SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A QUALITY EDUCATION

As of 2017, 64 million children of primary school age were out of school, up from just under 61 million in 2012. 54 percent of these children live in sub-Saharan Africa. Those children who are in school do not always receive a quality education. In sub-Saharan Africa, approximately 50 per cent of the population is under the age of 18. This presents a unique opportunity to leverage the skills, resources and capacities of millions of children and adolescents, and support even greater progress and new growth opportunities for them and the societies in which they live.

Schools for Africa is a partnership among UNICEF, Peter Krämer Stiftung and the Nelson Mandela Foundation, that is helping millions of children access a quality education. By providing funds to support this critical program, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International — a professional organization of women educators and a longstanding UNICEF USA partner — is helping to secure a brighter future for Africa’s children.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

With Support from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Others, the Schools for Africa Program is achieving the following results:

- Reaching over 30 million children

- Increasing access to basic quality education in 21 countries across Africa: Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda.

- Improving access to quality basic education through inclusive and healthy schools; gender-sensitive education; qualified teacher and child-centered pedagogy; and safe and schools.

- Promoting greater involvement of communities in children’s early learning and well-being through parental education.

- Increasing access to and quality of informal learning programs and education for children in emergencies.

- Using an equity strategy to increase education rates for girls, rural and urban poor, ethnic minorities and children with disabilities.
UNICEF’S WORK WITH EDUCATION

For more than 70 years, UNICEF has worked to provide every boy and girl around the world with an education. Substantial strides have been made in recent years, and UNICEF’s experience and influence with governments are helping to create lasting and sustainable change. Despite progress, too many children in Africa are still unable to attend school. With strong partners like Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, we can reach the day when all children – no matter their birthplace or circumstances – can grow up to lead healthy, safe, and productive lives. With your support, UNICEF can provide quality education to the most disadvantaged children in Africa. Thank you very much for considering a gift to UNICEF’s Schools for Africa campaign.

UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION

Tsadkan is a dedicated pre-school teacher at Mequat Primary School in Ethiopia. With the support of UNICEF and its partners, she is laying the foundation of her students, such as Abel, 6. Abel loves to school and because he gets to “play with his friends”. Like Abel, children enrolled in at least one year of pre-primary education are more likely to develop the critical skills they need to succeed in school. Despite limited resources, these students are lucky to have a teacher like Tsadkan who is passionate and skillful. Tsadkan believes in every child’s potential and teaches her students through song and play. By providing students like Abel access to trained teachers such as Tsadkan in a quality learning environment, Schools for Africa is empowering children to realize their rights and dreams.

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