We inspire and prepare youth to succeed in a global economy

We activate youth for the future of jobs. Through the delivery of hands-on, blended learning in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship, we create pathways for employability and job creation.

**Ethics**
- Set of moral principles

**21st Century skills**
- Self-efficacy, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, leadership, initiative, etc.

**Technical Skills**
- Business, STEM and digital skills

**The challenge**
- 8.1% unemployment rate in the region (40% of the unemployed are youth).
- Youth exposed to causes and effects of unemployment: gender discrimination, gangs, drugs and violence, among others.
- Women represent more than 66% of the total unemployed youth (employed women earn 17% less than men).

**JA’s Relevance**

- 4 out of 10 students in the region abandon school. Ages 12-15: highest dropout rate.
- 32 million young people are neither attending school nor seeking employment.
- Of which 2/3 are women.

**The landscape: a new industrial revolution**

We are all living in the “Fourth Industrial Revolution”: the fusion of technologies that impact in every aspect of human life. The JA programs combine consistently the experience of our volunteers with blended learning formats, making education for youth relevant and teaching the abilities and skills they need to succeed.
Our Regional Partners

Collective Impact

2016 input

Schools involved: 13,806
Volunteers: 38,360
Volunteer Hours: 13,532,056
Children and youth benefited: 1,044,502

Proof of outcome

A JA Americas Alumni is nearly 2 times more likely to have their own business.

They earn an average income 50% higher than non-JA Alumni.

Our Network

Argentina
Bahamas
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Cayman Islands
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Dutch Caribbean
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Puerto Rico
St. Kitts & Nevis
St. Lucia
Trinidad and Tobago
Turks and Caicos
Uruguay
US Virgin Islands
Venezuela

With more than 100 member countries, the JA Worldwide network is powered by over 470,000 volunteers and mentors, who serve more than 10 million young people around the world each year.