

UNESCO: one in eight young people is unemployed

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According to the tenth **annual report by UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation)**, 20% of young people in developing countries have not had the opportunity to attend primary school, and today, **160 million adults** have no qualification. And as the lack of professionalisation is a devastating condition, there is an urgent need to invest in the skills of young people. The high rate of **youth unemployment** is a reflection of this situation, as one in eight young people does not have a job, and one in four is employed, but is unable to earn enough money to rise above the poverty line.

The projections of **UNESCO** say that the prospects for the next few years are not positive, and therefore, the **Millennium** goals (for which the deadline is 2015), seem to be out of reach once more. Today, 250 million children of preschool age can neither read nor write; for adults, **the number of those who are illiterate is 775 million throughout the world**, of whom, two-thirds are women.

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