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**Situation of Young People**

**Youth Development Index**

0.33

132 out of 170 countries.

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

**Literacy Rates**

80.37%

Both sexes (15-24) %

78.47% Male (15-24) %

82.19% Female (15-24) %

Source: UNESCO

**Net Enrolment Rate**

Secondary School

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Source: UNESCO

**Prevalence of HIV**

0.9%

Male (15-24) %

1.2%

Female (15-24) %

Source: World Bank

**Tobacco Use**

11.50%

Both sexes (13-15) %

13.30% Male (13-15) %

9.50% Female (13-15) %

Source: WHO

**Voting Age**

18

Compulsory voting.

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

**Candidacy Age**

Lower House 21

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Partially indirectly elected.

Upper House 40

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Partially indirectly elected and by other means.

**Situations of Young People**

**Population by Age and Sex 2010**

Source: United Nations - Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division


**Youth Unemployment**

Share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment

Source: World Bank

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**Policy & Legislation**

The overall objective of the national youth policy (2005) is to promote the “economic, social, cultural, intellectual and moral welfare” of youth.

It focuses on: Education; Unity, reconciliation & social transformation; Poverty & unemployment; Environment; Health & Youth Protection; Culture, Sports & Leisure; Gender; Cooperation; Youth mobilisation & training.

The national youth policy (2005) is part of the Vision 2020 strategy, which incorporated the Millennium Development Goals.

According to a press release on 4 October 2012, the youth policy is currently under review. No further information could be found online.

As a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, Rwanda is a signatory of The Commonwealth Plan of Action for Youth
What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth?

**RWF 1.6 BILLION**

**USD 2.4 MILLION**

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Is there a governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth?

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YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The National Youth Council of Rwanda (RNYC) is linked to the Ministry of Youth & ICT with the head of the Executive Secretariat appointed by the Prime Minister. An annual General Assembly is comprised of national and district representatives, as well as representatives of the two National Youth Forums for secondary schools and higher education. The RNYC focuses on youth empowerment projects, youth services, patriotism, youth advocacy and international representation. The RNYC is a member of the Commonwealth Youth Council.

Total expenditure on education as a percentage of government spending and GDP:

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YOUTH AND ICT is responsible for youth affairs and “develops, coordinates, monitors, evaluates and supports implementation of policies and strategies that promote youth development aimed at economic and social transformation and a productive and patriotic generation.” The national youth policy (2005) describes the ministry as the “trustee for the implementation of the national youth policy.” The official Facebook page of the ministry features some of its programmes, such as an ICT literacy & awareness campaign.

Empowerment (PAYE) 2006-2015.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

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