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Establishing Quality Standards for Youth Work across the World

Preliminary Research

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1. **How do you define youth work based on your experience**?
   - Serving young people in order to improve their living conditions
   - Any formal or non formal support to young people (capacity building, sensitizing, training support, empowerment) for positive change

2. **Is there an official definition for youth work in your country**?

NO

3. **Is youth work an officially recognised profession in your country**?
YES. Youth work is not solely recognized as such but can be found in social work. There is a Ministry of youth mainly focusing on youth employment and citizenship building. There is a specific training for youth workers depending on their area of focus, but not all youth. Workers followed social work training. Some built up their profiles with NGOs and associations.

4. **What is the "job description" of a youth worker? What do they do**?
Mentoring, coaching, training, counseling, psychosocial support, capacity building, integration, support for victims of abuse and neglect, project development and partnership for young people, project and program management.

5. **How can one become a youth worker? Is there special training or education for youth workers in your country/ region/ local community and who provides it**?

Nationally, there are typical courses for certain categories of professionals working with young people (youth inspectors, social workers, medical social workers). To access these typical courses, students must pass the national entrance examination. For other categories, trainings are provided as capacity building chiefly for NGO staffs. Two main state schools provide training for youth workers but they're not accessible to all: National Schools for Social Workers (ENTSS, ENDSS)

6. **Who works with youth, except teachers, in your country/ region/ local community**?

Specialized educators, NGOs, state services (Regional Inspection for youth, social services etc.), youth movements, community volunteers, Associations etc.

7. **What do youth workers offer to young people through their work**?
Technical support, training, funding, capacity building, protection etc.

8. **Is there a difference between a youth worker and a volunteer working with youngsters in your organisation/ community/ country/ region?**

NO

9. **Does your organisation cooperate with other youth organisations currently**?

-With how many from your country?   Please, give a number: 07
-With how many from your local community?   Please, give a number: 25
-With how many internationally?   Please, give a number: 05

10. **Please, explain the background and the national, regional and local needs that make youth work important/necessary in your country/ region/ local community**?

In Senegal young people represent over 55 % of the whole population. They face a lot of challenges related to training, education, employment, health, entrepreneurship skills.

11. **Is there a strategy for youth in your country**?

• There is a youth policy (2016-2021) focusing on youth employment and citizenship building

• Several youth empowerment agencies have been set by the government (PAPEJF, ANPEJ, FONGIP) and they work for entrepreneurship development and youth employment.