



# COVID Impact: Act on Skills ...

Tajikistan experience in promoting skills and resilience

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# Context of Tajikistan



**9.2 million**

People live in Tajikistan



**70%**

Live in rural areas



**40%**

of population are adolescents and youth



**500,000**

Are not in employment, education or training (NEET)



**50%**

those who graduate from high school cannot find jobs



**40%**

of labour migrants are under the age of 30



**13%**

Adolescent and youth have access to TVET



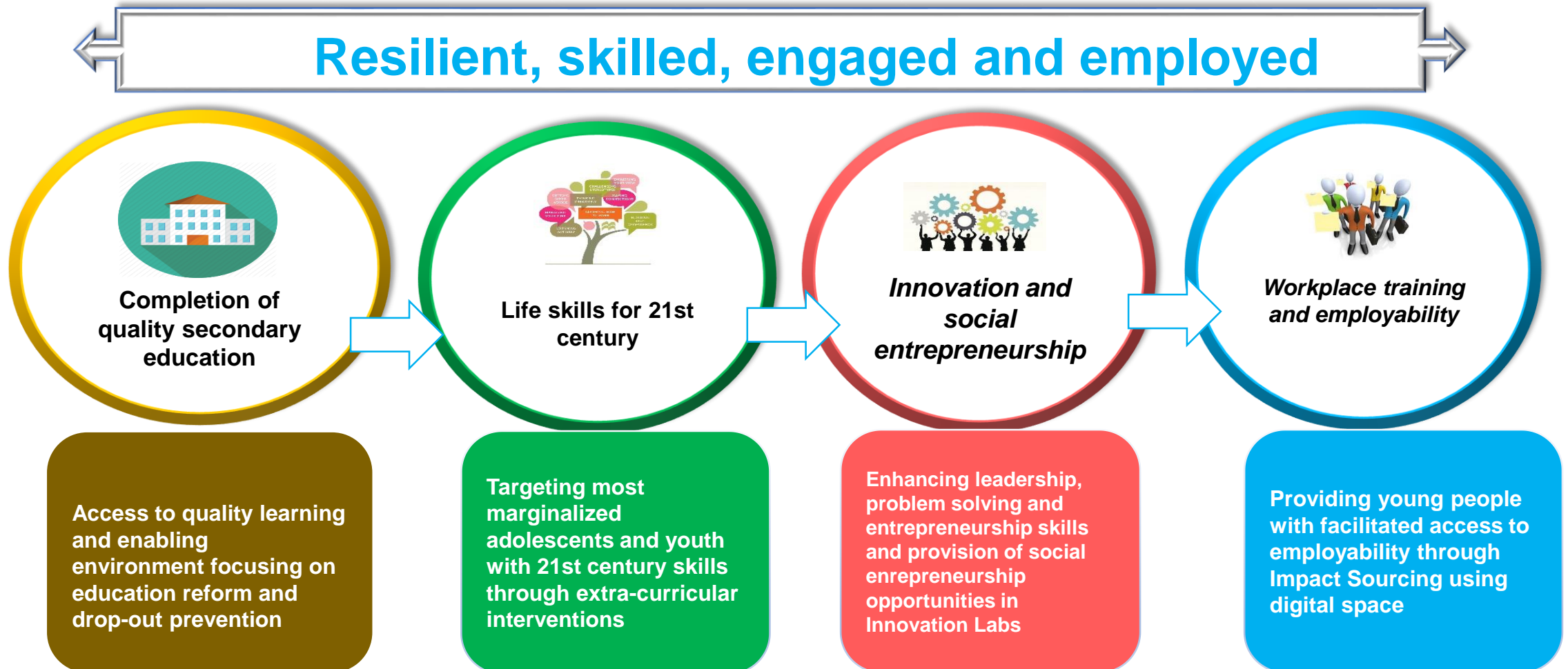
Girls 11-17 year old are twice as likely as boys to be deprived in school attainment.



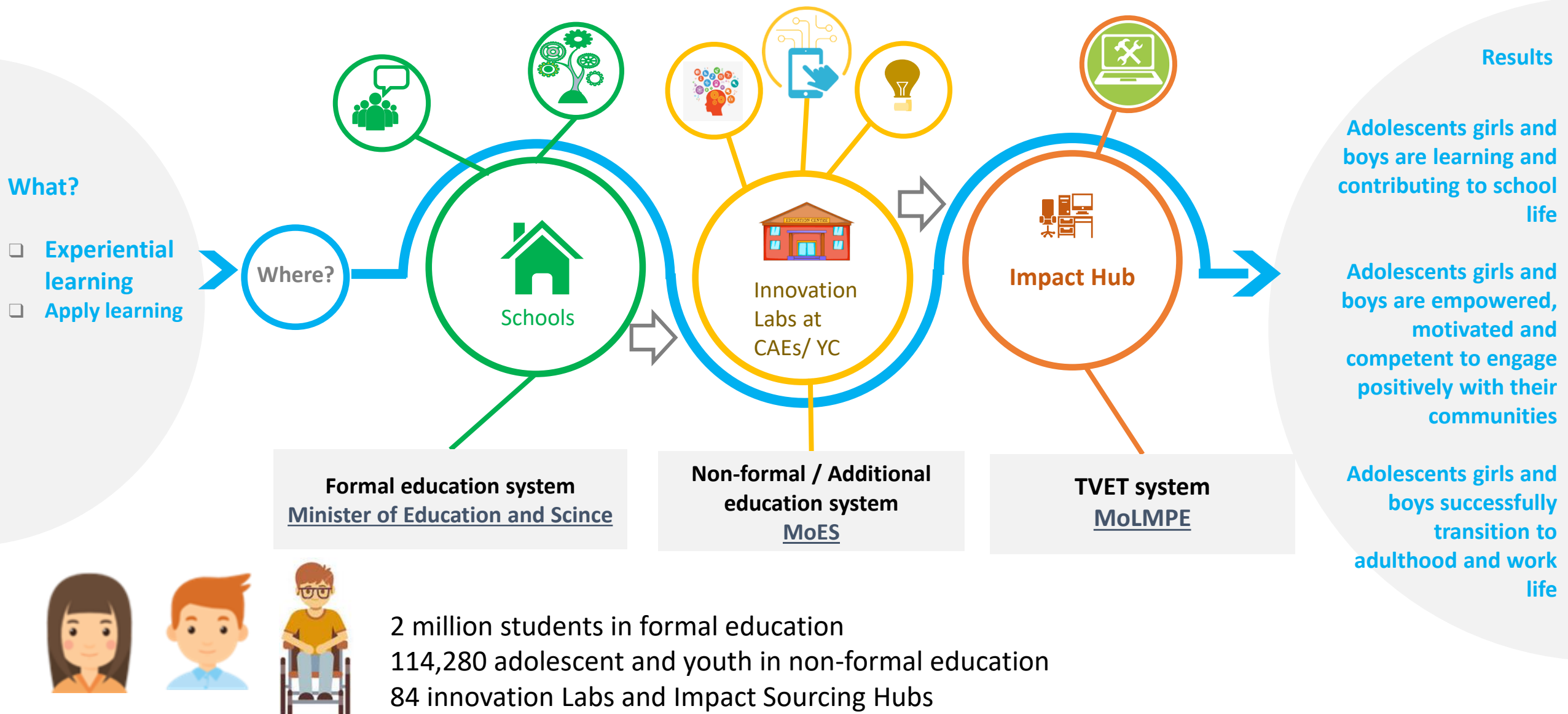
only **20%**

of rural girls have access to internet

# Transition from school to work - Economic empowerment of youth



# Path to employability - systems integration



# Impact sourcing for employment of marginalized youth

**Impact Sourcing tested and launched with the Ministry of Labor**

**17,000 marginalized youth expected to be employed by 2024.**

**Youth learn market aligned transferable skills**

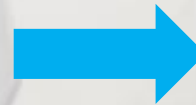
**Social cohesion and inclusion**

**Private sector comparative advantage**

**Innovative solution in time of COVID-19**

**Services provided for US based private sector**

- ✓ *data entry*
- ✓ *data management*
- ✓ *accounting services*



**Pamir Innovation Hub**





**Soft skills and  
competencies  
for building  
resilience**



**Mental health  
services and  
enabling  
environments**



**A resilient system  
addressing COVID-  
19 challenges**



**Foster  
innovations**

**Leverage  
partnerships**



**Engaging  
young people**

**Planning Way  
forwards**



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# Leveraging partnerships for skills



- EU: Improving quality learning, skills and competencies (Euro 14,500,000);
- WB Partnership: Socio-Economic Resilience Strengthening Project, Youth Inclusion and Livelihoods (USD 16 m); Scaling-up UNICEF supported skill building initiatives.
- Leveraging ADB Resources: Adapting UNICEF's Adolescent Competency Framework for TVET reform (USD 84 m)
- Significantly expanding Private sector partnerships at national and global level

Thank you very much!

