



Adolescents and youth-focused support

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Why invest in young people?

1 € → 2,5 €

- High return on investment
- Impact of demographic trends



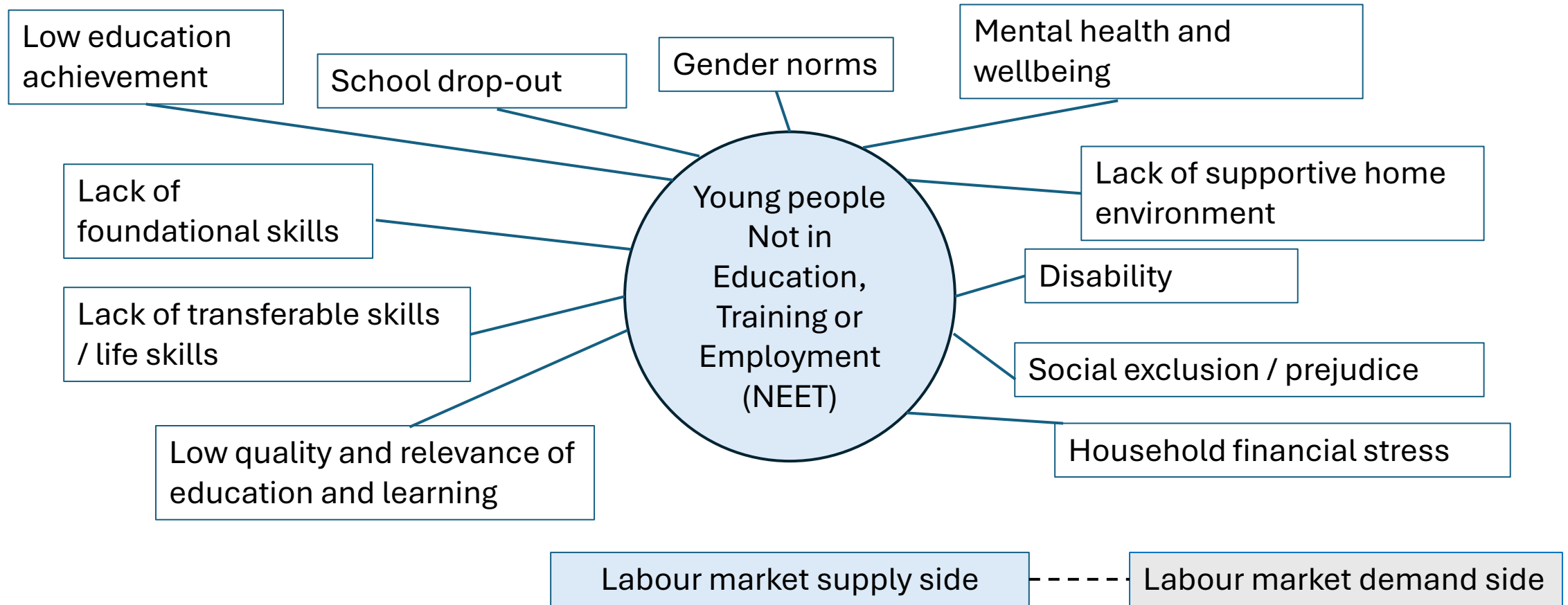
A Brighter Future: An Investment
Case for Youth in Ukraine

Reinforced EU Youth Guarantee

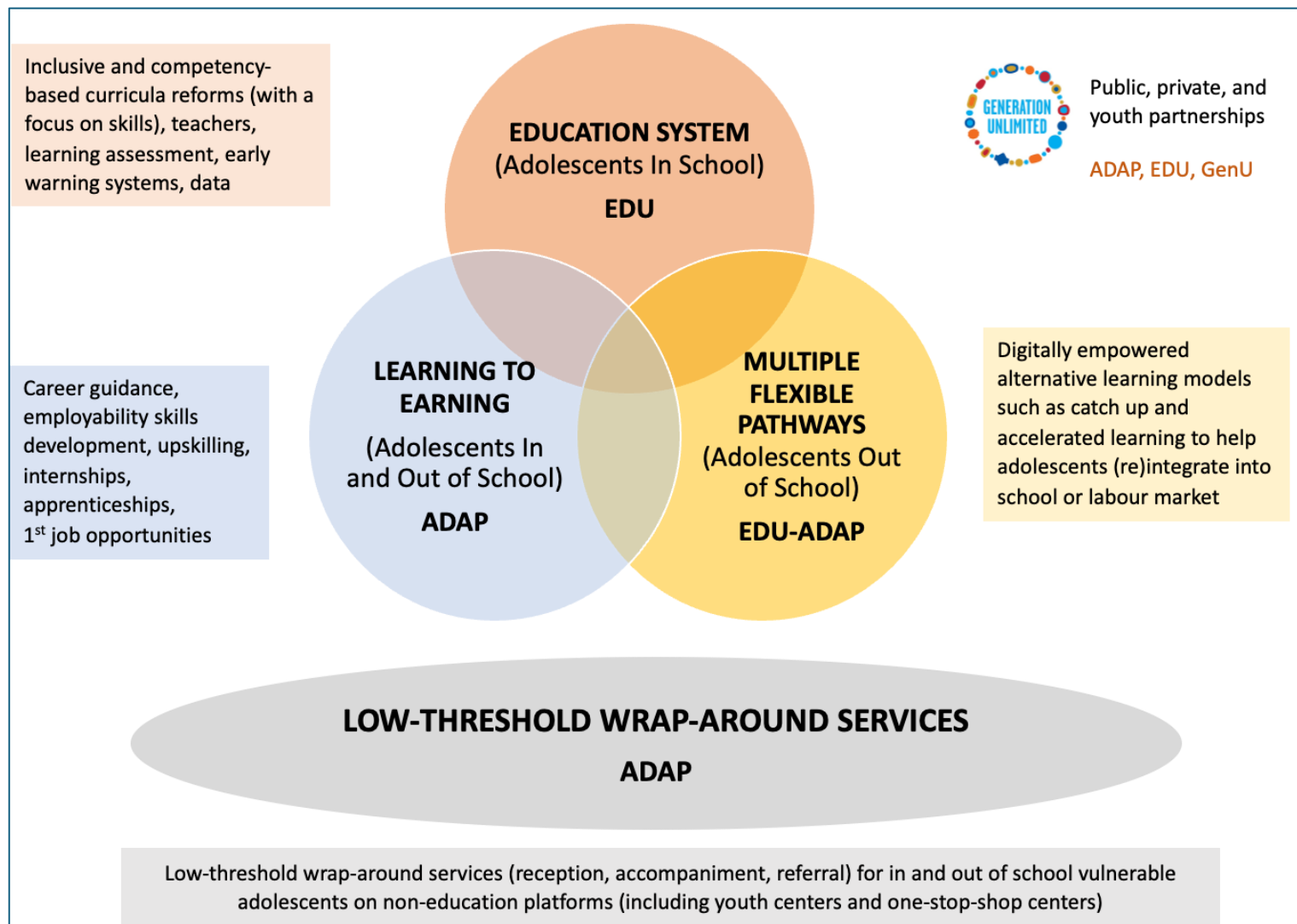
We cannot afford to leave any one behind

Need to include the most vulnerable groups

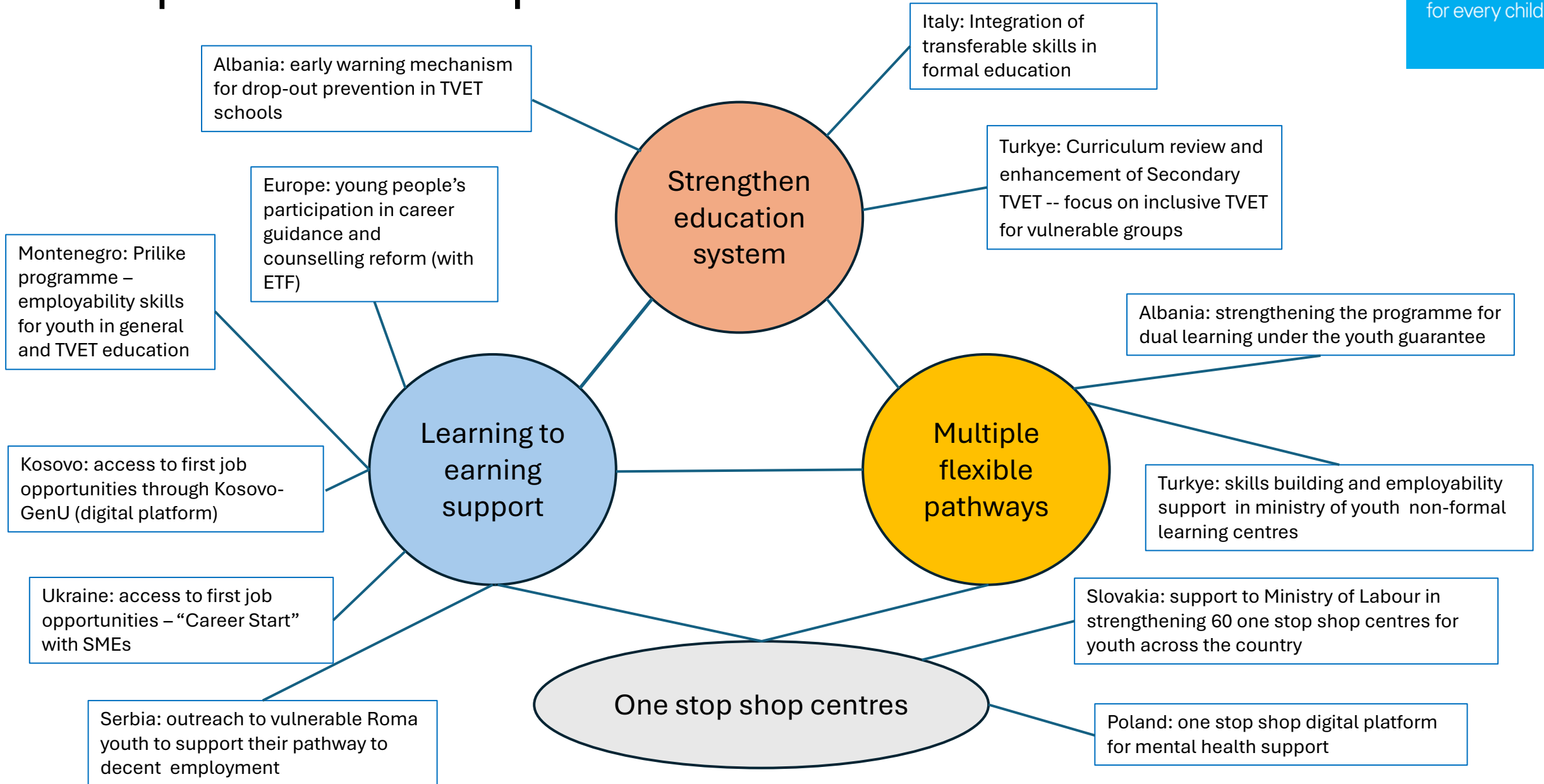
Bottlenecks for young people's learning, skilling and transition to work



Programmatic framework for UNICEF's engagement



Examples from Europe



UNICEF in Ukraine



Employment

First job experience program
“CareerStart” with Youth
Foundation

Career Hubs in Youth Centers

Internships in public and private
sector

Skills for employment



Youth participation

Strengthening Youth Councils,
youth-led advocacy and youth
NGOs

U-Report platform for monitoring of
youth needs and aspirations

Volunteering



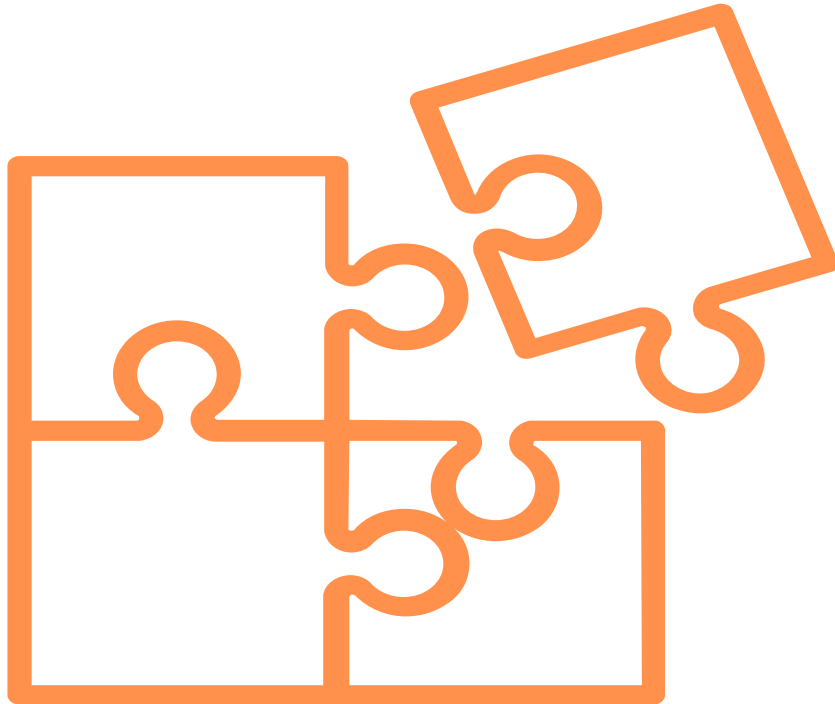
Youth-led initiatives

UPSHIFT – youth projects incubator

School-based entrepreneurship

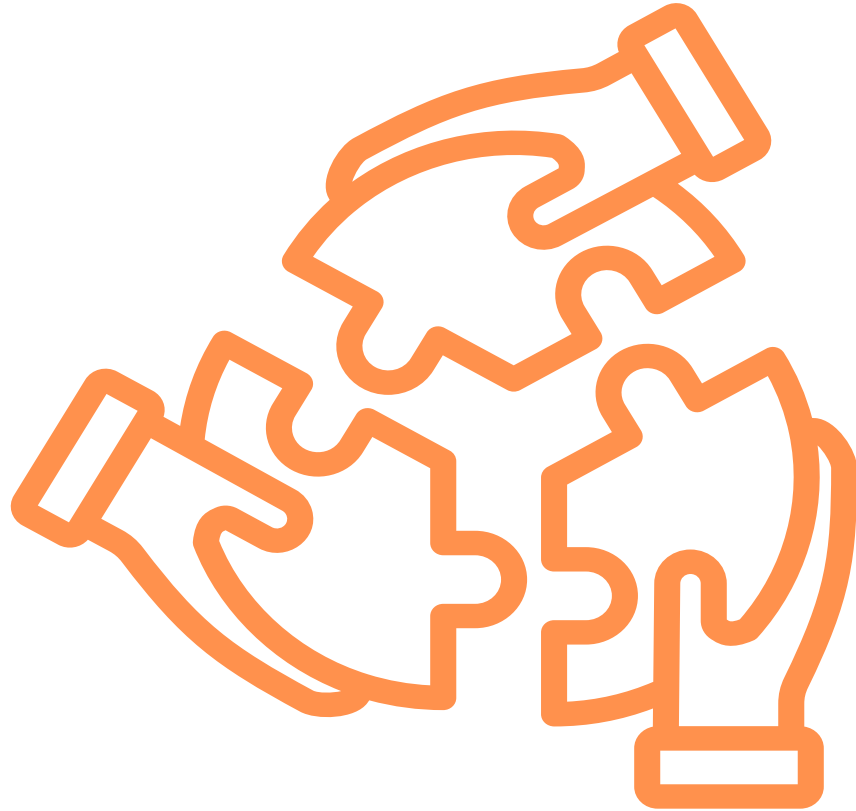
Peer mental health support

Key factors for success



1. Outreach to young people
2. Effective support services for young people so they are prepared
3. Adapted, inclusive training offer -- Gender responsive, disability inclusive
4. Local Platforms and coordination
5. System strengthening : Strengthened cooperation between employment services, support services, the education system and the private sector
6. Evaluation (including formative) / research to inform policy and public finance investments
7. Young people's engagement and participation

Building for young people with young people



- Engaging adolescents and young people supports quality and relevance of policies and programmes
- Engaging adolescents and young people supports social cohesion and trust

UNICEF Regional Offer

1. **Evidence generation and knowledge management**- documenting good practices and successful solutions, development of technical briefs and resources to be shared and used across countries.
2. **Coordination and technical support to partners (Community of practice)**- creating a mechanism for cross-country capacity building and learning for different groups of stakeholders to ensure a whole-adolescent approach and provision of a package of services that build on global/regional best practices in cross sectoral collaboration, including between systems of education, child protection, and active labor market policies.
3. **Standard-setting** for network of partners for monitoring and evaluation, including investment in data collection and quality assurance across the region.
4. **Harnessing partnerships with businesses** to increase their understanding of young people's learning, skilling and transition to work while ensuring the best interest of adolescents and young people and promoting the principle of inclusion (for instance, investing in accessibility).
5. **Strengthen sustainability through a systems-strengthening approach** that supports countries in integrating pilot successful models for learning, skills development and transition to labour market, on topics such teacher capacity, career guidance, and opportunities for upskilling, multiple flexible learning pathways, credentialing, digital programmes.
6. **Meaningful participation of adolescents and young people, especially the most vulnerable** in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes supporting young people's learning, skilling and transition to decent work.

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