Factsheet: Cape Verde

Is there a national youth policy?

**YES**

The national youth policy of Cape Verde is from 2009. A strategic youth plan is under development.

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**GDP PER CAPITA**

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**POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010**

[Population chart]

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**YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT**

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

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

[Graph showing youth unemployment]

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**BUDGET & SPENDING**

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or development?

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**PARENTAL CONSENT**

- **Opposite Sex**
  - Male: 18
  - Female: 18

- **Same Sex**
  - Male: 16
  - Female: 16

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**LITERACY RATES**

- **Both sexes (15-24) %**
  - Male: 98.12%
  - Female: 98.56%

Source: UNESCO

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**NET ENROLMENT RATE**

- **Secondary School**
  - Male: 69.14%
  - Female: 69.14%

Source: UNESCO

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**PREVALENCE OF HIV**

- Male (15-24) %: 0.2%
- Female (15-24) %: 0.3%

Source: World Bank

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**TOBACCO USE**

- Male (13-15) %: 11.70%
- Female (13-15) %: 14.70%

Source: WHO

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**CANDIDACY AGE**

- Male: 18
- Female: 18

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

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**MAJORITY AGE**

- Male: 18
- Female: 18

Source: UNHCR

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**CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- Male: 16
- Female: 16


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**Definition of Youth**

While it does not define an age range for youth, the Cape Verde youth policy describes several youth programmes that have specific target ages. For example, the "CulturArte" arts training programme is aimed at youth aged 15 and 25 years.

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**Policy & Legislation**

Cape Verde's national youth policy (2009) describes a series of programmes and policies that have youth as a target group, rather than defining a unified approach or policy on youth. The policy gives details about youth spaces such as sport centres, youth programmes (e.g. national volunteer programmes) and initiatives to support youth associations. It also describes nation-wide policies and how they affect youth, such as health & housing. A strategic youth plan (PEJ) was intended for 2012-2016, however the plan is not on the youth ministry website, nor are there any updates on its progress. As reported by Binókulu in July 2013 and the UN Cape Verde website, the plan's priorities are: (1) Health, environment & sport; (2) Family & community; (3) Justice, and; (4) Culture & citizenship. It was proposed that the plan be extended to 2020.
Cape Verde’s youth website describes a Ministry of Youth (MJUV) and a Directorate of Youth (DGJ), as part of the Ministry for Youth, Employment and Human Resource Development (MJEDRH). The MJUV is responsible for the coordination and implementation of policies that concern youth. Its mission is to improve the conditions that enable young citizens to participate in social, political, economic, sport and cultural life. The DGJ is the institution responsible for preparing national strategies for youth, and in particular, promoting youth associations.

**YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION**

The Youth Federation of Cape Verde (FCJ) is an umbrella organisation for 22 youth leagues in Cape Verde, each representing a county in the country. Its mission is to promote the contributions of young people in their communities and it aims to be the legitimate representative and interlocutor of youth to decision makers. Its objectives include ensuring young people are consulted on matters relating to them, exchanging with youth groups abroad and promoting the development of youth associations. According to its official Facebook page, it was founded in 2005.

**BUDGET & SPENDING**

The proposed 2014 state budget for Cape Verde allot the Ministry for Youth, Employment and Human Resource Development (MJEDRH) CVE 960 million (USD 12.1 million) as part of the public investment programme (PIP). It is unclear what portion of this budget is specifically for youth. According to the World Bank, Cape Verde spent 14.39% of its government expenditure on education provision in 2010, and 4.95% of its GDP in 2011.

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**TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP**

Source: World Bank

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

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**PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS**

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