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COVID-19 will add to the existing labour market challenges facing young women and men. This policy brief highlights how youth, especially women, are being severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The crisis is likely to be particularly severe for youth across three dimensions: (1) disruptions to education, training and work-based learning; (2) increased difficulties for young jobseekers and new labour market entrants; and (3) job and income losses, along with deteriorating quality of employment. The brief calls for urgent, comprehensive and targeted policy responses to the global pandemic.

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