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YOUTH SECTOR TREND ANALYSIS (2017–2025)

Strategic Objective: Create an enabling environment for young people to utilize their talents, undertake innovative and bankable business activities, and take advantage of digital and global opportunities. **Indicator:** Off-the-shelf Youth Employment Bankable Projects Developed.

Year	Status	Trend Assessment
2017	Limited youth employment support focused on social safety nets, agriculture and fisheries.	Foundational Stage
2023	Expansion into entrepreneurship, Agri-Pitch, FinTech, Digi-Hubs and climate-response initiatives.	Growth Stage
2025	Private sector participation strengthened; wider ecosystem supporting youth innovation and employme	Acceleration Stage

Trend Analysis

2017: Government-supported youth employment initiatives were largely concentrated in temporary livelihood support, social safety nets, and agriculture-related activities. Opportunities for entrepreneurship financing and innovation-led employment were limited.

2023: Sierra Leone began transitioning toward structured youth employment interventions linked to entrepreneurship, digital innovation, and climate resilience. Programmes such as Agri-Pitch, FinTech support, and Digi-Hubs created new pathways for youth participation in the economy.

2025: Significant progress has been recorded through increased private sector participation and stronger collaboration between government, development partners, and innovation ecosystems. Youth employment bankable projects now cover agriculture, technology, climate action, entrepreneurship, and digital services, indicating a more sustainable and scalable model for youth empowerment.

Overall Assessment: The trend demonstrates a positive progression from limited state-led employment support in 2017 to a diversified and increasingly private-sector-driven youth development ecosystem by 2025. The sector has moved from welfare-oriented interventions toward entrepreneurship, innovation, and market-based job creation.