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Expertise France AND **Youth**



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27

projects ongoing in 2023

€105 M

multi-year commitment
in 2023

Youth is a flagship theme of the transformational agenda implemented by the French Government to set new bases for bilateral relations between France and the recipient countries of development assistance. Through the assistance provided to young people, Expertise France's objective is to increase access to education and the capacity for entrepreneurship and innovation, and improve participation in economic life.

Know-how in Common

Youth at Expertise France

Vocational training for young people

About 60% of Africa's population is under 25 and this figure reaches 70% for Sub-Saharan African countries. Furthermore, according to the UN, about 75 million young people are currently unemployed around the world, representing almost 15% of this section of the population in 2022. ILO studies have also highlighted the significant gap between women and men in access to employment: young men are 1.5 times more likely than young women to be employed.

The demographic challenge requires supporting the economic and social integration of these young people. There is also a need to ensure that the skills of these human resources match the needs of the companies that create employment opportunities in countries. The aim of developing technical and vocational training opportunities is therefore to meet the skills needs of the private sector, while providing young people with access to decent jobs and ensuring their long-term employability. This issue is especially important in view of the energy and digital transitions that require well-trained men and women.

Expertise France helps partner countries manage vocational training policies and develop or overhaul vocational training, based on the needs of companies in high-potential sectors. It also assists young people towards employment and entrepreneurship, with a particular focus on the economic empowerment of women.

Entrepreneurship: innovation and technology as a vehicle for integration and transformation

Expertise France helps develop and structure entrepreneurial ecosystems. It thereby fosters the creation of companies that generate wealth and employment. Its activities are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and national strategies for private sector development.

For several years, Expertise France has been focusing on innovation to retain skilled young people considering leaving their country to achieve their ambitions. This is a considerable loss for future economies and the socioeconomic transformational effects that this youth could bring.

Expertise France supports innovative ecosystems by financing incubation programmes and fostering the emergence of innovation hubs. It also helps create vertical support structures in areas such as artificial intelligence, blockchains and the use of geospatial data. It thereby allows young people to invest in the future of their country.

Education and sport

Education is one of the crucial issues concerning youth. But a very large number of children have not yet gained access to quality education. For example, in Sub-Saharan Africa, more than one fifth of children between the ages of 6 and 11 are out of school and this figure reaches one third for children between the ages of 12 and 14.

Major inequalities between girls and boys are also one of the central education issues in developing countries. Girls have lower enrolment ratios than boys at all levels of education. In low-income countries, only 36% of girls complete secondary education, against 44% of boys.

Access to education is threatened in a number of geographical areas weakened by conflicts which prevent children from completing their schooling. It is estimated that about 450 million children were living in conflict-affected areas in 2020, preventing a continuous education pathway.

Sport is also a driver of social inclusion and education for young people. Expertise France, along with AFD and the NBA, is working along these lines in several African countries through the "Basketball Experience" education project.

Expertise France is helping several ministries in charge of primary and secondary education improve the quality of education provision and facilitate access to it for all. This includes assisting the management of the sector and strengthening teacher training.



Child health

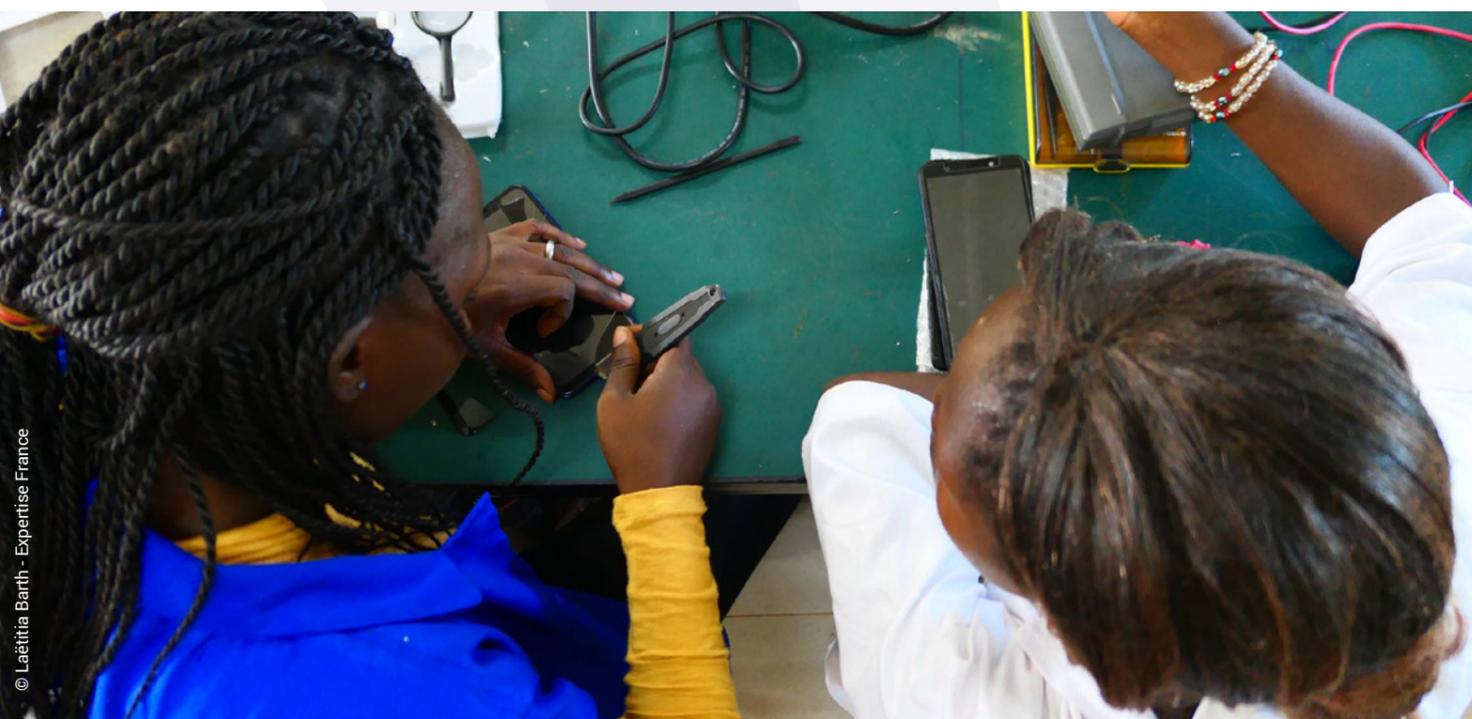
Access to healthcare in early childhood is especially important, but remains far from adequate in a number of regions, in particular in developing countries. It is for this reason that Expertise France takes a great interest in the issue.

The theme of child health can be broken down into several main areas. Reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health is an important issue in ensuring a holistic approach to youth healthcare. There are still major needs in developing countries, despite the significant progress achieved. This issue is especially important as it includes child and maternal health, as well as family planning and the detection of certain diseases (such as sexually transmitted diseases), making it possible to treat them better.

According to WHO, there has been progress in child health in Africa, with an annual decline in the child mortality rate of 3%. However, much effort is still needed to reach a satisfactory level. At this rate, the child mortality rate will reach 54 deaths per 1,000 live births by 2030, which is still too high compared to the objective of only 25 deaths per 1,000 live births. This clearly shows the need to deepen efforts for child health. There has been remarkable progress in certain areas in recent years, such as the under-five mortality rate (-35%) and maternal mortality (-28%). But recent studies show that there has been a relative slowdown in these improvements. With the end of the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, it is important to step up efforts to achieve more satisfactory results.

Sexual and reproductive rights are also an important vehicle for improving youth healthcare services. These rights, which include protection against genital mutilation, the right to protection and the right to family planning, are often violated in many parts of the world. It is therefore essential to insist that these rights, which are central to gender equality and the health of young people, be respected.

Finally, access to health services for young people also requires the development of research organisations in the field of health. Developing medical innovation at local level will ensure that there is a sustainable and resilient improvement in health services, and this transformation can in particular be achieved through young people.



Supporting youth in our partner countries

#1

Reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health

MAURITANIA

TEMEYOUZ – IMPROVING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

2020-2024 | €7 M | Agence Française de Développement

The Temeyouz project aims to increase access to basic services for people, especially for maternal and child health, at national level and in fragile regions in the east of the country.

MULTI-COUNTRY AFRICA

TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT TO STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR ADOLESCENTS AND GIRLS INFECTED OR AFFECTED BY HIV

2023-2026 | €1.7 M | Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

This project aims to help reduce morbidity and mortality among adolescents and young people living with HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa.

NIGER

IMPROVING THE SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NIAMEY AND MARADI

2023-2026 | € 1.7 M | Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

This project aims to improve access to sexual and reproductive health rights for adolescents and young people, in particular adolescent girls and young girls in Niger, and thereby contribute to reducing risks of HIV/AIDS infection among young people.

GUINEA

SUPPORT FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND HEALTH

2023-2026 | €10 M | Agence Française de Développement

Through this project, Expertise France aims to contribute to the empowerment of women and girls and to the reduction of gender inequalities, through a lasting improvement in:

- The knowledge of young people and adolescents about rights through a gender approach
- Their access to sexual health services tailored to their specific and different needs.

GUINEA

SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR STRENGTHENING THE HEALTH SYSTEM (PASA 2)

2019-2023 | €26.4 M | European Union

The Support Programme for Strengthening the Health System aims to strengthen governance in the health sector in Guinea and thereby improve the health status of the population, particularly for mothers and children under five.

#2

Sexual and reproductive rights and health

Supporting youth in our partner countries

#3

Vocational training

#4

Education

AFRICA

BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME "A FIELD, OUR FUTURE"

2019-2026 | €5 M | Agence Française de Développement

The project aims to develop the use of sport as a vehicle for education and awareness-raising via socio-educational programmes, which foster the acquisition of social skills and knowledge related to sustainable development themes by playing sport.

Under this project, Expertise France is supervising the implementation of socio-educational programmes and the management and capitalisation of this project. It aims to reach more than 80,000 young people through activities in four countries (Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria and Senegal).

ANGOLA

RETFOP - BOOSTING TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2017-2023 | €9 M | European Union

With this project, Expertise France is providing technical assistance to the Angolan Ministry of Labour, more specifically the National Institute for Employment and Vocational Training (INEFOP). The objective is to improve the quality and relevance of training provision (technical and vocational education and training) in high-growth sectors of Angola's economy, mainly: energy, electronics, tourism, agribusiness, environment and fisheries.

It involves building the management capacities of public institutions at the central and local levels, and facilitating and supporting the transition of young women and men graduates towards the labour market.

MOROCCO

SABIL

2020-2023 | €150 M | Agence Française de Développement

This project is supporting the development of regional policies for youth employment in three regions in Morocco (Rabat-Sale-Kenitra, Tangiers-Tetouan-Al Hoceima, Souss-Massa).

The objectives are to increase the employability and inclusion of young people, promote the creation of productive jobs by stimulating entrepreneurship, and develop regional public policies for promoting employment.

LIBYA

RAQAM-E

2020-2022 | €1.1M | Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

The project aims to create a coding school in four municipalities in Libya (Benghazi, Misrata, Sebha, Tripoli), as well as a co-working space for "mumpreneurs", young women entrepreneurs with children between the age of 0 and 3 years, in Janzour.

Expertise France is working in partnership with the Libyan Ministry of Local Governance to set up these new facilities, train trainers in the schools, and create bootcamps for youth training.

SUDAN

EQUIP 2 - EDUCATION QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

2021-2024 | €9 M | European Union

The second phase of the Education Quality Improvement Programme in Sudan aims to continue to improve basic education quality and access in Sudan, with a focus on vulnerable groups.

Implemented in 18 regions in the country, EQUIP 2 will train 10,000 trainee teachers (pre-service training) and 4,500 teachers (in-service training).

COMOROS

KOMOR INITIATIVE – STRENGTHENING THE GUIDANCE-TRAINING-INTEGRATION CONTINUUM FOR YOUTH

2020-2025 | €11 M | Agence Française de Développement

The Komor Initiative aims to offer young out-of-school or unemployed Comorians seeking to rapidly enter into working life a sustainable vocational training and economic integration pathway in high-potential sectors of the economy, such as the craft industry, construction and agriculture.

Furthermore, Expertise France is supporting existing and emerging training and integration initiatives and is improving their sustainability (support for self-employment and entrepreneurship).

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