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Who is the Y2Y Community?

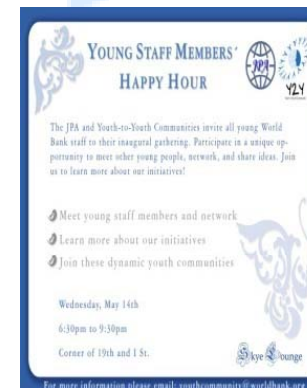
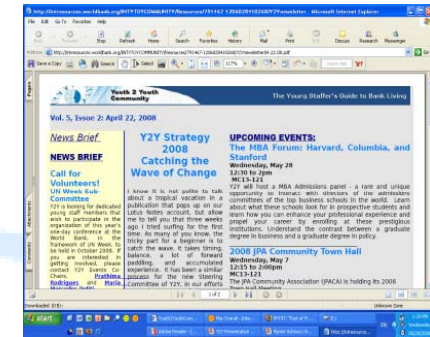
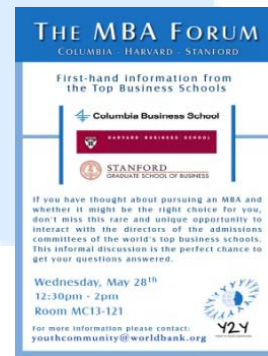
- The Youth-to-Youth Community (Y2Y) is a network of young World Bank Group staff created in 2004 to:

- Channel fresh ideas and perspectives into World Bank operations
- Engage and empower youth in development

- Y2Y membership has continuously increased - Y2Y's newsletter now reaches around 1000 young staff at the Bank
- The **Youth Innovation Fund (YIF)** is one of Y2Y's eight annual activities - started in 2005 as a pilot project in LCR

Summary of Y2Y Products Ongoing and Growing...

- Youth Conference during UN Week
Preston Auditorium, October, 2004-2008
- Mentorship Program
- Monthly Newsletter
- Youth Innovation Fund (YIF)
- Youth-Focused BBLs and Seminars
- Career Series
- Networking Events
- Network of DC Youth Organizations





Youth Innovation Fund

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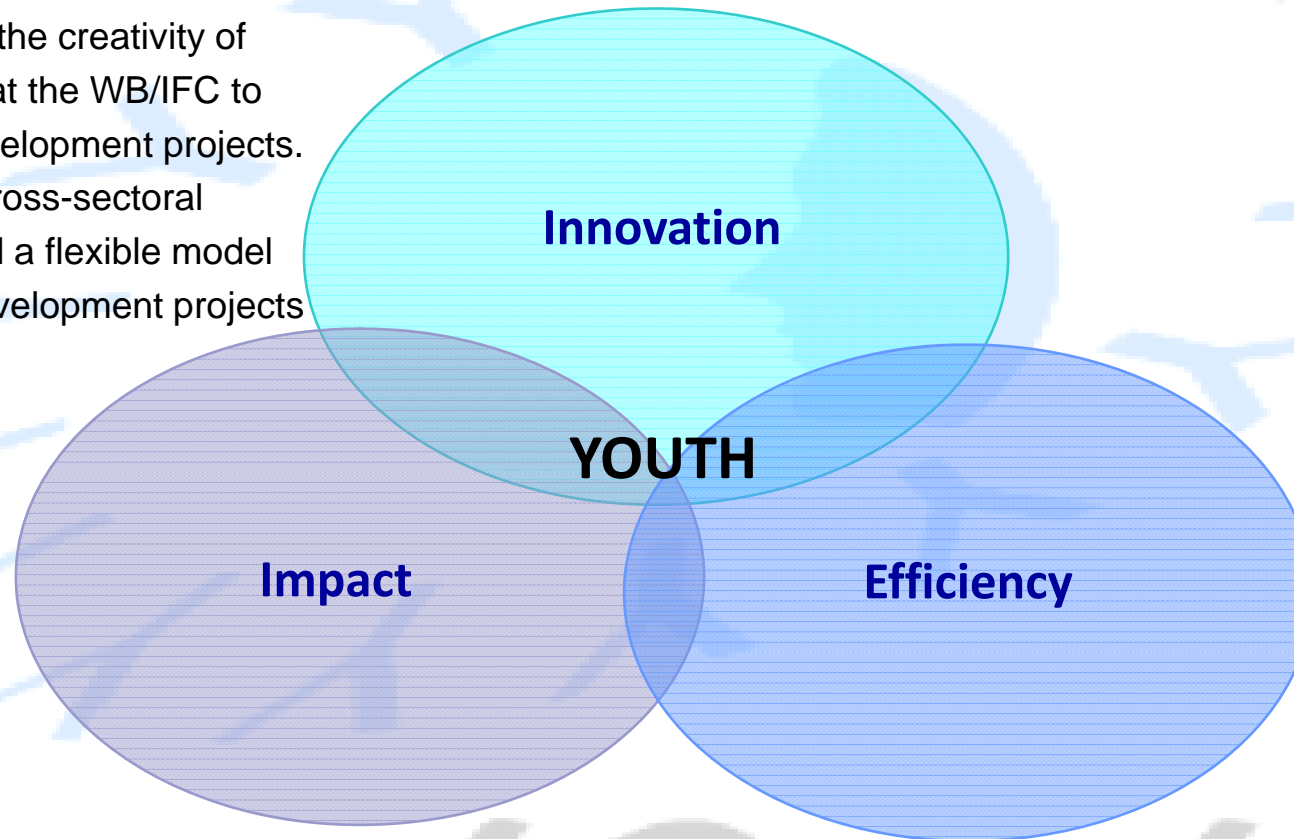
The Youth Innovation Fund (YIF) Model

- **What is YIF?:** An opportunity for young staff of the World Bank Group to design and implement youth development projects in client countries. These initiatives provide funding, technical assistance and knowledge exchange through partnerships with local youth and organizations.
- **Who can Participate? :** Young staff *below* age 33 from all World Bank Group including Head Quarters (HQ) and local offices.
- **How much funding provided? :** Small Grants USD 10,000-USD18,000 per winning project for 9 to 14 months

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The YIF's Goals

- ✓ Promote the creativity of young staff at the WB/IFC to manage development projects.
- ✓ Develop cross-sectoral linkages and a flexible model for youth development projects

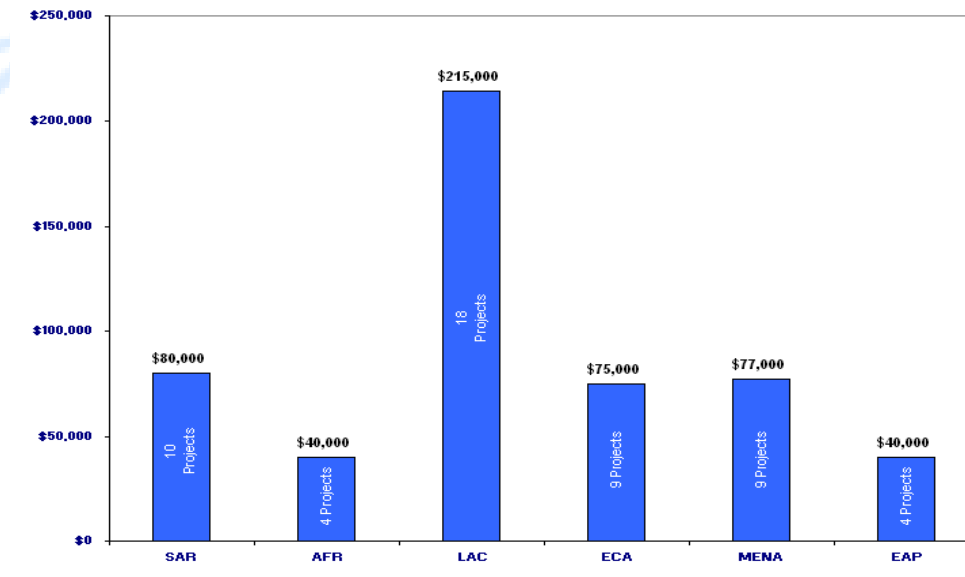


- ✓ Provide positive results for local communities and organizations participating in the projects
- ✓ Reinforce the Bank operations with more youth projects

- ✓ Leverage local resources.
- ✓ Promote partnerships with other development institutions

YIF Progress to Date

- **54** in **36** countries out of **145** project proposals funded and implemented to date:
 - LAC (18 projects)
 - SAR (10 projects)
 - EAP (4 projects)
 - AFR (4 projects)
 - MNA (9 projects)
 - ECA (9 projects)
- Total seed funding from VPUs: **\$527,000**
- Seed project funding in LCR increased **from \$10K to \$18K** and implementation timeframe extended to **14 months**



Economic and Social Integration - Bulgaria

Social Inclusion of Roma Youth

- **Objective:** promote social inclusion, and cultural and economic integration of young people by providing them with development opportunities, while preventing segregation and enhancing interaction and constructive dialogue between Roma and non-Roma youth
- **Grant:** \$5,000 ; **Timeframe:** 3 months
- **Partner NGO:** *Napreduk (Development)*, a Roma NGO supporting Roma rights and development in the region, and IKOM, the project implementing company.
- **Results:** 20 people took part in courses designed by the project, and all of them graduated with certificates for computer literacy and professional qualification in either hairdressing and hairstyling or construction and interior design with a focus on ceramic tiling and flooring.
- **Lessons learned:** All project participants described the courses as **highly useful** and defined **communication with each other as efficient**. Students suggested that **future courses be longer in duration and developed in more professions** than the ones offered by the current project.

Civic Education - Poland

Court Monitoring in Poland, CEE and former CIS Countries

- **Objective:** (1) promote civic engagement of youth by raising awareness for development of a court performance M&E system; (2) improve quality of tertiary education through introduction of practice-oriented methods
- **Grant: \$9200 & Matching Funds:** Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights \$3,229 (main Polish NGO in the area of human rights & civil society)
- **Timeframe:** 9 months
- **Partner NGO:** Helsinki Foundation
- **Results:**
 - Trained students in court observation to conduct surveys in 11 cities, which resulted in 54 reports on court performance
 - Created handbook of good practices in court monitoring
 - United youth leaders of NGOs from 6 Eastern European countries for 2-day seminar with senior level experts and practitioners.
- **Lessons learned:** need more flexible timetable for planned actions of partner NGO and to accommodate lengthy internal Bank procedures

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