



# YOUTH IN ACTION EGYPT

## 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 Egypt, YiA reached over 8600 youth (54% females) in two age groups (12-14 & 15-18), in rural communities of Assiut in Upper Egypt and Al Sharqia, in the Delta region.**

## KEY PROGRAM RESULTS

### LITERACY

**50%** of youth are able to read with comprehension after YiA compared to **10%** before YiA



### OWN A BUSINESS



**77%** of youth own a business after YiA compared to **4%** before YiA

### WORK



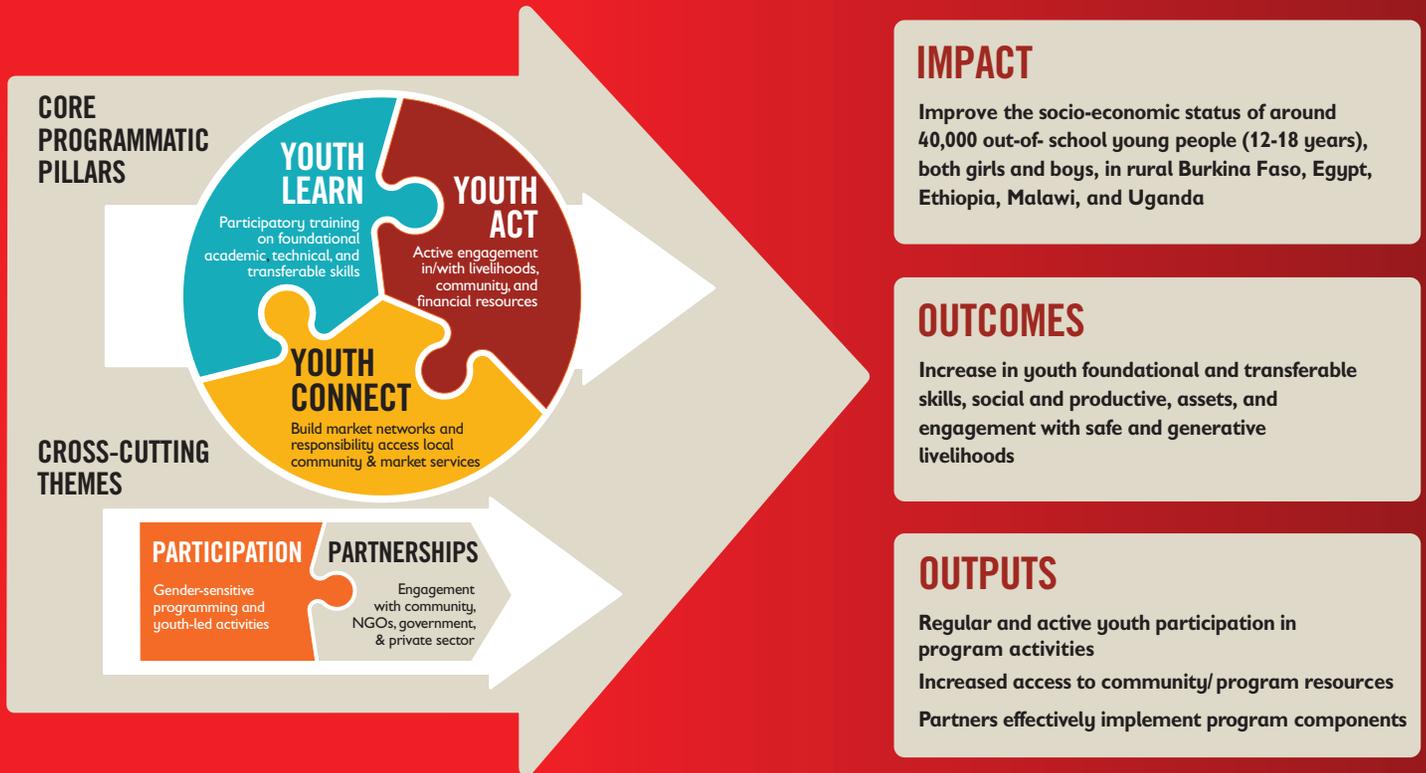
**85% FEMALE** youth work after YiA compared to **13%** before YiA

### SAVINGS



**70%** of youth save after YiA compared to **35%** before YiA

# YOUTH IN ACTION THEORY OF CHANGE



## WHY WORK IN EGYPT WITH RURAL OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH?

Egypt is home to a young population – **over half of Egyptians are under 24** and more than half of these youth live in poverty. Many of these youth live in rural areas. Overall, **70% of Egypt's population is rural**. Rural youth in Egypt 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 Egypt have strong potential and many seek to work in the agricultural sector. However, coupled with limited socio-economic opportunities, many out-of-school rural youth also lack access to opportunities to build the necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes as well as financial services that could support them to realize their dreams and to be agents of change.

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