Innovation for Education projects launch

Projects are up and running all over Rwanda as part of Innovation for Education, a major opportunity to test new ideas to improve the quality of education in Rwanda. The aim of Innovation for Education is to demonstrate effective and equitable ways of improving children’s learning.

As from now, innovations are being implemented and tested on the ground in classrooms, schools and other educational institutions over a two-year period. A range of civil society and other organisations from within Rwanda and internationally are piloting 26 innovative projects that have the potential to be adopted by the government and implemented on a nationwide scale.

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Projects are closely aligned to the government’s Education Sector Strategic Plan. Together, they address a range of issues across six strategic themes designed to tackle the main challenges faced by Rwanda’s educational system. Projects vary by type, size and origin, and range from ‘eTeacher Training at Teacher Training Colleges’ to ‘Keeping Girls at School’ to the ‘Mubyeyi, Tera Intambwe! (Parents, Step In!) Initiative.'
Learning from the evidence

The 26 projects are linked by a strong focus on evidence collection. Each project will collect data to assess the impact that the project is having on children’s education. Those findings will be judged against the cost effectiveness of the project, and whether it can be scaled up by government.

The evidence we gather will provide data that can be shared in order to enable learning both on successful projects and on those facing challenges. Innovation for Education is committed to supporting the government to identify successful innovations and use them in its own programme.

I believe innovations can really make a difference and bring positive change in Rwandan classrooms”

Sharon Haba, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Rwanda

“The projects under Innovation for Education will provide evidence of ‘what works’. This will help the Ministry of Education to get more children into school, whilst also improving what they learn in the classroom.

Gemma Wilson-Clark, Education Adviser, DFID Rwanda

26 projects

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Innovation for Education projects must focus on improving the quality of education within one or more of six thematic areas: accountability and empowerment; inclusive education; climate change and environment; effective teaching and learning; skills development; and use of appropriate technologies in education.
**EFFECTIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING**

1. Improving the Quality of Education through Active Learning in Rwanda – *Red en Kind*
2. Emergent Literacy and Maths Initiative (ELMI) – *Save the Children*
3. Improving Learning Outcomes Through Language Supportive Textbooks and Pedagogy – *Bristol University*
4. Enhancing Teacher Effectiveness Through Mentor Supported Autonomous Language Learning – *British Council*
5. KnowZone Rwanda – *The Mediae Company Ltd*
6. Rwandan Children’s Book Initiative (RCBI) – *Save the Children*
7. Gasabo School Development Program – *Wellspring Foundation for Education*
8. Mentorship Community of Practice – *FHI 360*

**SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

9. Coaching School Leadership to achieve high level learning outcomes – *V0B*
10. Improving Teacher-Librarian Education in Rwanda – *Information Training & Outreach Centre for Africa (ITOCA)*
11. Promoting spatial thinking in natural resource management through community mapping: the case of urban and rural secondary schools – *Rochester Institute of Technology*
12. Set up of Rubengera Technical Secondary School (RTSS) – *Communauté de Dianconesses "Aba ba Kristo"*
13. AfiaAcademy – Association of Microfinance Institutions in Rwanda

**ACCOUNTABILITY AND EMPOWERMENT**

15. Mubyeyi, Tera Intambwe! Initiative (Parents, Step In!) – *IMBUTO Foundation*
16. Ndi Hano! (Here I am!) : Daily teacher and pupil attendance management using SMS reporting – *Education for Change*
17. Improving the quality of primary and lower secondary education in Rwanda through community engagement in the management of School resources – *Transparency Rwanda*

**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

18. Keeping Girls at School (KGAS) – *CARE International*
19. Inclusive futures in Rwanda: establishing and applying a set of national standards and norms in inclusive education – *Handicap International*
20. Achieving Learning Outcomes for All (ALOA) – *VSO*
21. Early Childhood Care-giver Professional Development and Certification Program – *Education Development Center Inc, EDC*
22. Inclusive Education Partnerships for Awareness-raising Consultation and Training (IE PACT) - *Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Rwanda*

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT**

23. Empowering Rwandan Education Professionals to deepen environmental protection and climate change through “Green School Initiatives” – *ARAMA*

**USE OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES IN EDUCATION**

24. Teacher Self-Learning Academy – *PLAN International*
25. eTeacher Training at Teacher Training Colleges – *MKFC Economical Association*
26. iWitness in Rwanda: Developing Critical Thinking and Promoting Positive Values using Internet-based Resources – *AEGIS Trust*
Innovation for Education in context

Innovation for Education is a key element of the Rwandan Ministry of Education’s (MINEDUC) programme and the iFE team is based in MINEDUC’s Kigali headquarters. Innovation for Education is a partnership between the UK Government and the Government of Rwanda. The UK Government was keen to see innovative organisations receiving funds for projects that support the Government of Rwanda in generating and testing new, different ideas that address key challenges in the sector at all levels. The Innovation for Education project portfolio represents a total value of GBP 11.9 million.

The 26 projects were selected from 39 proposals, shortlisted from an initial 150 expressions of interest. More about the selection criteria and procedures are available on the Innovation for Education web pages: www.mineduc.gov.rw/innovation

In my ‘dream classroom’ students are helping and teaching other students.”

Secondary Student, Kigali

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Innovation for Education is an opportunity to test new ideas to improve the quality of education in Rwanda. The aim is to demonstrate effective and equitable ways of improving children’s learning. Civil society and the private sector will be supported to pilot innovative projects with the potential to be adopted by the government and implemented on a nationwide scale.

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