Factsheet: Niue

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Niue’s national youth policy (2009) defines youth as individuals between the ages of 15-34 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union
No data. Partially indirectly elected.

Upper House
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union
Unicameral.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

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SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

LITERACY RATES

NET ENROLMENT RATE

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

TOBACCO USE

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

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The mission of Niue’s national youth policy (2009) is to enable dedicated young people, in partnership with communities, to take positive action for youth development on Niue.

It has eight policy objectives that “will be pursued by the government, NGOs, churches, communities and the private sector.” These objectives are in the following areas:
1. Education, training and career development;
2. Cultural heritage and spiritual wellbeing;
3. Youth employment and economic development;
4. Health and wellbeing;
5. Participation and social inclusion;
6. Safety and security;
7. Health;

Is there a national youth policy?

YES

Niue has a national youth policy for the period 2009-2013, a revision of the youth policy 2003-2008.
5. Environment and climate change;
6. Media and information and communications technology (ICT);
7. Social development and family values;

The policy sets out responsibilities for the Department of Community Affairs and the National Youth Council, which will be responsible for implementation.

**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is the main government agency responsible for youth development in Niue. According to the national youth policy (2009), the DCA has responsibility of seeking financial resources through approved government channels for supporting youth activities. The department will work with national, regional and international agencies to make sure that all the activities are aligned under the youth policy and address youth priorities.

**YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION**

The Niue Youth Council (NYC) was established in 1982 and consists of 14 youth groups representing villages and five youth groups representing other denominations on the island. Its mission is “to develop a generation of dedicated young people who in partnership with communities [take] on positive actions towards youth development in Niue.” The national youth policy (2009) identified NYC as a key partner for the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The NYC is a member of the Pacific Youth Council which is a member of The Commonwealth Youth Council.

**BUDGET & SPENDING**

No documentation in youth spending in Niue could be found online. The World Bank lists no data on public spending on education in Niue since 2000.

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

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

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

YES

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