



WHAT WORKS IN BOOSTING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT?

LESSONS FOR JOINT, EFFECTIVE ACTION ON
DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH

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OVERVIEW

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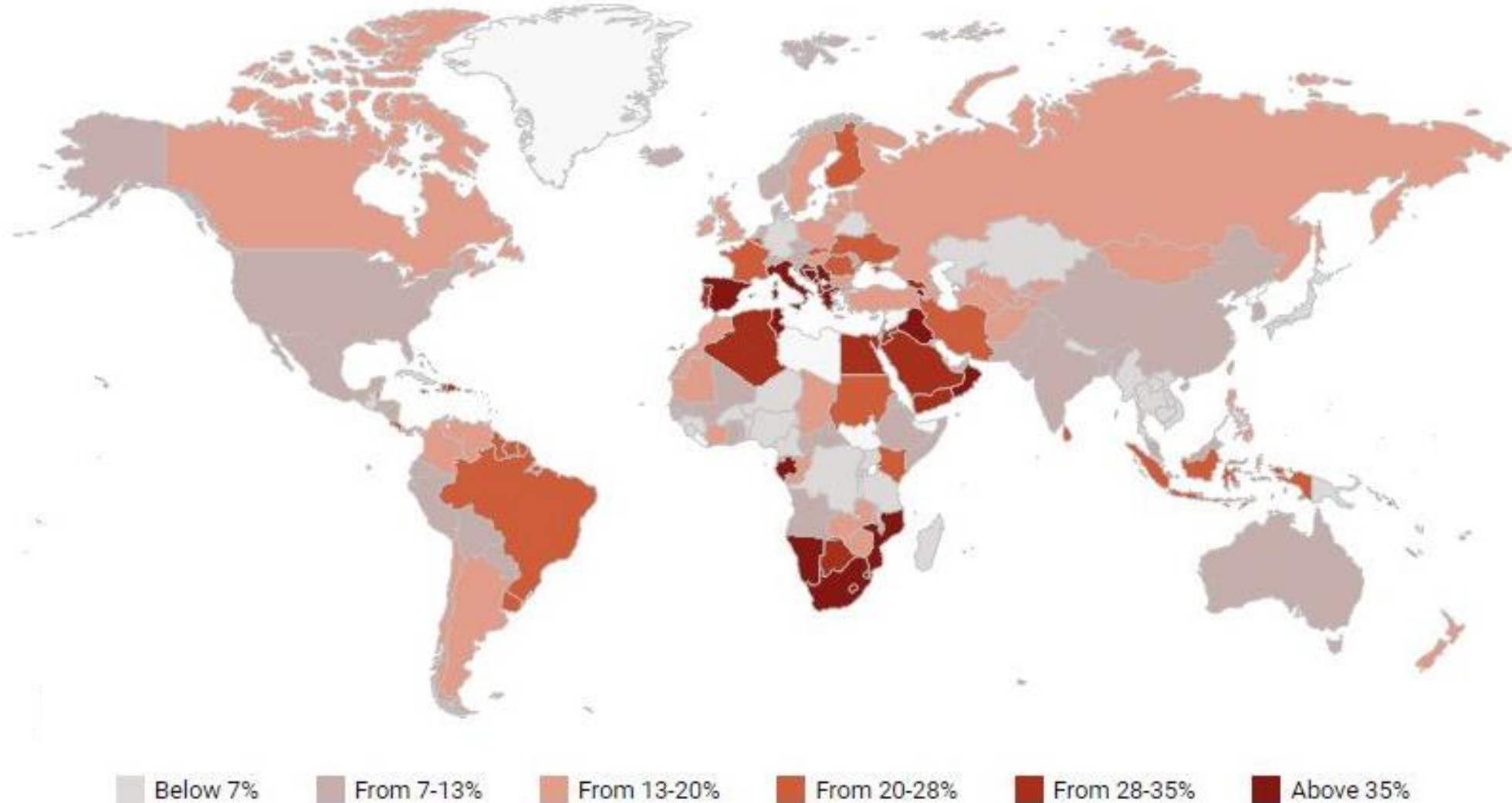
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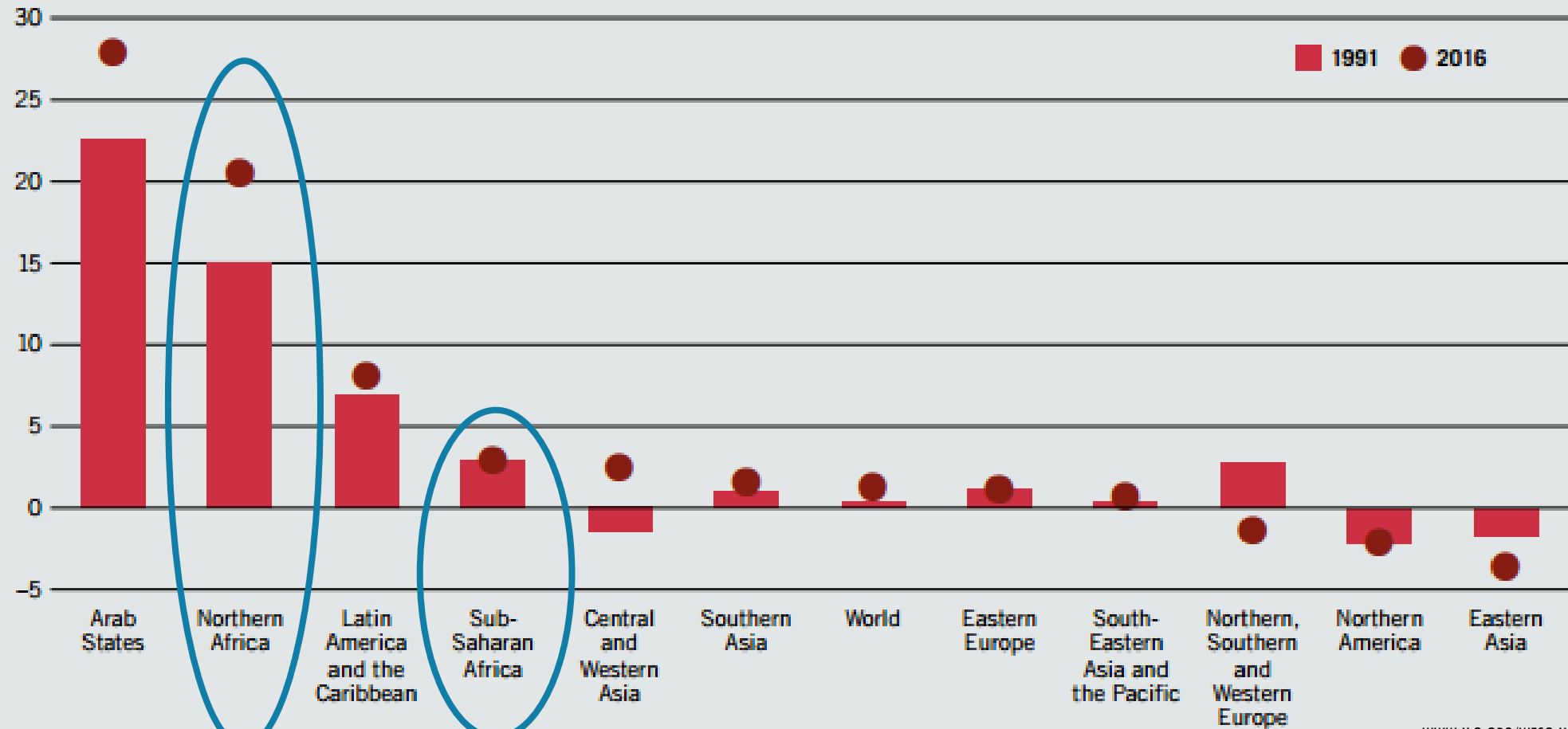
71 MILLION YOUTH ARE CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED

The percentage of youth aged 15-24 looking for, but unable to find work

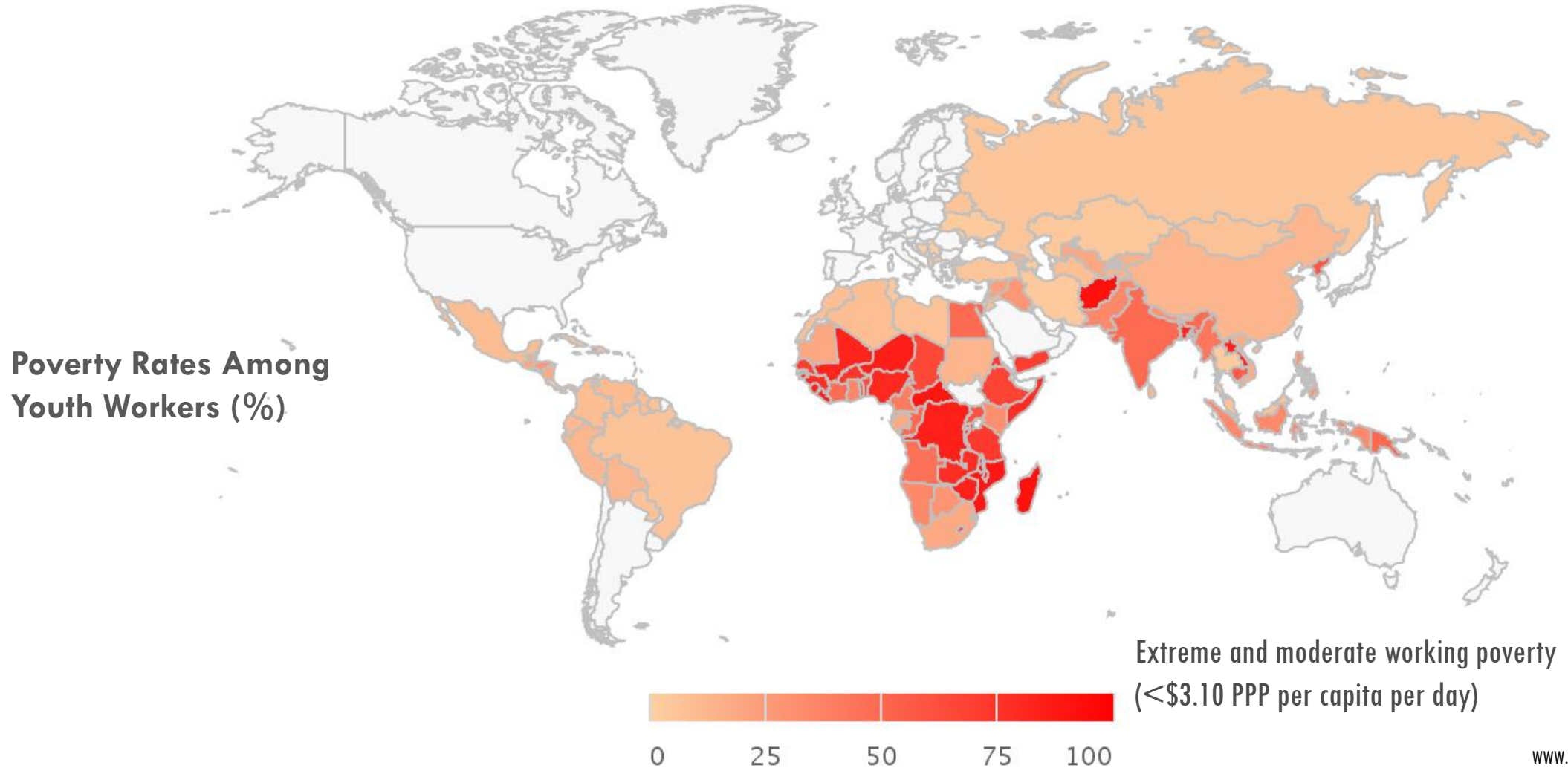


WITH PERSISTENT GENDER GAPS IN NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Gender gaps in youth unemployment, by region, 1991 and 2016 (percentage points, male-female)

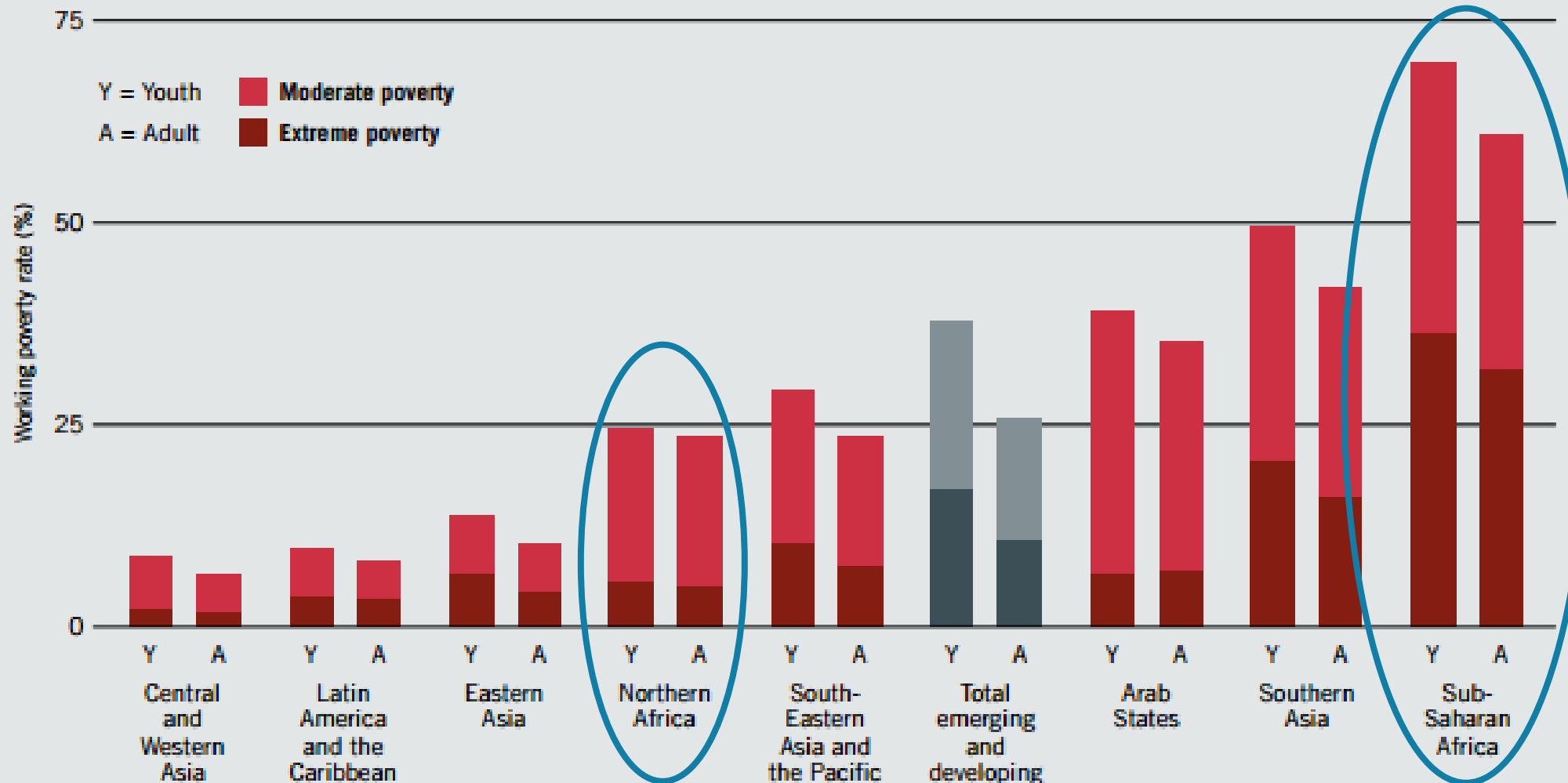


IN EMERGING AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OVER 152 MILLION YOUTH LIVE IN POVERTY DESPITE BEING EMPLOYED



YOUTH WORKING POVERTY IS CONSISTENTLY HIGHER THAN ADULTS'S

Extreme and moderate working poverty rates by region and age group, 2016 (percentage of employed population)



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SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INTERVENTIONS

1. Large demand
2. Growing evidence base (esp. LMIC)
3. Not all research is of equal value/quality
4. Single studies can misrepresent the balance of evidence
5. Synthesize evidence!



THE REVIEW FOCUS

Question

- What is the impact of youth employment interventions on labour market outcomes of youth?
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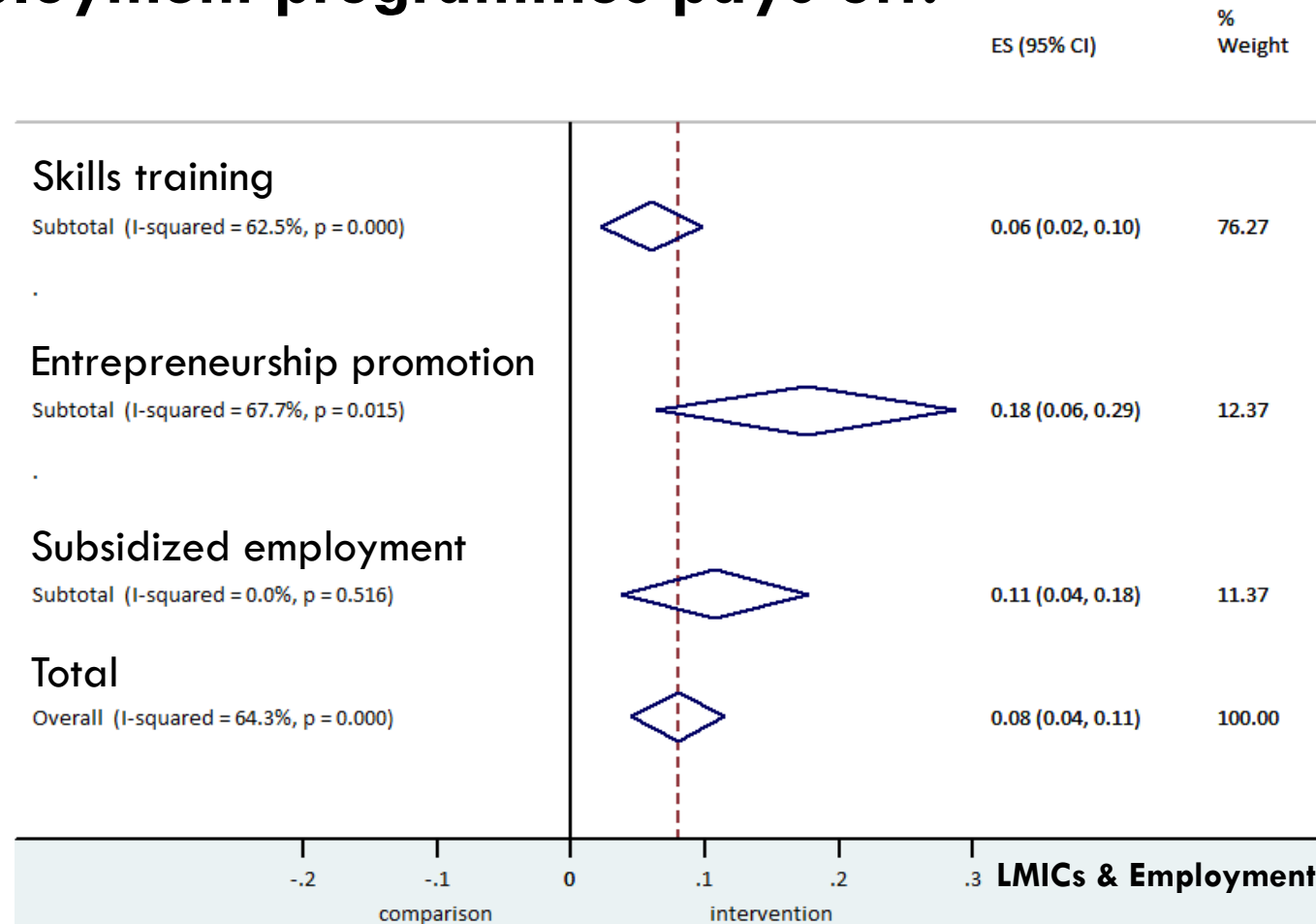
Inclusion

- Counterfactual impact evaluations
 - Youth (15-35) targeted employment programmes
 - Skills training, entrepreneurship promotion, employment services, subsidized employment.
 - 1990 – 2014 timeframe
 - Labour Market Outcomes: Employment, Earnings, Business performance
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FINDINGS

1. Investing in youth through employment programmes pays off.

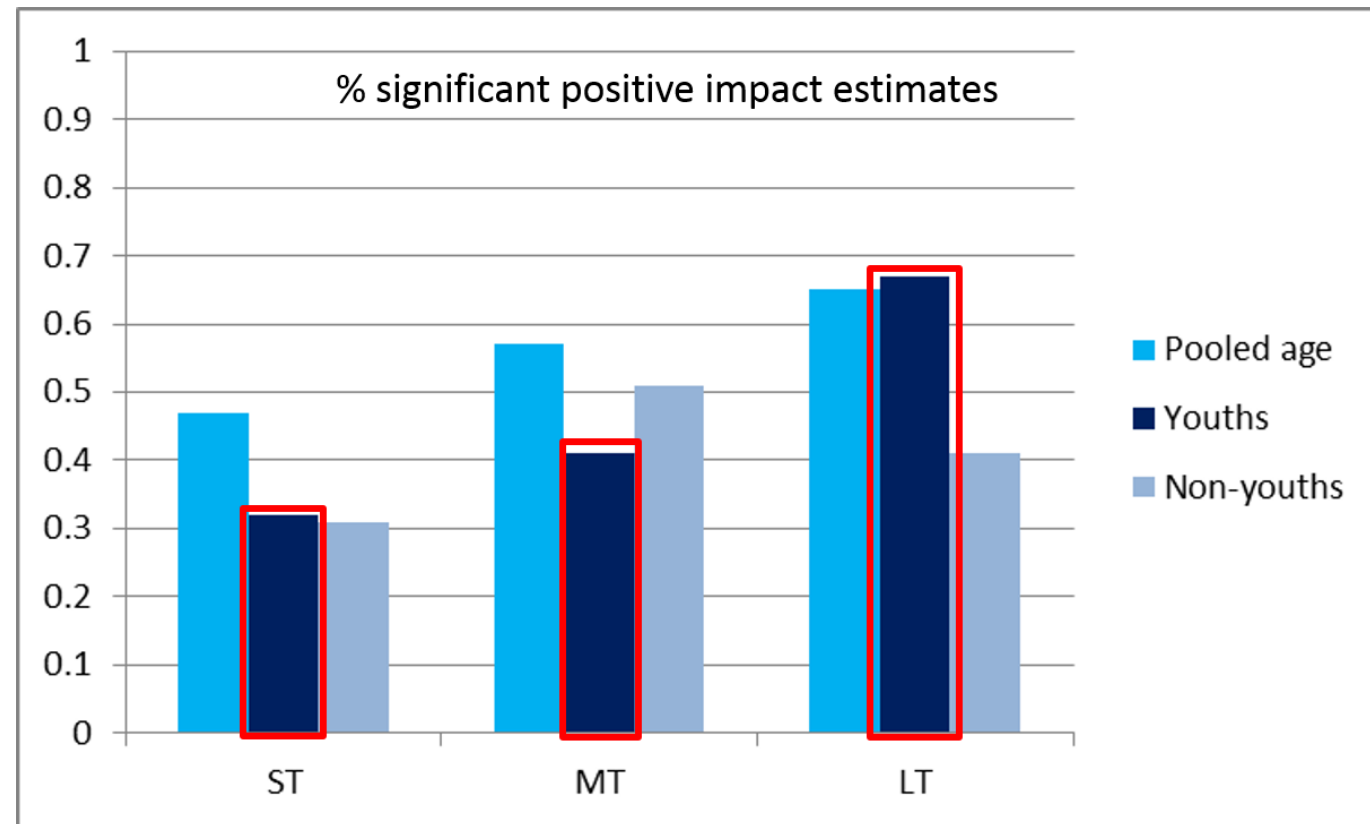
- 1/3 programmes had positive and statistically significant impacts.
- Improving chances of getting a job and earnings.
- Context matters.
- Lesson from the 2/3: **Intensity and scale are key.**



FINDINGS

2. There is a timing pattern

- The more impacts are measured in the longer run, the more likely they are positive.
- Most evident among skills training programmes.
- And among youth.



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3. Important role of the How

- *Adequate profiling*: tailoring services to youth's needs.
- *Efficient monitoring*: ensuring feedback and adaptability.
- *Results-based management and appropriate incentives*: allow implementers to better respond to youth's needs, enhance program participation, and ensure quality in service delivery.

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GLOBAL INITIATIVE ON DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH

ALLIANCE

for political mobilization, policy coherence, and high level advocacy

ACTION

to expand investments and impact at regional and country levels

KNOWLEDGE

for evidence-based action, greater innovation, capacity development, and peer learning

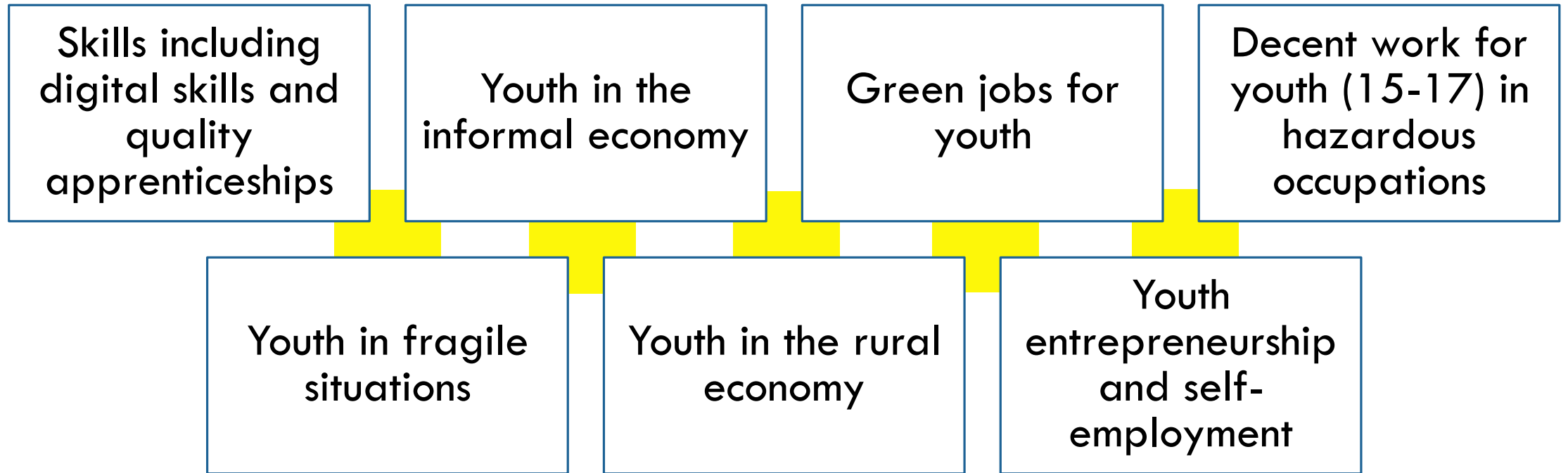
RESOURCES

both local and international to enable scaling up activities and impact

The goal is to scale up action at the country-level and to increase impact through effective, innovative and evidence-based interventions



THEMATIC PRIORITIES | CONCRETE ACTION



Innovation

Evidence

Opportunities

Priorities

Alliances

Action

ANCHORING KNOWLEDGE ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND SHARING LESSONS:

- YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FUNDERS GROUP
- WWINYE.ORG



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