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Descriptive / Surveillance

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Assessing Skill Gaps and Unemployment Patterns In Tamil Nadu: Extension Survey on the Impact of COVID-19 on Labor Market Scenarios for Industrial Training Institute Youth

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Abstract

Researchers studied the employment status and aspirations of youth who had joined Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) in Tamil Nadu over a period of three years (2017 to 2019). The cohort, including graduates, dropouts and current students, were asked questions about their principal activity in the month of March 2020 (before the COVID-19 pandemic), changes in their status during the lockdown period (March - July 2020), and their work aspirations for the near future. In addition, the youth were also asked about their schooling levels, further education plans, access to various digital products and services, and readiness for potential labor market interventions (such as skilling courses and remote job opportunities).

Data collection was carried out remotely by a team of 20 enumerators, who completed 1,049 surveys of ITI youth over a period of two weeks. The overall response rate was 35 percent, with an average survey duration of 25 minutes.

Project Outcomes of Interest

Employment outcomes of youth such as nature of jobs, industries, location, and income

Partners

J-PAL South Asia, Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC)

Key Findings

Results forthcoming. The project is at the data analysis and reporting stage, with the objective of generating evidence on and actionable insights for the skill development and labor market ecosystems in Tamil Nadu.

Impact Goals

- Build resilience and protect the financial health of families and individuals
- Improve social-safety net responses

Project Data Collection Mode

- CATI (Computer-assisted telephone interviewing)

Implementing Organization

Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC)

Results Status

No Results Yet