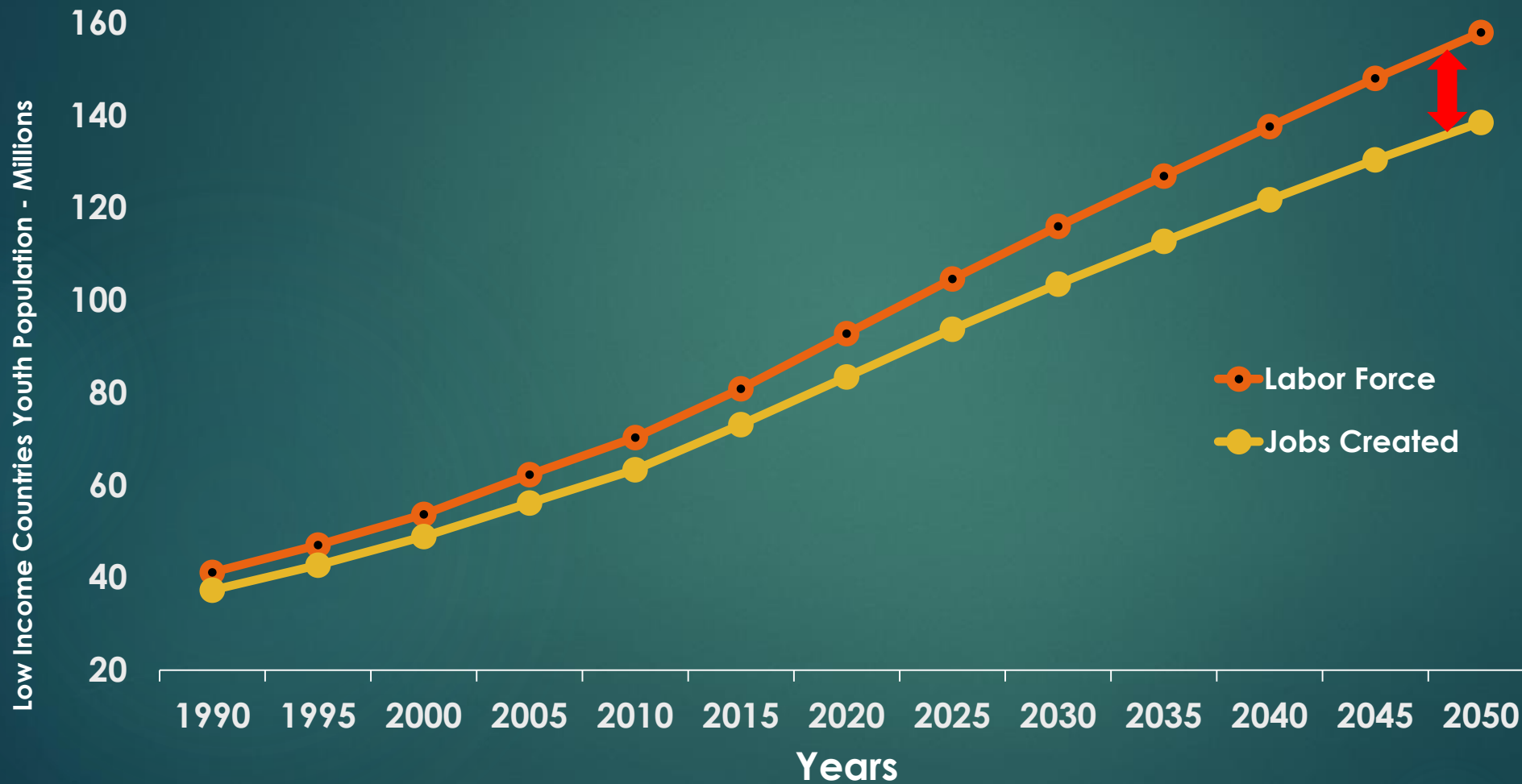


Moving Toward a New Generation of Youth Employment Programs

David Robalino
Manager and Lead Economist
Jobs Group, World Bank

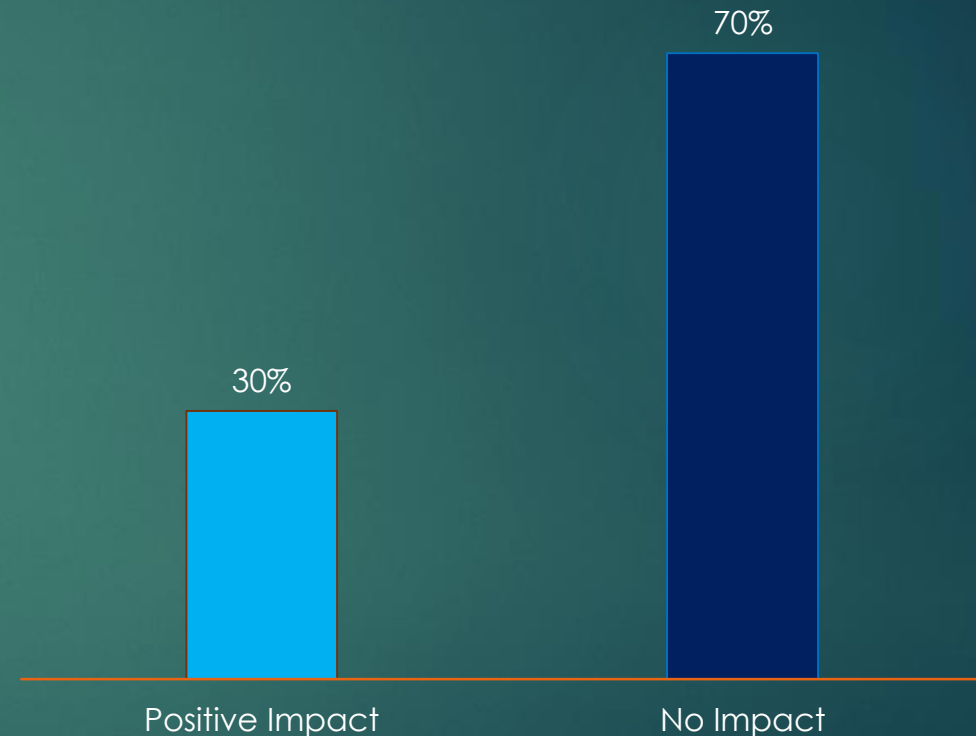
Widening gap – youth labor force & job creation



Are youth employment programs successful?

- ▶ Only 30% of youth employment programs evaluated show a positive impact on labor market outcomes
- ▶ Impact is small

Youth Employment Programs



Source: Kluve, Jochen and Puerto, Susana and Robalino, David A. and Romero, Jose Manuel and Rother, Friederike and Stöterau, Jonathan and Weidenkaff, Felix and Witte, Marc, Do Youth Employment Programs Improve Labor Market Outcomes? A Systematic Review. IZA Discussion Paper No. 10263. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2849748>

Promoting investment and economic growth
isn't enough because of social externalities

CONFLICT

POVERTY

GENDER JOBS YOUTH

~~MARKETS~~

Subsidize private investments conditional on job creation

