



KENYA

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

As the responsibility for leadership passes to the next generation, Africa's future and its global competitiveness will be driven by academically gifted and entrepreneurial young people empowered to lead. In partnership with the Government of Kenya, USAID is providing state-of-the-art education to millions of Kenyan children, expanding educational and employment opportunities for young adults, and preparing a new generation of young African leaders with the skills and mindset to transform the region and the continent.

KENYA PRIMARY LITERACY PROGRAM (KPLP)

The Kenya Primary Literacy Program (KPLP) works in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education to enhance foundational literacy instruction nationwide through strategic investments in the education system. KPLP improves classroom instruction by training and coaching teachers in evidence-based instructional practices. KPLP also works to strengthen connections between schools, communities, and homes, empowering caregivers to support children's literacy and engaging youth to lead after-school activities. The activity supports the government to collect and apply data to inform decision-making and provides a platform for the Ministry of Education to convene stakeholders supporting foundational learning. In addition, KPLP strengthens the system to ensure sustainable service provision during shocks and flexible remote learning opportunities for vulnerable learners.

READING CHAMPIONS

USAID Reading Champions implements an after-school reading remediation program in 79 public primary schools in Kilifi and Nakuru counties. Over the life of the project, an estimated 10,568 learners will be assessed for remediation and about 6,024 will receive remediation across the two counties. USAID Reading Champions is working with families and communities through youth-led organizations, including community leaders, to support learners with enabling home and school learning environments and to reduce learners' reading gaps.

CATALYZE EDU-FINANCE

CATALYZE Edu-Finance mobilizes private finance for low-cost, private primary schools (LCPPS) combined with teacher professional development to improve learning outcomes for low-income learners. CATALYZE applies an innovative model to address LCPPS' challenges related to accessing finance, coupled with teacher training in applying best practices, to ensure these schools can provide the highest quality learning opportunities.

OUR SISTERS READ

Our Sisters Read (OSR) integrates community support to improve reading outcomes in Tharaka Nithi county. Partnering with a community led organization, OSR motivates learners to read through engaging reading activities, use of digital learning resources, and targeted support for struggling readers. It engages a range of stakeholders, building a community of teachers, parents, and leaders to support reading. It stocks libraries with quality reading materials and, supported by USAID's American Schools and Hospitals Abroad initiative, built a new library and ICT center, expanding on its support to 63 school-based libraries.

YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS INITIATIVE (YALI)

The Young African Leaders Initiative supports youth to drive growth and prosperity, strengthen democratic governance, and enhance peace and security across Africa. The YALI Regional Leadership Center for East Africa, hosted by Kenyatta University, is one of four Regional Leadership Centers (RLCs) across the African continent. It has trained over 5,600 young leaders from 14 East and Central African countries in business and entrepreneurship, civic leadership, and public management. Collectively, the four RLCs have trained more than 28,000 young leaders across 49 sub-Saharan Africa countries.

EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS FOR YOUTH

Employment Pathways for Youth creates sustainable pathways to employment for Kenyan youth, drawing upon areas of strength in the U.S. Higher Education system. The activity builds stronger connections between Kenyan technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions and employers and supports curricular updates to ensure students build the skills needed in key growth sectors, such as information and communication technologies (ICT) and manufacturing in textiles and pharmaceuticals, as well as the soft skills required for career success.

EDTECH AFRICA INITIATIVE

EdTech Africa is a partnership incubator. A public-private initiative announced during President Ruto's historic visit to the United States in 2024 and catalyzed by USAID and the President's Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement (PAC-ADE), EdTech Africa is building strong multilateral partnerships between the USA and Africa to foster and sustain a global community valuing diversity, collaboration, and innovation. With an initial focus on Kenya, the initiative maximizes and coordinates investments and contributions of government agencies, private sector, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Kenyan universities to strengthen higher education systems; promote intercontinental learning and cultural exchange; create a global, diverse network of STEM professionals, and develop and sustain partnerships for continued prosperity.

KEY GOVERNMENT OF KENYA PARTNERS

Ministry of Education

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS

- Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development
- Kenya National Examinations Council
- Teachers Service Commission

PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS

- DOW Chemical
- KCB Foundation
- MasterCard Foundation

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

- Arizona State University
- Education Development Center
- Kenyatta University
- International Development Group
- Palladium
- U.S. International University- Africa
- Women Education Researchers of Kenya
- Women's Global Education Project

ACHIEVEMENTS SNAPSHOT (2024)

- Conducted nation-wide teacher training, improving the abilities of 71,434 teachers to deliver quality foundational literacy instruction, including for learners with disabilities.
- Leveraged over \$4.6 million from 40+ private sector partners to advance the sustainability of YALI
- Built the EdTech Africa Initiative from the ground up, attracting \$1.5 million from private sector companies

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