

CBMS: Research Questions

Social Protection in the Informal Sector
Youth Employment & Entrepreneurship

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Nature of informal sector

- SP-Ph1 What do latest data show about trends and quality of employment?
- SP-Ph2 What constitutes the informal sector?
- SP-Ph3 What is the nature/extent of poverty among households/population engaged in the informal sector?
- SP-Ph4 What are the characteristics of workers/population/households engaged in the informal economy?

Risks in informal sector

- SP-B2 Can a local government identify the risks of the population in a context of high informality?
- SP-H2 What are the recurring risks these people face?
- SP-Ph5 What makes workers in the informal sector insecure and vulnerable?
- SP-Ph6 What are the different types of shocks that affect the informal sector?

Informal sector SP institutions, measures

- SP-H1 What are the informal institutions of social protection that exist in both project sites?
- SP-H3 How do the people of the two sites deal with these risks and what are the consequences on their lives, more especially their state of poverty?
- SP-N2 In case of need, how providing sustainable social protection as endogenous to the community as possible?

Informal sector SP beneficiaries

- SP-BF1a Which groups of the population (including women and children) could potentially benefit from social protection in the communes of Diébougou, Koper and To?
- SP-Ph7 Who among the informal sector workers were able to access the social security and health insurance systems?
- SP-Ph8 Who among the informal sectors workers were able to access the social assistance program by the government or private sectors?

Informal sector SP effectiveness

- SP-H4 Do informal social protection mechanisms put in place by the people of the two sites allow to really alleviating their poverty?
- SP-H5 What can be learned from the practices of social protection in the informal sector?
- SP-H6 Can those practices aliment the creation of system of providing social protection to the informal sector?
- SP-H7 Can this system be a third pillar of social protection between the contributive formal social protection and the “assistential” social protection?

Importance, feasibility, nature of improvements

- SP-B1 How can the design of social protection programs be improved through the use of information, local participation and monitoring systems?
- SP-B3 How can the design of social protection programs be more effective in reducing poverty and risks?
- SP-BF1 Can Social Protection (SP) be extended to the informal sector in the communes of Diébougou, Koper and To?
- SP-BF1c Are people in the informal sector willing to contribute financially to the implementation of welfare facilities in the communes of Diébougou, Koper and To?
- SP-N1 Is it necessary to provide social protection to informal sector in Kanembakaché, Dan Kobi and Zaroumey according to present governmental and non-governmental actions and community solidarity strategies for a significant reduction of multidimensional poverty?

Nature of youth unemployment

- YE-A7 Who is migrating out of the towns?
- YE-P3 How much local entrepreneurship and labour market is absorbing the youth in decent jobs?
- YE-T1 What are the main categories of employment in which youth are employed?
- YE-T2 What are the available and potential youth employment opportunities in the study area?
- YE-T3 How do youths access employment opportunities in the study area?
- YE-T4 What is the proportion of employment levels of youth?
- YE-T5 What is the proportion of youth is actively engaged in economic activity?

Nature of youth unemployment

- YE-T6 What is the status of youth unemployment rate in the study area?
- YE-T7 What is the status of youth unemployment by level of education attainment?
- YE-T8 What proportion of youth population is employed in the informal sector?
- YE-T10 What are the levels of income that youth obtain from employment?
- YE-T12 What are the links between youth unemployment and vulnerability?
- YE-Ph1 Who are the youth?
- YE-Ph7 What is the extent of unemployment among the youths?

Youth unemployment - causes, contributing factors, obstacles - skills

- YE-P2 Is the existing educational system rightly supporting the youth to provide them the right skills and demanded by the labour market?
- YE-Ph2 What is the extent of lack of foundation skills among youths in _____?
- YE-Ph3 What are the reasons behind lack of foundation skills among youths?
- YE-Ph4 What are the adverse effects of decreased education budget on the youth?
- YE-Ph5 What is the extent of the effect of multidimensional poverty on skill acquisition of youths?
- YE-Ph6 How does access to education and acquisition of skills differ between boys and girls across location?
- YE-Ph8 What factors affect the unemployment spell?
- YE-Ph12 What are skills required by informal sector youth workers?
- YE-Ph13 What are the extent of skill-work mismatch in the country?

Youth unemployment - causes, contributing factors, obstacles - other

- YE-A10 What is the extent and causes of unemployment and sustained joblessness among the youths?
- YE-P1 What are the challenges of different categories of youth (not participating and participating in labour market), present and future opportunities and what are the policy guidelines to tackle these challenges?
- YE-P4 Is the local social and financial entrepreneurship is providing significant support to youth in getting education and productive employment?
- YE-T11 What percentage of youth that accessed formal and/or informal financial services?
- YE-T13 Why measures undertaken to address youth unemployment and vulnerability have not yielded the expected results?
- YE-Ph10 What is the extent of discrimination among youths with disabilities (YWD) in terms of education and employment?

Youth unemployment - causes, contributing factors, obstacles - other

- YE-Ph11 What are measures in place/can be placed to mitigate these discriminations?
- YE-Ph14 How much is the effect of job mismatch to potential brain drain?
- YE-Ph15 What are the determinants of specialization preferences of youths?
- YE-Ph16 How is the job market influential to specialization preferences of the youth?
- YE-Ph17 To what extent do social media affect skills development and entrepreneurship among youths?
- YE-Ph20 How do society and government mold the skills of the youths?
- YE-Ph21 Why do youths move out?

Nature of (youth) entrepreneurship

- YE-A1 What level of entrepreneurship attitude has the population?
- YE-A2 Who are the high potential entrepreneurs?
- YE-A3 Who are the entrepreneurs and what are they doing?
- YE-A6 What are the high entrepreneurship attitude individuals doing now? What kind of job they have?

Youth entrepreneurship - causes, contributing factors, obstacles

- YE-A4 Is high entrepreneurship attitude related to family background? To what extent having exposure to entrepreneurship helps to develop this attitude?
- YE-A5 Are there gender differences in entrepreneurship?
- YE-A8 What is holding back high entrepreneurship attitude individual to indeed develop into entrepreneurs?
- YE-A9 What is holding back entrepreneurs?
- YE-P6 What are the poverty dynamics by entrepreneurship type and by gender? OR is there any link between youth entrepreneurship inequality and household poverty?
- YE-P7 How community and household poverty is linked to entrepreneurship activities in rural and urban areas of the Punjab?

Youth entrepreneurship - causes, contributing factors, obstacles

- YE-P8 What are the effects of youth entrepreneurship inequalities on poverty dynamics at household level?
- YE-T9 What proportion of youth (employed and unemployed) that received entrepreneurship/business skills training?
- YE-Ph19 To what extent does business environment facilitate entrepreneurship?
- YE-Ph22 What are the individual characteristics that drive entrepreneurship?
- YE-Ph23 What are the factors that determine competitiveness among youths?
- YE-Ph24 Does competitiveness alleviate unemployment among youths?
- YE-Ph25 To what extent does poor business environment hurt entrepreneurs?
- YE-Ph26 How does membership in organization help youths back on track?

Nature of improvements – youth employment and entrepreneurship

- YE-Ph9 How do you shorten the unemployment spell rate?
- YE-Ph18 How to maximize positive effect of the media?
- YE-Ph27 Can business organization solve business problems?
- YE-B1 How to make the existing entrepreneurial activities more rewarding?
- YE-B2 What are the potential areas of entrepreneurship development in rural areas?
- YE-B3 What kinds of support are needed especially from the local government to develop entrepreneurs in the potential areas?
- YE-P5 Starting from grass roots level: How Pakistan's demographic dividend could be reaped?