

Factsheet African Policy Dialogue:

Productive and decent work for youth and women in Uganda

Led by Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC)

In response to the few job opportunities created, especially for women and youth, in the past two decades, the Government of Uganda's budget theme for the last three years has focused on 'Industrialisation for Job Creation and Shared Prosperity' to guide public investments for better outcomes. In line with this commitment, the government has allocated a significant amount of resources to the implementation of youth and women initiatives. One of the strategic focus areas has been linking agriculture to industry through agro-industrialization (AGI) value chains in nine priority commodities: coffee, cotton, cassava, tea, dairy, maize, beef, fish and palm oil. This is at a time when youth are not attracted by the agricultural sector and prefer employment opportunities in the diaspora. This African Policy Dialogue (APD) aims to generate and share evidence on opportunities, sources of productive and decent employment, and effective strategies to promote job creation along strategic AGI value chains. It will also look at whether those who have returned from abroad can easily be absorbed into AGI value chains, using the skills and transferring the know-how they have attained. To increase policy debates and evidence uptake for the enhancement of productive and decent jobs for sustainable AGI value chains, the evidence from this APD will be geared towards influencing the implementation and revision of the 2011 National Employment Policy.

Objectives

- To influence policies and policy processes related to productive and decent employment for youth and women along AGI value chains
- To promote and create awareness on the use of the AGI value chain approach as a means of creating productive and decent jobs
- To generate evidence on the externalization of labour to understand the implications of labour externalization on the AGI value chain agenda

Main actors

- Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC)
- Other actors: relevant government ministries, departments and agencies; private sector; civil society; development partners; and Dutch Embassy in Uganda

Activities and deliverables

- Kick-off meeting
- Discussion policy paper
- Four policy briefs
- Policy memo
- Three targeted meetings
- Six workshops
- Two short talking-heads videos

- Two newspaper articles/opinion editorials
- Two blogs
- Regular social media posts (Twitter, Facebook and YouTube)
- Radio interview and talk show
- TV interview and talk show
- Video documentary on the externalization of labour
- APD on work and income for youth and women landing page on the EPRC website
- Stakeholder mapping report on the strategic AGI value chains and labour externalization
- Report on the evidence gaps on work and income for women and youth in Uganda
- Research report with new evidence on the externalization of labour in Uganda
- Synthesis paper on stories/testimonies, as told by youth and women involved in the externalization of labour
- Functional community of practice on productive and decent work for women and youth in Uganda