Youth Co:Lab empowers young people across Asia and the Pacific to create innovative and sustainable solutions to social problems:

- New **sustainable solutions** to social problems
- **Employment** creation and **skills** development
- Increased **social and political engagement**

Youth Co:Lab works with:

- **Young people** to build their entrepreneurial skills and capacity.
- **Governments** to increase engagement of young people and create a supportive policy and regulatory environment.
- **Other partners** including private sector and academia, to create a more enabling ecosystem for young social entrepreneurs.

More than half of the world’s young people live in the Asia Pacific region.

Out of these **700 million, 220 million** are neither at school nor at work.
So far, we have:

1. benefitted over 5,000 young social entrepreneurs
2. helped create or improve over 600 social enterprises
3. worked in 26 countries and territories in the region
4. partnered with over 186 organisations, institutions and private sector companies
5. 3 research publications about youth, entrepreneurship and skills in the region, with 3 more coming in 2020
6. built an online community of over 200,000 followers, with over 100 million impressions under the #youthcolab hashtag

Some of the enterprises supported by Youth Co:Lab:

- **DeafTawk (Pakistan):** Empowering 9 Million people in the deaf community through quality online sign language interpretation services.
- **Dochaa (Nepal):** Working to keep the cultural arts and traditions of Nepal alive through its culture-significant shoe designs.
- **AI4GOV (Philippines):** Improving access to information for local governments through artificial intelligence (AI) to enable participatory governance.

In 2020, we plan to:

**Expand** our outreach in 28 countries and territories to **Leave No Youth Behind**, with a focus on **young women**, **Indigenous youth**, and **youth with disabilities**.

**Enable the youth-led startups** in our Springboard pre-incubation programme to access funding and resources to **accelerate their impact and achievement of the SDGs**.

**Create a regional movement of volunteers** who bring SDGs and entrepreneurship awareness at a grassroots level through our **Movers Programme**.

**In partnership with government counterparts, take a systemic approach to the challenge of youth unemployment in 5 countries.**