



YOUTH IN ACTION UGANDA

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 Uganda, YiA reached 11,310 youth (54% female) from two age groups (12-13 and 14-18) in rural communities in Kasese, Bundibugyo, Ntoroko, and Kabarole districts in western Uganda.

KEY PROGRAM RESULTS

FINANCIAL LITERACY

After completing YiA

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youth reported high levels of financial literacy

WORK

91% of youth work after YiA



compared to

64%



before YiA

SAVINGS



90% of youth save after YiA

compared to

53%

before YiA

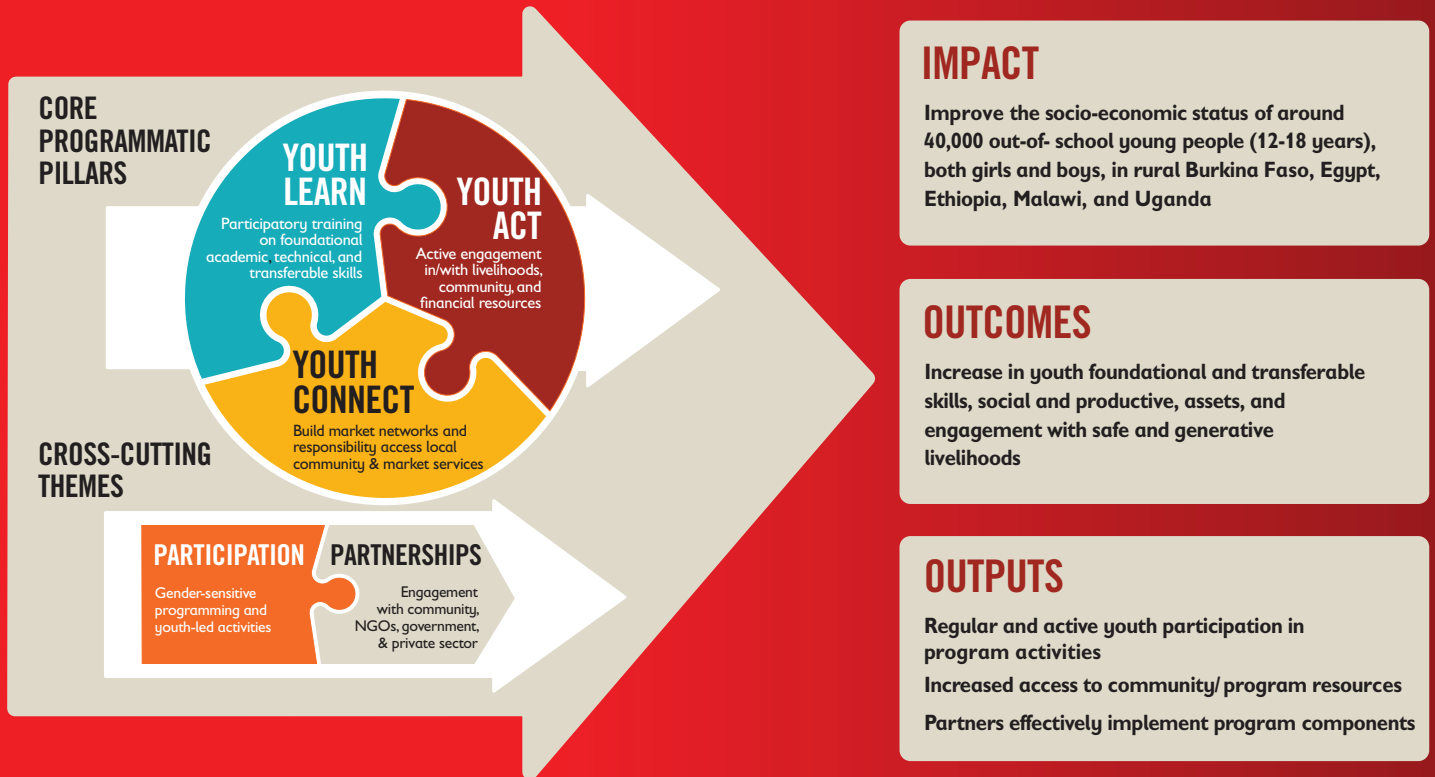
DAILY EARNING

Youth's daily income nearly

DOUBLED after YiA



YOUTH IN ACTION THEORY OF CHANGE



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

Uganda is home to the world's youngest population – **70% of Ugandans are under 24**. The majority of these youth live in rural areas. Overall, **83% of Uganda's population is rural**. 70% of Uganda's labour force is in the agriculture sector. Rural youth in Uganda 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 Uganda 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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