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IMPROVING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is working to improve the skills and knowledge of Senegalese children and youth.

USAID is collaborating with the Government of Senegal (GOS) and its citizens to improve primary education learning through the scale-up of evidence-based, bilingual reading instruction. In addition, USAID supports innovative, non-traditional educational pathways to combat lack of access to education. Early grade literacy and increased access to education improve educational achievement and provide the platform toward becoming productive members of society.

STRENGTHENING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

USAID supports the GOS in its ability to deliver high quality instruction through the introduction of the Senegal Bilingual Education Integrated Framework (MOHEBS). These education reforms have begun to take hold and are being integrated into local education systems nationwide. Through technical and financial support, USAID helps the GOS remain accountable to these reforms, which feature an innovative program teaching children to read and write in local languages.

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INCREASING ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

USAID works to increase school readiness in pre-primary schools, to retain middle school students, and to enhance skills relevant to the modern economy. Interwoven throughout these programs are efforts to improve school retention for girls and vulnerable children and reduce gender-based violence that create disparity between boys and girls. .

USAID works to improve the quality of education in Senegal by following an evidence-based program of reading instruction, increasing teaching effectiveness through educator training, and the relevance of youth training.

USAID also collaborates with the private sector to provide leadership training for Senegalese youth and provide networking opportunities for young leaders in public management, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement through a Dakar-based Regional Leadership Center for Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), one of four such centers on the continent.

INCREASING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION

USAID works to increase engagement by promoting education as a means of empowerment, encourages involvement through Parent Teacher Associations, and engages community leaders in formal and non-formal education pathways, such as proprietors of religious and community-based schools. USAID also facilitates community responsibility in the provision and maintenance of water in schools in order to establish a safe and healthy learning environment.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 3,700 non-formal students reached in 2020
- 659,082 formal students reached in 2020
- 13,260 teachers trained in 2020
- 743,520 textbooks and other learning materials distributed in 2020
- 3,403 youth leaders trained in 2020

