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**DEFINITION OF YOUTH**

Senegal's 2012-2017 Plan of Action on Youth targets youth between the defined age range of 15-35 years.

**CANDIDACY AGE**

- **Lower House:** 25
- **Upper House:** --

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

**MARRIAGEABLE AGE**

- **Opposite Sex:**
  - Male: 18
  - Female: 16

- **Same Sex:**
  - Male: XX
  - Female: XX

**VOTING AGE**

- **Male:** 18
- **Female:** 18

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

**MAJORITY AGE**

- **Male:** 18
- **Female:** 18


**CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- **Minimum Age:**
  - Male: 13
  - Female: 13

Source: Procedural Code of Senegal (1965)

**SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX**

- 0.57

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

**LITERACY RATES**

- Male: 78.00%
- Female: 68.06%
- Both sexes: 73.05%

Year: 2013
Source: UNESCO

**NET ENROLMENT RATE**

- Secondary School: 20.84%

Year: 2006
Source: UNESCO

**PREVALENCE OF HIV**

- Male (15-24): 0.1%
- Female (15-24): 0.2%

Year: 2013
Source: World Bank

**TOBACCO USE**

- Male (13-15): 20.40%
- Female (13-15): 9.60%
- Both sexes: 14.90%

Year: 2010
Source: WHO

**POLICY & LEGISLATION**

The Plan of Action for Youth identifies three strategic areas: 1) Animation and mobilization of youth; 2) Employment inclusion & creation; 3) Promotion of civic values.

The Plan includes the following tools:

- National Fund of the Promotion of Youth, which supports young people’s entrepreneurial projects;
- Programme for the Promotion of Youth, focusing on health and HIV prevention;
- National Civic Service, developing citizenship and volunteering.

It aims “to elaborate an integrated youth policy, calling for cooperation and coordination on youth issues: education, employment, training, culture, health.”

However, the Plan notes that the above initiatives are operating under budget and capacity constraints. Programmes will be...
subject to evaluation to determine whether they will continue in 2014.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Ministry of Youth, Employment and Promotion of Civic Values is responsible for youth affairs. Within the Ministry, responsibility is split across three main structures: the Directorate for Youth and Socio-educational Activities, the National Fund for the Promotion of Youth (FNPJ), and National Agency for the Youth Employment (ANEJ).

The Plan of Action for Youth notes that the Ministry is responsible for the national youth policy, the implementation of the national employment strategy, and civic values.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The National Youth Council of Senegal (CNJS) is the government’s main partner in the field of youth, and plays a coordinating role for the youth movements, as well as uniting CSOs and interacting with development partners.

The CNJS operates through Regional, County, Municipal and Local youth councils and the Board of District Youth. CNJS is active in the following areas: Youth capacity and organisations; Reproductive health; Socio-economic inclusion; Education and culture; Culture of peace, citizenship and integration; Youth participation.

BUDGET & SPENDING

The 2014 Budget Finance Law allocated XOF 8.1 billion (USD 16.9 million) to the Ministry of Youth, Employment and the Promotion of Civic Values. According to a press release on 10 December 2012, this was a 120% increase in spending. According to the World Bank, Senegal spent 20.72% of its government expenditure and 5.60% of its GDP on education provision in 2010.

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

YES

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?

XOF 8.1 BILLION
USD 16.9 MILLION

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 May 2014).

PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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