

## Brazil Starts Pro Youth Program with US\$ 115 Million

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When he signed the Provisional Measure, yesterday, instituting the National Youth Inclusion Program, Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva said that his administration is determined to establish conditions for the Brazilian youth to be able to exploit "their potential" to an ever greater extent.

The Brazilian President stressed that the government must turn its attention to the country's youth to make Brazil increasingly better.

The Pro Youth program will enable young Brazilians to finish fundamental education and have access to digital inclusion and professional instruction.

The program is part of the federal government's national youth policy and will be allocated US\$ 114.9 million (R\$ 300 million) this year to take care of 200 thousand young people in various regions of the country.

According to President Lula, looking out for youth is a priority at this moment, since the country has never had as many young people as there are nowadays.

Before a juvenile audience in the Planalto Palace, he called on all youth to hold the governments of Brazil accountable for public policy proposals favorable to youths.

The Provisional Measure also establishes the National Youth Secretariat and the National Youth Council, charged with orienting, coordinating, and integrating the implementation of government policies for youth in the 18-24 age bracket.

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