

YOUTH, PROSPERITY, AND SECURITY INITIATIVE

GLOBAL YOUTH WELLBEING INDEX



WHO

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the International Youth Foundation (IYF) are partnering to develop the *Global Youth Wellbeing Index* as the flagship project of the *Youth, Prosperity and Security Initiative*. This joint effort is an outgrowth of a commitment made at the 2012 Clinton Global Initiative by IYF and Hilton Worldwide to develop an Index—a key element of IYF's larger partnership with Hilton Worldwide to provide economic opportunities in the hospitality sector to youth worldwide.

WHY

Currently there is no holistic, comparative measure of youth wellbeing globally. Yet, with half the world's population under the age of 25 it is increasingly evident that national growth and global development, prosperity and security are dependent upon addressing youth needs and harnessing their potential. The Index will gather and connect youth-related data to assess and compare the state of young people's wellbeing around the world. Ultimately, the Index can elevate young people on national and global agendas, and provide public and private sector decision-makers a simpler way to understand the big picture, guide actions and investments, and drive progress over time.

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WHAT

The Index is comprised of indicators grounded in economic and social growth and positive youth development theory and practice that reflect the national enabling environment, the status of youth, and measure youths' outlook and satisfaction across six domains: health, economic opportunity, education, citizenship, safety and security, and information and communications technology (ICT).



PROGRESS TO DATE

- Developed an innovative conceptual approach and provisional index framework consisting of **6 domains** and approximately **40 indicators**
- Convened over **50 stakeholders and experts from 35 organizations** to consult on indicators and data sets for each domain
- Created **multiple data partnerships** to integrate unique indicators and data points
- Convened a **series of public dialogues** inspired by Index research
- Identified a set of **30 geographically and economically diverse countries** which house roughly **70% of the world's youth population** to test the Index framework
- Engaged a **leading index expert** to harmonize data and test the model
- Hosting a **Global Experts Advisory Review** in Turkey in October 2013 to review and validate the final framework

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