip him better for the job search or being retained.

Small business: NSABIMANA Noel



NSABIMANA Noel holds a bachelor degree from the University of Rwanda, College of Business and Economics. After joining the YETP program and gaining more knowledge and understanding of entrepreneurship, he decided to put the knowledge gained through the entrepreneurship training into practice and started his own business. He runs a shop that sells a variety of items. Because of the entrepreneurship training he received, he started saving money and after many days of saving he raised 650,000 RWF to start his business. When he started the business he was serving around 50 clients a day and his business has grown to serve 100 clients a day now. He expects to keep growing his business and to employ 1 or 2 youth soon.