



YOUTH IN ACTION ETHIOPIA

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 Ethiopia, YiA reached 8887 youth (45% female), age 14-18, in rural communities in the Amhara region (Gidan, Gubalafto, Habru and Raya Kobo).

KEY PROGRAM RESULTS

LITERACY



40% of youth are able to read with comprehension after YiA

compared to **10%** before YiA

FINANCIAL LITERACY



76% of youth have high financial literacy skills after YiA

compared to **12%** before YiA

OWN A BUSINESS



89% of youth own a business after YiA

compared to **28%** before YiA

SAVINGS

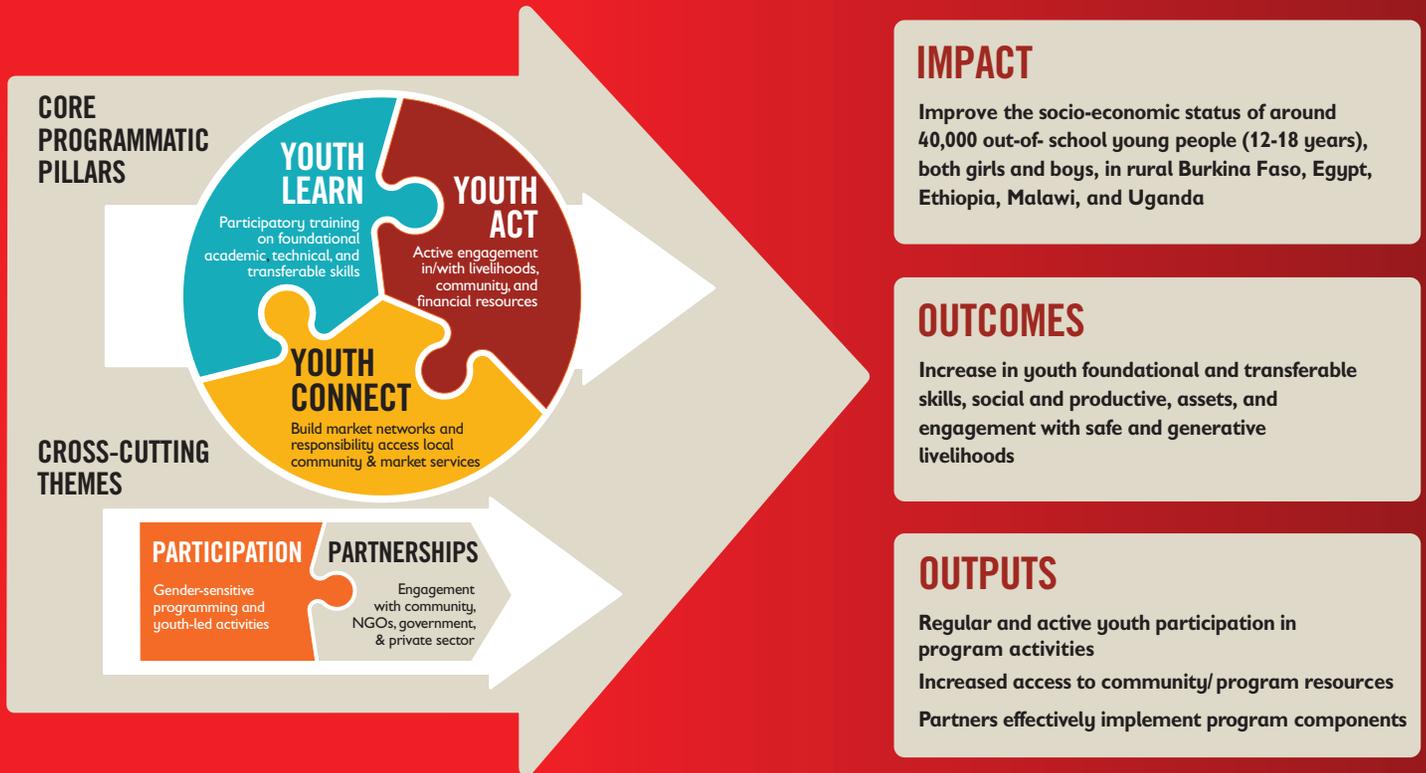


(Dollar value) increased **7 TIMES** per youth

92% of youth save money after YiA

compared to **34%** before YiA

YOUTH IN ACTION THEORY OF CHANGE



WHY WORK IN ETHIOPIA WITH RURAL OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH?

Ethiopia is home to a young population – **64% of Ethiopians are under 24**. The majority of these youth live in rural areas. **Overall, 80% of Ethiopia's population is rural**. Agriculture in Ethiopia is the foundation of the nation's economy. Rural youth in Ethiopia 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 Ethiopia 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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