



YOUTH IN ACTION MALAWI

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 Malawi, YiA reached 7145 youth (46% female), age 15-18, living in rural communities in Mchinji, Ntchisi, Kasungu and Rumphi districts in the Central Region of Malawi.

KEY PROGRAM RESULTS

FINANCIAL LITERACY

64% of youth have high financial literacy skills after YiA compared to **22%** before YiA



ACCESS TO CREDIT

43% of youth have access to credit after YiA compared to **23%** before YiA

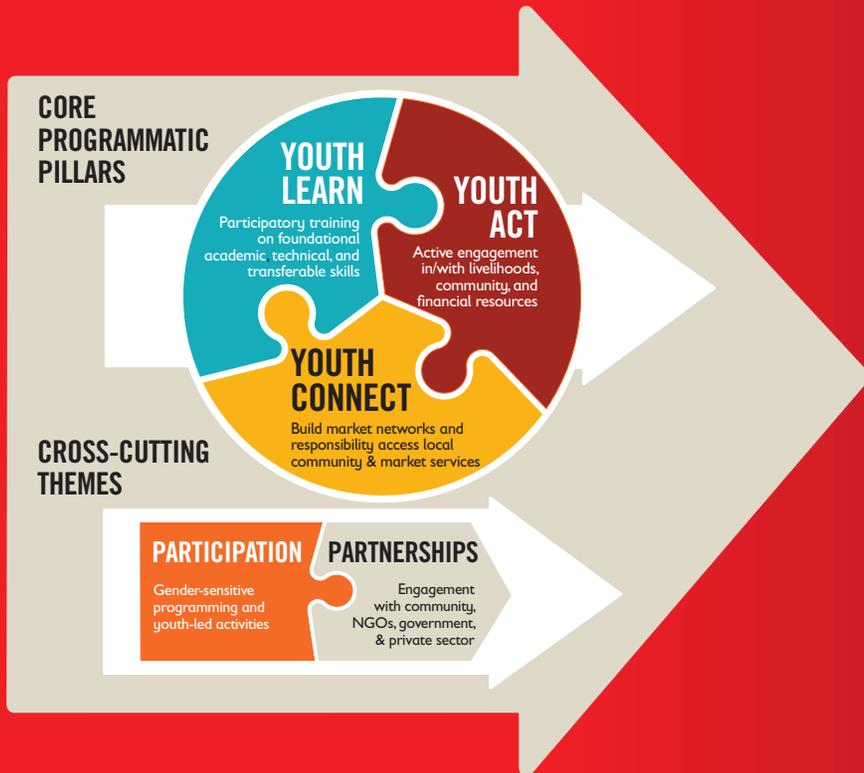


SAVINGS

52% of youth have adequate savings after YiA compared to **17%** before YiA



YOUTH IN ACTION THEORY OF CHANGE



IMPACT

Improve the socio-economic status of around 40,000 out-of-school young people (12-18 years), both girls and boys, in rural Burkina Faso, Egypt, Ethiopia, Malawi, and Uganda

OUTCOMES

Increase in youth foundational and transferable skills, social and productive, assets, and engagement with safe and generative livelihoods

OUTPUTS

Regular and active youth participation in program activities
Increased access to community/program resources
Partners effectively implement program components



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

Malawi is home to a young population – **66% of Malawians are under 24**. The majority of these youth live in rural areas. **Overall, 84% of Malawi's population is rural**. The agricultural sector is the single largest contributor to the economy. Rural youth in Malawi 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 Malawi 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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