



## Education and Youth – Highlights



TUSOME • WINGS TO FLY • GLOBAL GIVEBACK CIRCLE • DREAMS • GENERATION • KENYA YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM • YES YOUTH CAN • YALI REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CENTER EAST AFRICA

USAID/Kenya and East Africa’s Education and Youth Office is improving learning outcomes in early-grade reading on a national scale, providing pathways to education for bright but disadvantaged students, and empowering youth with workforce and leadership skills to pave the way to a peaceful and prosperous Kenya. Highlights of our work include:

### **Education Programming**

#### **Tusome**

- A **flagship early grade reading partnership** between USAID and the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology **implemented in every primary school in the country**
- Tusome will **improve the reading skills of 5.4 million** primary school children in Kenya.
- More than **7 million new textbooks** have been printed and distributed to students – the largest influx of new textbooks in Kenyan history and a 1:1 student book ratio. An **additional 9 million books** will be distributed in the coming years for a grand total of 16 million books and learning materials.
- **Over 22,500 head teachers and 70,000 teachers across all 47 counties** were trained on the new curriculum in 2015.

#### **Global Give-back Circle**

- Public-private partnership that integrates **mentoring, private sector investment, and community support** to allow disadvantaged girls and boys to complete their education, gain employable skills, and become agents of change in their respective communities.
- **The program includes 600 mentors** from nine countries.
- GGBC has partnered with **28 private sector organizations** to provide scholarships to **640 girls and 28 boys**.

#### **Wings to Fly/Equity Africa Leaders Program**

- Scholarship program that **increases access to high school and higher education** for talented but economically disadvantaged young people.
- Awarded **scholarships to over 12,300** students across Kenya.

#### **DREAMS**

- Partnership to **reduce HIV infections** among adolescent girls and young women in Kenya.
- Outreach to **2,500 adolescent girls and young women** through a two-pronged approach that provides customized individual support while strengthening education, health, social, and economic systems.

## **Youth Programming**

### **Generation**

- Youth employment project that **closes the gap between young people who are out of work and employers who are short of skilled employees.**
- 100% of Generation Kenya's **490 graduates have been placed into jobs.**
- 100% of supervisors indicated that they would **want to hire Generation graduates again.**

### **Kenya Youth Workforce Development Program**

- Newly launched youth workforce program focused on **enhancing the employability of Kenyan youth.**
- By the end of program, **30,000 youth** in the nine target counties will have **improved market-relevant job and business skills.**
- More than **300,000 youth** will gain access to **youth-friendly financial services, current youth labor-market information, and youth mentorship networks.**

### **Yes Youth Can**

- Yes Youth Can was the **largest USAID youth program in the world.**
- A national grassroots network of a **million youth in 23,000 villages** in 32 of Kenya's 47 counties.
- Established 31 **youth-led, owned, and managed** Savings and Credit Cooperative Organizations with over 40,000 members **managing more than \$1.4 million.**
- One million national identity cards were obtained through the **My ID, My Life campaign.**
- Over 4 million youth were reached with **messages of peace.** Peace education and conflict resolution training and messages at the village level contributed to **peaceful 2013 general elections.**

### **Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Mandela Washington Fellowship**

- President Barack Obama's legacy initiative to invest in the next generation of African leaders as they spur growth and prosperity, strengthen democratic governance, and enhance peace and security across Africa.
- YALI's flagship program, the Mandela Washington Fellowship, provides skills and support for **outstanding young leaders from sub-Saharan Africa** at U.S. higher education institutions and upon their return to home.
- **23 U.S. institutes** of higher education have hosted 1,000 Mandela Washington Fellows to date.
- Over the past two years, **86 young leaders from Kenya** have participated in the program.

### **Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Regional Leadership Center East Africa**

- The YALI Regional Leadership Center East Africa is the **first Regional Leadership Center** to open on the Continent.
- **560 young leaders from across 14 countries** are being trained in the first year of the project.
- On-line training platform is expected to reach **2,050 young people** per year.
- International and regional institutions including **Arizona State University, Dartmouth University, Equity Bank, Kenyatta University, and GE** provide interactive and experiential curriculum.