



# World Learning Europe

Education | Development | Exchange

## *EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH*

### **Overview**

Of the world's 650 million school-aged children, 120 million will not reach fourth grade and an additional 130 million will fail to learn basic skills like literacy and numeracy. High dropout and repetition rates, in combination with contextual barriers—such as poverty, conflict, gender, language, and disability—compound this problem. Improving educational opportunities for all children and youth, particularly the most vulnerable and disadvantaged, is essential to the growth of human potential worldwide. [World Learning Europe](#) and our founding partner [World Learning, Inc.](#) each believe that education is the driving force behind positive, sustainable development.

### **Approach**

[World Learning Europe](#) supports the development of more inclusive, equitable, and responsive education systems that meet the needs of all children and youth. The core theme of World Learning Europe's approach to education is capacity development—empowering individuals and institutions to define and create change for themselves. To achieve this goal, our programs target a range of educational needs including teacher professional development, school and community linkages, English language and first language literacy improvement, stakeholder engagement with policymakers, and curriculum reform.

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The World Learning family works across a range of countries and contexts.

- In **Lebanon**, our overarching goal is to support the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in improving the performance of the Lebanese public school system
- In **Egypt**, World Learning, Inc. works with the Ministry of Education to develop science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) model schools that serve as a catalyst for change in system-wide education reform.

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- To address the needs of orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS in **Ethiopia**, World Learning, Inc. builds the capacity of primary schools to manage their care and support, and links them with existing services in their local communities.
- In **Peru**, World Learning, Inc. combats exploitative child labor by improving access to and the quality of education, helping families reduce dependence on income generated from child labor, and supporting policies to eradicate child labor.
- To increase the relevance of education for youth in **Algeria and Egypt**, World Learning, Inc. develops workforce readiness and English language skills in young people who are preparing to enter the job market.

Our success stems from three main approaches:

1. A focus on experiential learning that results in long-lasting change
2. An emphasis on locally identified activities that make education more available and relevant
3. A sensitivity to the educational needs of vulnerable children and youth, including child laborers, those with HIV/AIDS, affected by conflict and violence, and those excluded by gender, disability, or ethnicity.

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