



Global Donor
Platform for
Rural Development

Thematic Working Group on Rural Youth Employment (TWG RYE)

2026-27 Work Plan



Vision

Donors effectively catalyse change to create decent employment opportunities in rural areas, particularly in agri-food systems and emerging green sectors and to support the empowerment of youth.



Mission

The TWG RYE provides a joint space to exchange and develop ideas, update and rally each other towards common outcomes.

Functions of the TWG RYE

Strategic
influencing

Knowledge
sharing

Networking
and convening

Outcome areas

1

Improved alignment with and link to **international policy processes**, initiatives and platforms.

2

Increased (strategic) coherence and **coordination among donors** and development agencies, national and local institutions.

3

Evaluation and co-creation of **innovative approaches** how donors can boost decent rural youth employment across their operations.

4

Strategic engagement with and help to **empower rural youth** and youth organisations.

5

Joint engagement and **collaboration with other stakeholders** like the private sector, service providers, agripreneur organizations, etc.

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ID	OUTCOME AREA	OUTPUTS	ACTIVITIES	INDICATORS	TARGETS
1	Improved alignment with and link to international policy processes , initiatives, and platforms	1.1 Kampala CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2026 – 2035) (Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda)	Follow the implementation of the Kampala CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2026 – 2035) (Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda) and ensure rural youth perspectives are incorporated	Agenda point during TWG RYE meetings	Invite AUC for updates and discuss TWG contribution
		1.2 UNFSS process	Regular exchange of TWG RYE members on developments following the UNFSS (e.g. follow-up with AU/NEPAD)	Agenda point during TWG RYE meetings	TWG informed about process (MoM)
			Continue exchange with the <i>UNFSS Coordination Hub</i> and the Coalitions.	Agenda point during TWG RYE meetings	Invite UNFSS Coordination Hub to update the TWG and how RYE is integrated
		1.3 CFS	Regular exchange on the implementation of the <i>CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition</i> with linkages to current CFS workstreams.	Agenda point during TWG RYE meetings	TWG informed about connections to current CFS workstreams
2	Increased (strategic) coherence and coordination among donors and development agencies, national and local institutions	2.1. Regular TWG RYE meetings	Members exchange during regular TWG RYE meetings with in-depth inputs and tour-de-table Possible topics for in-depth input topics: <i>the role of youth in global food supply chains focusing on production, employment and entrepreneurship potential; building resilient food systems through decent livelihoods; empowering youth in the informal economy; youth migration and unleashing of digitalisation for better livelihoods and more transparency.</i>	TWG RYE meetings take place every 8-12 weeks	At least 4 TWG RYE meetings per year

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		2.2 TWG RYE session at the AGA 2026	Development of concept and organization of RYE session during the AGA 2026	RYE session organized	1 AGA session
		2.3 Contribution to GDPRD workstreams	(Co-chair) engagement in the GDPRD workstreams	Workstream contributions & review	Workstream materials include TWG RYE contributions
		2.4 TWG RYE members	Pro-actively reach out to donors, development and youth organizations etc. to increase and maintain the TWG RYE members base, including Foundations.	Strategy for RYE member engagement expansion Engagement in TWG	At least 2 new/reactivated members
3	Evaluation and co-creation of innovative approaches how donors can boost decent rural youth employment across their operations	3.1. TWG RYE webinar (expert talk) series	TWG members jointly organize webinars on current issues and major trends (to be proposed and prepared by members) Possible topics: (topics from in-depth above can be developed into a webinar)	Webinar/expert talk organized	At least 1 event
		3.2. Expanding the RYE "knowledge hub"	Collection of relevant documents to expand the TWG RYE "knowledge hub" on the GDPRD website	Documents added to the RYE knowledge hub	Up-to-date RYE knowledge hub
4	Strategic engagement with and empowerment of rural youth and youth organizations	4.1 Promote meaningful youth participation (Crosscutting)	Actively promote meaningful youth participation in RYE dialogue and ensure youth representation in all TWG RYE events	Youth participation in all TWG events	Youth participate in TWG meetings and as speakers in webinars

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5	Joint engagement and collaboration with other stakeholders like the private sector, foundations, service providers, agripreneur organizations, etc.	5.1 Exchange with other thematic platforms & networks	Reaching out to other platforms and private sector actors (e.g., AFSF Forum, S4YE, DJ4Y, Youth Foresight, private sector/business associations, etc.) for in-depth presentations or webinars, or as regular members of the TWG RYE.	Exchange with/inputs by other actors	2 to 3 new guests