

Global Education

FHI 360 believes change happens from within. Within systems. Within institutions. Within people. Our job is to help catalyze that change.



Our goal is to ensure that children learn. But we know education systems are as complex, dynamic and diverse as the people who run them and the children they serve. There are no simple solutions, and there are no one-size-fits-all approaches. To achieve our goal, we help to build sustainable systems at scale with ministries, schools, classrooms, teachers and students all operating in alignment.

The global education experts at FHI 360 have worked for decades in over 65 countries as trusted partners in education. Together with government actors, school leaders, teachers, parents, communities, and students, we look across systems to identify and address barriers to learning and generate incentives that improve education outcomes.

FHI 360 deploys international best practices in data collection, data analysis, program evaluation and research in order to build the capacity of institutions and partners to reform policies, manage change and advance learning. Using adult learning strategies, we place particular emphasis on developing the skills, knowledge and abilities of teachers, who are the critical link between students and learning.

Focus Areas

We apply our expertise with a particular focus on:

Early Grade Literacy. Using a holistic, systemic and child-centered approach, our interventions strengthen the ability of schools, teachers and communities to help children master the core foundational skills of literacy.

Youth and Secondary Education. As the global youth population grows and the number of students completing primary school increases, we are fueling innovative efforts to improve and support host countries' formal education systems for middle grades and beyond.

Education in Post-Conflict Environments. We work alongside governments to build capacity, enabling states to establish or reestablish systems and institutions that secure young people's right to learn.

Information for Evidence-Based Decision Making. We collaborate with every level of government and diverse stakeholders to improve the collection, analysis, reporting and exchange of accurate and timely education data and information for balanced, prompt and effective action.



FHI 360 places the child and the learning process at the center of any reform, and then addresses the factors that affect a child's ability to learn, including the elements in this wheel. In all our work, we advance gender equity, promote inclusive education and use appropriate technology to enhance learning.



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Impact

Public-Private Partnership. FHI 360 has made quality learning the lynchpin of education transformation in Equatorial Guinea. Our partnership with the Government of Equatorial Guinea and Hess Corporation has improved primary school outcomes using Active Schools, a child-centered approach originating in Colombia. FHI 360 has used this approach for almost two decades to improve educational opportunity for rural communities in Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Peru. In Equatorial Guinea, our Active Schools intervention targets the first grade and focuses on curriculum, standards, promotion criteria, effective teaching and active learning. This approach, reinforced by reliable data, has helped lower first grade repetition rates nationwide by 7 percentage points over four years.

Collaboration and Capacity Building in Ethiopia. FHI 360's team of experts has worked hand-in-hand with the Ministry of Education and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) continuously since 1995. Together, we have built the capacity of teachers, ministry staff, district staff and communities to decentralize school management, supervise teachers and promote gender equity. The School Principals' Training Program has led to significant improvements by engaging teachers, students and families in common educational goals. For example, at Toka Primary School, in a single year, the dropout rate declined to zero and the 8th grade promotion rate increased from 25 to 67 percent.

Gender Equity & Girls' Education. FHI 360 works to close gender gaps in educational opportunity, quality, performance and achievement. Our gender-focused programs give girls and boys the tools they need to complete school, transition to work and become leaders in their families and communities. The USAID-funded Yemen basic education program reduced girls' dropout rates by an average of 10 to 20 percent in target schools and increased girls' transfer to and attendance at secondary schools. The program trains teachers, builds safer schools and establishes mothers' and fathers' councils to achieve broad-based support for girls' education. Additionally, over 200,000 girls and boys now serve on student councils funded by the Middle East Partnership Initiative, transcending gender barriers and working together for a common good in their communities. By removing gender-based obstacles to education and equality, we improve public health, achieve social justice and promote economic development.

Technology for Education. We leverage appropriate and sustainable technology to accelerate impact. Data collectors now use mobile phones to survey, photograph and map schools, even in crisis-afflicted countries. Teachers access content and e-learning modules on web portals or from local servers, accessible even during Internet outages. The Kosovo Basic Education Program (BEP) is funded by USAID and the Government of Kosovo to strengthen institutional capacity in the education sector and improve the quality of primary education. To augment and solidify the program's progress, BEP also equips schools with state-of-the art professional development centers and model 21st century classrooms designed to promote the integration of technology into teaching and learning. We help our partners leapfrog over outmoded methods into the 21st century.

About FHI 360: FHI 360 is a nonprofit human development organization dedicated to improving lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions. Our staff includes experts in health, education, nutrition, environment, economic development, civil society, gender, youth, research and technology — creating a unique mix of capabilities to address today's interrelated development challenges. FHI 360 serves more than 60 countries, all 50 U.S. states and all U.S. territories.