

YOUTH AND DECENT WORK IN THE TEA SECTOR: MAPPING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

Youth employment and decent work in the tea sector are examined, particularly in the context of sustainable development. Tea, while contributing to global livelihoods and economies, is often criticized for exploitative labour practices, especially among young workers. Using a multidimensional lens, this study examines factors like working conditions, wages, access to education, and technology.

According to the research, young tea workers face challenges such as limited access to education and skills development, poor working conditions, and low wages. Additionally, challenges related to gender inequality, lack of social security, and limited access to healthcare are explored. However, the research highlights opportunities to promote decent work for youth in the tea sector. A few examples are: Education and training investments, technological advancements, sustainable practices, empowerment of young workers, and stakeholder collaboration.

Youth, decent work, and sustainable development in the tea sector are complex relationships. The finding provides policymakers, industry leaders, and stakeholders with valuable insights into challenges and opportunities for young tea workers.

KEYWORDS: *Challenges, Decent Work, Education, Gender Equality, Health,, Sustainable Development, Social Security, Tea Sector, Youth.*

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