

# Introduction

WUSC (World University Service of Canada) is a Canadian non-profit organization that improves education, employment, and empowerment opportunities for youth and women in over 25 countries. Young people are the face of the future, yet many must overcome significant obstacles in order to reach their full potential. Some may be affected by global challenges including but not limited to economic insecurity, political uprisings, conflict, and climate change. Undoubtedly, these situations can challenge the trajectory of a young person's future both intrinsically and extrinsically.



Within the global population of 7.8 billion people, approximately 23% or 1.8 billion are youth. However, an astounding 263 million young people do not have access to an education and 23% are limited by their living conditions and extreme poverty.

Even though youth make up a major part (15.5%) of the global workforce, many continue to either work in poverty or remain unemployed. Furthermore, young people are often silenced from decision-making and expressing creativity due to their age and lack of experience. As a result, this perpetuates inequalities, vulnerabilities,

and feelings of exclusion in personal, community, and institutional decisions.

Investment into youth development, education, and empowerment are the cornerstone of integrating the youth perspective in the global marketplace. WUSC aims to break down such barriers by bringing together a network of individuals to foster an inclusive and empowering environment. Members of WUSC work together with government, student-led, and community organizations to develop sustainable solutions and opportunities for youth-centred inequalities.

## Three Pillars for Global Work



Education



Economic  
Opportunities



Empowerment