

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
PROJECT
(YEPP)**

A CIDA INITIATIVE

PRELIMINARY PURPOSE

Increased capacity at national and regional levels to equip female and male youth and adults with skills for employment and entrepreneurship

WHY YEEP?

Youths affected in a disproportionate way:

- Increase unemployment in region
- High dropout rate of young people from...
- Crime and youth
- Access to finance
- Access to service

PARTNERS

- CYP
- CS
- YBTs
- Other service providers in the area of entrepreneurship

DESCRIPTION

- 7 yrs
- Budget of \$15-20M
- Results to be decided but include strengthening all actors to work with the youth cohort in the establishment of sustainable enterprises

COMPLIMENTARY ACTIONS

- ACCC skills for employment program

CHALLENGES

- Identifying a local lead
- Balance between capacities-finance or training
- Issues of sustainability and local ownership
- The regional context

NEXT STEP

- Planning mission to the region to design program

INPUT NEEDED