Guinea-Bissau


**DEFINITION OF YOUTH**

**SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

**POLICY & LEGISLATION**

In an interview with Deutsche Welle on the 26th June 2013, representatives of youth organisations and the head of the National Institute of Youth (NIY) express the need for a national youth policy to solve the problems that affect young people and increase the government’s responsibility towards youth. The article states that a regulatory document of youth policy for Guinea-Bissau was expected in September 2013, yet by March 2014 such a policy had not been launched. Yet, the article notes that the NIY – an institution for research on and development of public policies for youth – lacks expertise, as well as financial resources to fulfill its task.

Guinea-Bissau is a party to the African Youth Charter, which addresses key issues affecting youth, including employment and youth participation.

**POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010**

**TOBACCO USE**

Consumed any smokeless or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey.

**PREVALENCE OF HIV**

**NET ENROLMENT RATE**

**LITERACY RATES**

**GDP PER CAPITA**

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<td>USD</td>
<td>563.75</td>
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Source: World Bank

**UNDP**

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<td>35.52</td>
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Source: World Bank

**UN Child Rights Periodic Report (1993)**

**CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**VOTING AGE**

18

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

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**Inter-Parliamentary Union**

**COMPARISON OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX 2013**

**185 out of 170 countries.**

**Year: 2013**

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

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<td>NET ENROLMENT RATE</td>
<td>8.46%</td>
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Source: UNESCO

**Secondary School**

161 out of 187 countries.

**Year: 2014**

Source: Transparency International

**30.05**

86 out of 180 countries.

**Year: 2013**

Source: Reporters Without Borders

**Population**

**150**

**150**

**Total Population (000s) - Estimates**

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

**2012 Revision - Estimates. (Accessed August 2013).**

**SHARE OF LABOUR FORCE AGED 15-24 AVAILABLE AND SEEKING EMPLOYMENT**

**PREVALENCE OF HIV**

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Source: World Bank

**TOBACCO USE**

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Source: WHO

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Source: UNESCO

**BUDGET & SPENDING**

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

**YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT**

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**MEDIA FREEDOM**

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- Commonwealth Youth Programme

**Is there a national youth policy?**

**NO**

Guinea-Bissau has no comprehensive dedicated national youth policy yet.
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

According to IFZ, Guinea-Bissau has seen frequent changes of government in the past ten years. All of them, including the transition government that has been in office since June 2013, have had a Minister for Culture, Youth and Sports. The Ministry has been a member of the Conference of Francophone Ministers of Youth and Sports (CONFEJES) since 1988.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The National Youth Council of Guinea Bissau (CNJ) is an umbrella organisation of youth associations. According to its statutes of 2007, CNJ has the objective to provide a platform for dialogue and exchange to its members, promote the development of youth, and represent young people towards the authorities in all matters they. However, according to an interview with Deutsche Welle on the 26th June 2013, youth in Guinea Bissau “are only remembered during election campaigns, but then not taken into account in the development of the country” and therefore discouraged from participating in politics. The CNJ is a member of the World Assembly of Youth.

BUDGET & SPENDING

No documentation on the budget for youth in Guinea Bissau could be found online. The World Bank lists no data on public spending on education in Guinea-Bissau for the last ten years.

No Data

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

No Data

Source: World Bank
Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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Documents about Guinea-Bissau

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

YES

Does the country have a national youth organisation / association (council, platform, body)?

YES

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

UNCLEAR

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