



YOUTH IN ACTION BURKINA FASO

OVERVIEW

Youth in Action (YiA) was a six-year learning and livelihood program. In partnership with Mastercard Foundation, the program improved the socio-economic status of over 40,000 out-of-school youth, girls and boys, aged 12-18 in rural Burkina Faso, Egypt, Ethiopia, Malawi and Uganda. YiA invested in building and enhancing rural young people's foundational and life skills, social assets, and knowledge. The program built key partnerships to address barriers to young people's participations, including access to local markets and gender-based barriers.

In Burkina Faso, YiA reached 4567 young people (45% female), age 15 to 18, living in the rural communities in the Boucle de Mouhoun, Cascades, and Hauts Basins regions in western Burkina Faso.

KEY PROGRAM RESULTS

SELF-EMPLOYMENT SKILLS



WORK



OWNED A BUSINESS

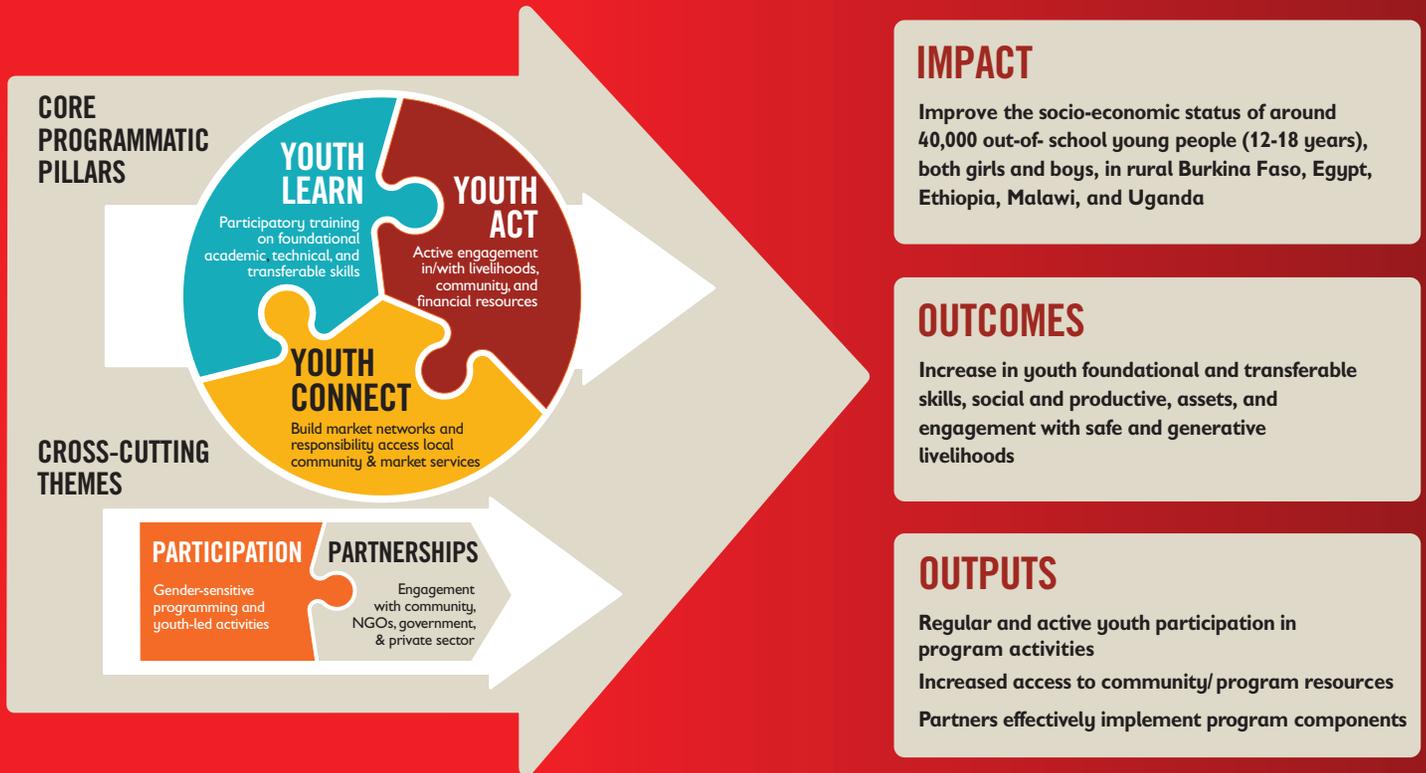


SAVINGS



These results are based on YiA's research, including program outcome studies and tracer studies.

YOUTH IN ACTION THEORY OF CHANGE



WHY WORK IN BURKINA FASO WITH RURAL OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH?

Burkina Faso is home to a young population – **65% of Burkinabes are under 24**. The majority of these youth live in rural areas. Overall, **70% of Burkina Faso's population is rural**. Rural youth in Burkina Faso and around the world have aspirations and dreams of who they want to be in the future and within their communities. Out-of-school rural youth in Burkina Faso have strong potential and many seek to work in the agricultural sector. However, coupled with limited socio-economic opportunities, they also lack access to opportunities to build the necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes as well as access to financial services that could support them to realize their dreams and to be agents of change.

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