WHO ARE THE YOUTH?

18-35 YEARS
Youth are defined as 18-35 years old (no official definition yet)

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National Median age in Myanmar is 27 years old

Approximately 60% of the population are under the age of 35

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Percentage of individuals aged 35 or under in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (excluding Tatmadaw representatives): 1.8%

Number of youth representatives on Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC): 0

Number of young men/women on Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) – Union Level: 0

Employment: 74.8% of young men and 55.3% of young women are employed

Education: Nearly 70% of young people (18-34) have not completed high school

Migration: 80% of the 4.25 million Myanmar migrants abroad are between 15-39

YOUTH BEHIND THE SCENES
1. Transform the views and behaviours of decision-makers on youth inclusion

- Engage with the views and behaviours of decision-makers
- Identify ‘champions for youth’ and leverage role-modelling
- Increase channels for dialogue between decision-makers and youth leaders

2. Strengthen the capacity of youth leaders and youth organisations

- Invest in building soft and technical skills of young leaders
- Support the strengthening and sustainability of youth organisations
- Enhance strategic coordination between and within youth organisations
- Invest in core funding and earmark funding to support youth programming

3. Transform structural barriers to youth inclusion into opportunities

- Adopt and implement structural youth inclusion mechanisms in public decision-making
- Establish and invest in evidence-based drug policy and services
- Invest in quality and conflict-sensitive education reform
- Invest in economic opportunities and meaningful job creation

4. Address knowledge and analysis gaps

- Youth power analysis
- Youth mapping and directory
- Myanmar-specific Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) indicators
- Needs assessment of young combatants
- Youth policy implementation