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In 2008, the World Bank launched the "Adolescent Girls Initiative" to promote the transition of young women from school to productive employment. The program is being piloted in eight low-income countries (Afghanistan, Jordan, Lao PDR, Liberia, Haiti, Nepal, Rwanda, and South Sudan) and is currently reaching some 17,000 girls. Each program is individually tailored to the country context, with a common goal of discovering what works best in programming to help adolescent girls and young women succeed in the labor market. With new knowledge of what works, successful approaches can be replicated and brought to scale.

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