

Globally, schools are an important platform for the delivery of cultural relations, offering engagement with clearly defined and large groups of policy makers, practitioners and aspirants in every country.

Our schools programme

We connect the UK schools sector to others around the world – including Sub-Saharan Africa – to enrich education, build international understanding and trust, and promote global citizenship.

Programme objectives

- Enhance global learning and global citizenship in schools through intercultural exchange, encouraging volunteerism and sharing, and developing skills.
- Enhance practitioner skills enabling them to learn from other practice in order to raise standards and provide better educational outcomes for young people.
- Support wider education reform processes aimed at raising standards, influence policy and practice globally by being delivered in partnership with ministries and other key stakeholders.
- Make more efficient and creative use of digital technology, by providing a forum for international engagement and global learning in schools worldwide.

Our schools programme contributes to wider efforts to achieve development, security and prosperity worldwide, and will inspire teachers, school leaders and students to develop skills to contribute to a global society.

What we have achieved so far

- We have engaged 3400 schools; 200 local education authorities; 68,000 teachers, 2.5 million students through **143** school partnerships across 20 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa;
- We have engaged with national education policy makers, creating a dialogue about international strategies in education and the development of global citizens;
- We have enriched teachers with skills to understand and support internationalism within the learning experience of learners.

Opportunities for partnership

- There is an opportunity for partner organisations to engage with British Council in achieving programme objectives that are of mutual benefit.
- Partners can engage with schools in carrying out short term and long term projects on specific themes. Schools work on joint curriculum projects that focus on:

✓ Arts and culture	✓ HIV/AIDS awareness
✓ English and languages	✓ Climate
✓ Sciences	✓ Sports
✓ Global citizenship / ethics / morality	✓ Life skills, entrepreneurial and business skills
✓ Environment, school gardens, agriculture	✓ ICT skills for teachers and students

How this will be achieved

- By forming collaborative and sustainable partnerships with schools and education stakeholders, to work on continued professional development for teachers and school leaders, improving the variety, quality of teaching and learning methodologies and resources.
- By engaging with national education policy makers, creating a dialogue about international strategies in education and the development of global citizens.
- By providing schools across SSA access to computers and internet through the setting up of digital hubs in specific schools, availing learning resources and offering professional development focusing on ICT skills.

Find out more: <http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/regions/ssa>

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