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FOREWORD

Education Above All Foundation has maintained its footprint as one of the pioneering foundations globally, committed to promoting and enabling the right to education. At EAA, we are committed to transform lives through targeted inclusive and equitable quality education for marginalised children and youth across the world. The EAA new strategy wave 4, spanning from 2024 to 2028, is to reach 32 million marginalised children and youth, in collaboration with global partners. To achieve such goal, the United Nations' 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG4, as a platform to work with our partners to contribute to achieving these goals.

This Annual Report provides a brief overview of the key achievements and highlights of EAA Foundation's different programmes in 2023. Our pursuit of innovation across all programmes has resulted in milestones like the launch of Educate A Child's new Zero Out of School Children Strategy. The launch exemplifies Educate A Child collaborative effort in enrolling over 12.3 million out of school children in quality primary education, giving them the chance of a better future. Reach Out To Asia, an EAA Foundation programme, revised its mandate to focus on education for climate action. The Innovation Development Programme delivered a response in Ukraine that included two innovations that focused on education in emergencies.

Globally, the year's worst tragedy was the conflict and educational crisis in Gaza. EAA Foundation through its Al Fakhoora Programme launched an immediate response that provided meals, clothes, mental health support, hygiene kits and university scholarships for the displaced victims in Gaza. Protect Education in Insecurity and Conflict (PEIC), an EAA programme, initiated global advocacy to protect education in Gaza from attack.

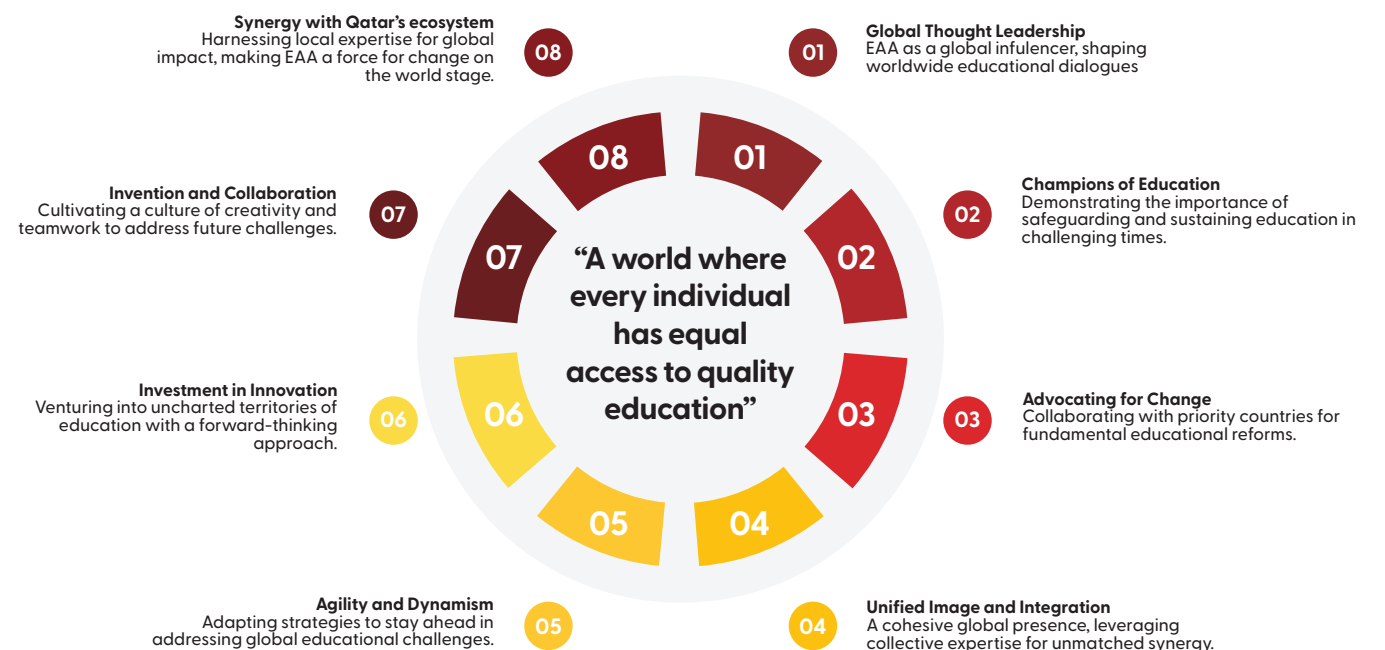
In Qatar, the Together Project continued to operate five Assalam Schools, benefiting over 3,600 children who were facing barriers to formal education. The project is now expanding with two additional Assalam Schools under development.

Strategic partnerships have been the key to EAA Foundation's growth and development across the world. In 2023, EAA Foundation was active in over 30 countries. As our interventions and global beneficiaries grow, there is an increasing urgency to bring quality education to the most marginalised out of school children and youth around the world. By exploring new multi-sector partnerships and strengthening existing ones, EAA Foundation is redoubling efforts to provide out of school children (OOSC) and youth with the opportunity to thrive through equitable, inclusive, quality education, despite multiple barriers.

EAA Wave 04: Strategy Vision for 2030 and beyond

**REACHING
32 MILLION
MARGINALISED
PEOPLE**

Wave 4 is EAA's new strategy for 2024-2028, which deepens its commitment to country-specific support, enhancing collaboration with governments and local organisations. Wave 4 significantly enhances EAA's approach to its mission, and emphasises greater integration between EAA programs, establishing a full ecosystem of intervention from primary education to employment opportunities. The overarching goal is to create a comprehensive and seamless educational journey for all beneficiaries, ensuring continuity and depth in EAA's



Strategies for Impact

Education Above All (EAA) adopts a comprehensive approach to delivering impactful educational outcomes, focusing on targeted, innovative strategies that drive change in underserved communities.

Removing Barriers to Education: EAA creates customized, innovative solutions to eliminate obstacles to education, ensuring that marginalized children access inclusive learning environments.

Advocating for Education Protection: Through policy engagement, advocacy, and legal support, EAA works to safeguard educational access and protect institutions and communities from attacks, promoting education as a top priority.

Fostering Collaborative Partnerships: EAA collaborates with governments, NGOs, and global institutions, strengthening its capacity to deliver education to those most in need and extending the reach of its programs.

Innovative Financing: EAA's sustainable funding model leverages diverse sources, including debt relief and education bonds, to address evolving educational needs and support long-term impact.

Monitoring and Evaluation: EAA emphasizes rigorous monitoring to continually assess program effectiveness, enabling ongoing learning, adaptation, and maximized impact.

These strategies underpin EAA's commitment to transforming education access and quality for marginalized communities worldwide.



EAA'S VISION, STRATEGY AND GOALS



VISION

A world where every individual has equal access to quality education and employment opportunities.



MISSION

Transforming lives by championing lifelong education that fosters employment opportunities and empowering the most vulnerable and marginalised populations.

CORE GOALS

Provide Quality Education

Ensure inclusive and equitable access to quality education

Promote and Protect the Right to Education

Advocate and campaign for the full implementation of the right to education with focus on accountability

MEANS

Beneficiaries

Continue emphasis on individuals and groups* who are hard to reach and marginalised and start using disaggregated data to measure progress on each of these groups.

These groups include disadvantaged sections of society, such as refugees, people with disabilities and children, as well as poor and fragile countries.

Interconnection (Multi-sector)

Position education as precondition and outcome of sustainable development and identify education-related synergies with other SDG-goals to build on integrated responses.

Results Orientation

Expand focus to include impact-oriented measures for all programmes.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023



780,000+

children enrolled or
trained in EAC's programmes



476

scholars with Al Fakhoora
scholarship who graduated



4,200

WASH facilities, classrooms
and schools constructed or
refurbished by EAC



8 million+

reach on EAA
social media channels



2,600+

Children enrolled by
the Together Project



2.1 billion+

media reach



4,947,562

beneficiaries enrolled in
ID educational programs

ENABLING THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION FOR THE MOST MARGINALISED CHILDREN

Millions of children and young people have no access to quality education around the world, mainly due to poverty and conflict. Education helps unlock these individuals' potential and enables the achievement of other Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2023, Educate A Child (EAC) continued to ensure access to education for the hardest to reach out of school children (OOSC) at the primary level around the world. OOSC face significant and often compounding barriers to education including poverty, discrimination, conflict, challenging geographies and climate change. Together with its dedicated partners, EAC is scaling up existing education projects, reinforcing its commitment to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG4) of achieving quality education for all by 2030.

While maintaining support for existing OOSC education interventions, EAC has committed to reaching an additional 1 million children every year. EAC is also implementing the forward-looking At-Risk Initiative to help prevent the most vulnerable children from dropping out of education. In addition, EAC's ZERO Strategy collaborates with governments from a small number of selected countries to bring their remaining primary OOSC populations into quality education.



INCREASE
QUALITY IN
EDUCATION

HIGHLIGHTS

100 PROJECTS AND COUNTING

In 2023, EAC crossed a significant milestone with the implementation of its 100th partnership project – Mott MacDonald Uganda – in partnership with FCDO. EAC also expanded the Zero OOSC: Educate Every Child approach to a fourth country, Rwanda. In partnership with Microsoft and UNICEF, EAC played a pivotal role in helping to shape the global Digital Transformation Collaborative, which is part of the Education Transformation Agenda, to prioritise data related to the education of the most marginalised. To date, EAC has partnered on 102 projects in 57 countries around the world, benefiting more than 12.4 million children

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

Successful outcomes are a result of strong partnerships, and partner engagement is embedded in all of EAC's work. In 2023, EAC continued to take a substantive role – often as technical lead – in EAA's innovative financing activities. This included critical engagement with the IMF, multi-lateral banks such as the World Bank, Islamic Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank and the Asian Development Bank, as well as long-term partnerships with the UN agencies, NGOs and other grass roots organisations.

EAC continued its long-standing relationship with the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) by serving as the Private Foundations representative on the Board of Directors' Performance, Impact and Learning Committee (PILC). EAC also represents the Foundation as a member of the Olympic Refugee Foundation (ORF) Think Tank.

A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH

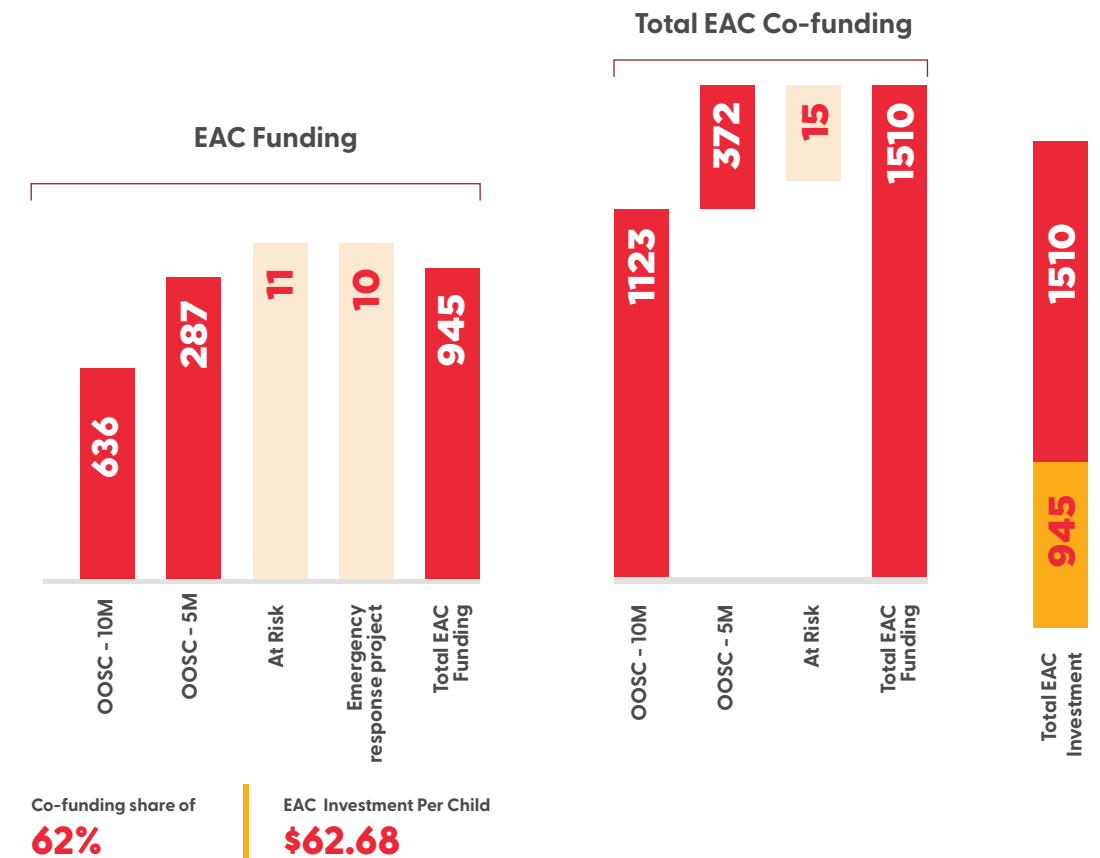
Sustainability and scalability are foundational to EAC's operations, and are a prerequisite for all joint projects. EAC supports its partners' efforts to build capacity and work in partnership with communities and government officials at all levels to ensure that outcomes are long-lasting with strategies designed to include sustainable tailored systems that are in line with the local context. EAC also uses global and national events as platforms to advocate for improved access to quality education for OOSC, increases in budgetary allocations and funding support for education for the most marginalised. The past year has further reinforced EAC's belief that strong national data systems that count every child are essential, along with multi-sectoral approaches to address diverse barriers.

Main Outcomes of EAC's Work

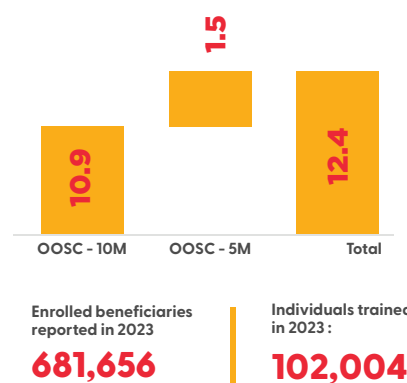
- Increased access to quality primary education
- Enhanced quality of primary education on offer
- Improved efficiency of education service delivery

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

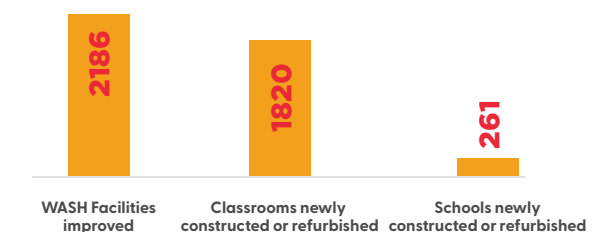
EAC Investment Breakdown by Initiative, USD Millions



Beneficiaries, #million Since inception



Infrastructure Improvements, # In 2023



EMPOWERING THE ASPIRATIONS OF FORCIBLY DISPLACED YOUTH

In the past year, Al Fakhoora significantly expanded its portfolio of projects and partners, impacting the lives of youth globally and locally through access to higher education, as well as leading the emergency response to the war on Gaza.

Al Fakhoora widened its range of scholarships, partnering and expanding its work with prestigious universities worldwide, including Oxford University in the UK, Sciences Po in France, and over 40 universities in the USA, including Cornell University, Bard College, Rutgers University and Penn State. This is part of the continuing effort to provide access to higher education for marginalised and refugee youth, and to promote the global agenda for equitable access to higher education.

Al Fakhoora believes beneficiaries deserve a voice and a “place at the table” to participate in discussions and decision-making directly affecting their lives and future. Al Fakhoora scholars participated in events throughout the world, including the LDC5 conference in Qatar, and the International Day to Protect Education from Attack, as part of the United Nations General Assembly, in the USA.

In December 2023, Al Fakhoora, leveraging its extensive experience in Gaza, took the lead in the response to the dire humanitarian crisis in Gaza. This comprehensive effort aims to provide immediate and practical support to over 233,000 children and youth affected by the ongoing conflict, including 100 scholarships for youth from Gaza who have had their higher education interrupted to complete their studies in Qatar.

HIGHLIGHTS

LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS

Al Fakhoora continued to leverage partnerships for its ongoing international Qatar Scholarship programme with the Institute for International Education, American University of Beirut, and Al-Quds Bard College, signing new agreements with Oxford University and Sciences Po. Locally,

Al Fakhoora initiated new partnerships for our Qatar Scholarship in Qatar programme with institutions such as UDST, ARIU, QU, Lusail University, Oryx University, QFBA, and GSI.

Al Fakhoora signed a new agreement supporting six refugees to pursue graduate studies in the Qatar Scholarship Program under the Sanctuary Scholarships in partnership with Oxford University.

Four new agreements were signed as part of the emergency response to the war on Gaza, in collaboration with MOFA, QFFD, AWQAF, UNICEF, UNFPA, Save the Children, QRC, QC, and UDST.

POLICY REFORM AND ADVOCACY

In 2023, Al Fakhoora made significant strides in advocating for equitable access to higher education for refugees and forcibly displaced youth. With approximately 108 million forcibly displaced people worldwide and only 7% having access to higher education, Al Fakhoora focused on policy reform to address this gap. Through projects, communications, and various events, Al Fakhoora strongly advocated for equitable access to higher education, which is vital for inclusion, fostering social, economic, and cultural development.

SUSTAINABILITY IN CRISIS

Al Fakhoora ensures the sustainability of its projects by partnering directly with educational institutions and addressing urgent needs in some of the most affected areas. In response to the recent Gaza crisis, Al Fakhoora launched the "Rebuilding Hope for Gaza" initiative, unveiling unprecedented interventions to address the dire situation. This comprehensive effort, aimed at supporting over 233,000 children and youth affected by the ongoing crisis, is structured around five key pillars:

- 01 Mental Health:**
Providing crucial mental health and psychosocial support to help children and youth cope with trauma.
- 02 Lifesaving Emergency and Education Support:**
Ensuring access to essential educational resources and emergency aid.
- 03 Community Initiatives:**
Facilitating hundreds of community-driven initiatives to foster resilience and recovery.
- 04 Hygiene Kits:**
Distributing hygiene kits to promote health and prevent disease outbreaks.
- 05 Scholarships for Youth:**
Offering scholarships to youth from Gaza whose higher education has been interrupted, enabling them to complete their studies in Qatar.

EXPANDING QATAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Al Fakhoora welcomed Qatar Scholarship recipients from the American University of Beirut to study at Qatar Foundation universities for one semester, in coordination with the American University of Beirut, Qatar Foundation, Texas A&M Qatar, and Carnegie Mellon University. Al Fakhoora also increased the Profession Certificate for Young Refugees programme by 50 beneficiaries, supported by Qatar Scholarship in partnership with Sciences Po.





KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

• **9,570**
scholarships awarded
since inception

• **98%**
retention
rate

• **476**
scholars
graduated

• **416**
new scholarship
recipients

• **1,132**
youth that have
participated in formal
and non-formal
education and training

ADVOCATING FOR THE PROTECTION OF EDUCATION IN CONFLICT

Protect Education in Insecurity and Conflict (PEIC), a programme of EAA Foundation, advocates to promote and protect the right to education in areas of crisis, conflict and insecurity. Since its inception in 2009, PEIC has partnered with global humanitarian and development entities to persuade decision-makers to prioritise the protection of the right to education during insecurity and conflict. At the same time, PEIC works to mobilise youth advocates on the grassroots level to promote just, peaceful and sustainable communities. In the year 2023, PEIC continued to accomplish remarkable achievements, underscored by impactful advocacy and strategic partnerships.

HIGHLIGHTS

GLOBAL ADVOCACY FOR 9 SEPTEMBER 2023

The #UniteToProtect campaign curated an exhibition during 9/9 at the United Nations in New York. The #UTP campaign had a global impact as it reached 62.2 million people in 50 countries, most prominently in Qatar, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

In partnership with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, PEIC led the development of a digital multi-media advocacy resource for the Human Rights of Young People (YES), which was launched on 9th September 2023 at the UN headquarters in New York. The YES system is available in English and translations will be available in Arabic, French and Spanish. In 2024, YES will be implemented in Colombia, Southern Africa and Palestine.

PEIC welcomed the 4th cohort of the Youth Advocates programme, an integral part of EAA. Ensuring diversity in experiences, interventions and expertise, a total of 16 advocates from different nationalities took part in multiple activities during the year such as EAA's 9/9 event, UNGA advocacy, WISE, COP28, while engaging in one-on-one dialogue with leading experts in education development.

WORLD INNOVATION SUMMIT ON EDUCATION

In partnership with Al Fakhoora, PEIC prepared and led the EAA plenary session at WISE 2023 titled: 'Education in Times of War', marking the International Day for Solidarity with the Palestinian People on 29th November 2023.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Number of shareholders engaged through advocacy in defense of the right to and protection of education

115

Number of key Global events with relevant participation/consultation

7

Number of reports & Publications released

6

GLOBAL ADVOCACY FOR THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION

As part of PEIC's global leadership on the collection and dissemination of timely verifiable data on attacks on education, PEIC partnered with UNESCO as a strategic data partner in coordinating among GCPEA and KOBO which led to the creation of a peer-reviewed and original index that measures and visualises the impact of attacks on education.

PEIC secured a partnership with the UN's OHCHR which led to the launch of an EAA-OHCHR-SILATECH Youth Advisory Board and the Youth Rights Advocacy Toolkit. A microsite YES: Youth Empowerment System was launched to make this toolkit more accessible, user-friendly and engaging.

Together with ROTA, PEIC partnered with the Whitaker Peace and Development Initiative (WPDI) on a project in South Sudan. PEIC also continued advocacy-based outreach to other organisations, especially the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD).



PROTECTING EDUCATION FROM ATTACK WORLDWIDE

The PEIC partnership with Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA) was strengthened by expanding the scope of law and accountability work. EAA through PEIC continued its prominent position in the coalition's steering committee.

PEIC is working with GCPEA on wider advocacy on a global scale, to motivate various members of the international community to rally for the safeguarding of the right to education.

PEIC is closely working with GCPEA to facilitate legal protection of the right to education; utilising field interventions for training and the resources commissioned to mobilise action for the protection of education.



EMPOWERING A NEW GENERATION THROUGH EDUCATION FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Over the past 15 years, Reach Out To Asia (ROTA) has helped empower over 1.5 million children and youth through education, and inspired them to play an active role in their communities and contribute to a sustainable future.

Supporting the integration of climate change education in schools in 2023, ROTA significantly focused on providing green skills for climate change for community-based youth education for climate change especially for refugee and community-based youth in green skills for climate action.

HIGHLIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

ROTA engaged in advocacy at 10 international events during the year 2023 including High Level Political Forum, WISE, UN General Assembly and Cop28.

GREEN YOUTH 360

In June 2023, ROTA and the Girl Child Network (GCN) launched a joint 3-year project in Kenya, called "Green Youth 360". This project will target 76,800 youth aged 15-24 in the Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps, and in their host communities, including youth living with disabilities. The project will empower youth with green skills to lead climate actions that address environmental challenges, including tree planting, beekeeping, agriculture, environmental clean-ups and renewable energy.

PAKISTAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

In November 2023 at the WISE 11 Conference, ROTA and the British Council Pakistan Project launched a joint project in Pakistan called the "Pakistan Youth Leadership Initiative" (PYLI). This project will be implemented in partnership with Government of Pakistan's Youth Development Programme, UNDP Pakistan, local CSOs and public universities. The project aims to build the leadership capacity of 290,000 youth across four provinces in Pakistan to lead inclusive climate actions that contribute to improved community resilience.

DEVELOPING EDUCATORS

ROTA signed an agreement with the Qatar Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE) and the Qatar National Commission for Education, Culture and Science to provide training services to teachers and students under the "iEARN-Qatar" project. ROTA built a high-quality electronic version of the iEARN-Qatar training for teachers to integrate Project Based Learning (PBL) and global collaboration in their teaching practices.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SCALABILITY

ROTA's joint project in Vietnam with ActionAid UK called "Empowering Youth for Sustainable Development", now in its final year, has surpassed expectations and exceeded its target number of youth beneficiaries. The project capitalised on local government strategy of strengthening communities' ownership of development projects outcomes and building trust among the relevant stakeholders. This strategy has contributed to developing huge interest among Vietnamese youth in climate change and greening their communities. They keenly participated in the Youth Climate Action Campaigns led by the projects' created Vietnam Green Generation Network (VGGN).

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

241,286

Beneficiaries

284

ROTA Volunteers who engaged across key significant events

Innovative Solutions to Challenges in Education

As the innovation arm of EAA Foundation, Innovation Development Programme (ID) is mandated with designing and developing innovative solutions to tackle persistent challenges in global education. In 2023, ID achieved commendable success in implementing initiatives across the innovation solutions, making learning accessible to more of the hardest-to-reach children and youth in underserved communities.

As of December 2023, ID had reached and enhanced the education of over 4.9 million children through direct programs and broader dissemination efforts. ID's implementation partners reported 100% overall satisfaction across ID-tested solutions.

HIGHLIGHTS

GOVERNMENT AND SYSTEM BASED LEARNING INNOVATIONS

- ◆ ID's partnership with Mantra4Change saw the implementation of the Internet Free Resource Bank (IFERB) to children in geographies in India. Through Mantra4Change, ID collaborated with two local governments for the adoption of the IFERB and project-based learning into their systems and curriculum.
- ◆ ID's Digital Schools Program (DSP) project for out-of-school adolescents in Zambia received government recognition. Having launched the pilot project in partnership with VVOB, the local government has committed to the programme by registering the children enrolled in the programme in the national EMIS as "in-school."



EDUCATION EMERGENCY IN UKRAINE

ID delivered a robust Ukraine response with 2 very successful innovations. The first was the launch of a programme in partnership with Positive Education Institute (PEI) to build friendships and provide essential socio-emotional support between host-refugee children while gaining important academic and 21st century skills. The programme was implemented in 100 public schools in Poland. The second was the creation of a unique TV show with Think Equal and Yale Centre for Emotional Intelligence, reaching 775,000 viewers.



MAXIMISING PARTNERSHIPS

ID entered into a strategic collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to co-fund a new Livelihoods Solution to implement a proof of concept in Nigeria with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) on climate adaptation skills.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SCALABILITY

In the last stage of solutions (sustainability and transfer), ID deliberately engages implementing partners and governments to ensure the scalability and sustainability of ID solutions. The IFERB solution is currently in the sustainability and transfer phase, and ID is working towards establishing regional champions to scale and sustain the project in their own geographies. The Digital School Program solution involves ensuring system-level alignment and collaboration with government partners for integration and long-term sustainability.



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

4.9M+
Learners

18,000+
Teachers

6 Partners

5 Countries

- 01 Digi-Wise:**
This is a unique learning experience designed as an open-source course focused on teaching children in the Global South the skills required to thrive in an AI world. These skills include critical thinking and media literacy.
- 02 Low-Cost Secondary Schools:**
ID is developing thoroughly-researched models to ensure secondary schooling is low-cost and sustainable at scale. These include models to drive down the cost of setting up and running secondary schools while focusing on quality learning and relevance.
- 03 Olympism For All:**
ID is collaborating with the International Olympics Committee and Qatar Foundation to integrate sports into education and social development projects across 10 countries to improve social attitudes of communities towards issues of equity and inclusion and strengthen social development pathways by integrating sport into education, social support, and livelihood projects in innovative ways.

TOWARDS ZERO OUT OF SCHOOL IN QATAR

During the year 2023, the Together Project through its five Assalam Schools was actively committed to achieve the goal of zero out of school children (OOSC) in Qatar. The project has so far provided over 8,068 scholarships to 3,642 unique beneficiaries from 36 nationalities through 36 community/private schools as well as the 5 Assalam Schools.

In the past year, the Together Project coordinated with the Prime Minister's Office to report on progress and challenges faced as well as making recommendations to ensure ease of access to education for children in Qatar. The project worked closely with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE) to establish an integrated platform for the identification and registration of OOSC in the country. This platform enables automatic referrals of OOSC to the Assalam Schools.

HIGHLIGHTS

ADDRESSING THE EDUCATIONAL GAP

Emphasising the importance of innovative learning programs, the Together Project secured approval and implemented the Academic Recovery and Remediation programme in the Third and Fourth Assalam Schools to cater to out-of-school children who have multi-year educational gaps. Offered under the British Cambridge Curriculum, this innovative programme is one of a kind in Qatar especially for the children of expatriate private sector employees, who have no previous educational background or access to government schools.

HOME SCHOOLING OUTREACH

The Together Project secured approval and implemented a home-schooling programme across the five Assalam Schools, and accommodated more than 953 OOSC who were unable to secure seats due to capacity constraints or had financial barriers to access other schools in Qatar.

MEETING SPECIAL LEARNING NEEDS

The Together Project initiated a pilot Special Education Project at the First Assalam School to accommodate 13 OOSC who have mild to moderate learning needs that can be taken care of in a mainstream school. The Together project aims to implement this pilot across all the other Assalam Schools in the coming years.

REFUGEE ACCOMMODATION

The Together Project offered immediate accommodation to refugee children who were referred by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Assalam Schools to ensure that all Afghan, Syrian, and Yemeni communities have access to education.

STREAMLINING APPLICATIONS

The Together Project established a Centralised Application Management platform to receive, process and follow up on applications from families requiring admission to Assalam Schools. Once complete transition from manual to system-based processing of applications is achieved, the project will have access to real-time data on project beneficiaries to ensure transparent monitoring and evaluation.

IDENTIFYING AND ENROLLING OOSC

Leveraging on the significant importance of collaboration with governmental entities, the project advocated and supported the establishment of the National OOSC identification and tracking system. This system will help identify families with OOSC and guide them to secure admission to the appropriate institution. It will also help in reporting accurate enrolment data for the National Student Information System.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SCALABILITY

The Together project's commitment to sustainability is evident through proposals for infrastructural support, alternative learning programs, and policy amendments. The project is working closely with MOEHE to advocate for initiatives and policies that are based on international best practices while considering the unique local context. Given the dynamic nature of the population, it has been a challenge to ensure access to education for expatriate residents in Qatar while keeping the number from increasing.

The project is working with the authorities to secure infrastructural support to establish two more Assalam Schools to scale-up our operations to meet the needs of all OOSC. Recognition is being sought for new alternative learning programs at Assalam Schools and replication of the same programs across other non-government schools in Qatar. The project is also proposing changes in the immigration policy and processes to ensure that there are no OOSC among the families of new immigrants. Finally, the project is partnering with MOEHE to support low-cost and sustainable solutions including home schooling and blended learning.



ADVANCING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR THE MARGINALISED

Educate A Child International (EACI) is an independent charity registered in the UK, in strategic partnership with Education Above All Foundation. EACI's work is driven by the belief that education is the gateway to many of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. EACI's vision is to ensure that every child has access to a quality education. EACI works with partners to give children and young people access to quality education where they are denied this for reasons like poverty, conflict, disaster, disability and discrimination.

HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, EACI leveraged about GBP 500,000 to support education projects for the most marginalised and vulnerable children and young people. These included:

- ♦ Raising GBP 247,000 to enable access to quality primary education in Malawi, in partnership with Goodwood.
- ♦ Facilitating new scholarships at Somerville College Oxford, to enable financial access to university education for forced migrants.
- ♦ Raising awareness of the International Day to Protect Education from Attack on 9th September with universities and school networks.



A THOUGHT LEADER IN GLOBAL EDUCATION

In 2023, Education Above All (EAA) strengthened its role as a thought leader in global education by expanding its influence through publications, strategic partnerships, high-profile events, and impactful media engagement.

Publications and Insightful Research

EAA's dedication to generating evidence-based insights led to several influential publications. EAA's programs, Educate A Child (EAC) and Protect Education in Insecurity and Conflict released "Why Hasn't the Needle Moved?", a joint publication commissioned by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser. This report highlights critical barriers impeding educational access for marginalised children. Another key publication, "A Winning Combination: Education and Sports," developed with Save the Children, explored the symbiotic relationship between education and sports in supporting holistic child development. Bilal Barakat's report, "Children Out of Primary School - Trends, Measurement, Contributors," offered data-driven insights into global out of school rates and key contributing factors. Additionally, "Value-led Development: How Educate A Child Provided Education for Millions of Children" documented EAC's successes in bringing primary education to millions of marginalised children, underscoring EAA's value-driven approach.

Recognition and Strategic Advocacy

EAA's accomplishments earned international recognition, with the foundation receiving a high commendation as PIONEER of the Year at the PIONEER Awards. EAA's advocacy work also took centre stage, with statements calling for the protection of children in Gaza, showcasing EAA's unwavering commitment to educational access for children in conflict zones.

Education and Conflict Initiatives

EAA's PEIC programme expanded its Education and Conflict curriculum through partnerships with Georgetown University Qatar and Northwestern University Qatar. This accredited course has broadened to include joint studies in Media and Conflict, equipping participants with critical insights into the intersections of education, media, and conflict. EAA marked the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with a pledge affirming the right to education for marginalised learners in conflict situations.

Higher Education and Youth Advocacy

Al Fakhoora, an EAA programme, emphasised the importance of inclusion and equitable access to higher education for forcibly displaced and marginalised youth. Scholarship recipients took active roles as youth advocates, and staff and students were featured in media discussions about EAA's response to the Gaza crisis. This advocacy reflects EAA's commitment to amplifying the voices of marginalised youth on a global stage.

Participation in Key Global Platforms



EAA's thought leadership extended to several high-impact events, including the International Day to Protect Education from Attack at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and the WISE Summit in Doha. These engagements tackled pressing issues such as safeguarding education during armed conflicts and exploring the role of artificial intelligence in enhancing equitable educational access.

Through these publications, events, and strategic initiatives, EAA has cemented its position as a leader in global education, committed to advancing inclusive, equitable learning opportunities for all children and youth, especially those impacted by conflict and crisis.

STRATEGIC VISION FOR 2024 AND BEYOND

As Education Above All Foundation (EAA) steps into 2024, it remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering quality education to marginalised and out of school children worldwide. Building on its legacy, EAA has outlined a transformative vision for 2024, focusing on increasing impact, scaling innovative financing, strengthening partnerships, and leading thought leadership initiatives.

Expanding Reach and Impact

To address educational inequalities for the most marginalised children, EAA has set ambitious targets for 2024:

- **Raising Annual Enrollment Goals:** EAA aims to reach an annual out of school children (OOSC) enrollment target of 1.3 million, increasing educational access for vulnerable populations.
- **Debt-Relief Initiative:** EAA will support debt relief efforts to promote education funding in low-income countries.
- **Capacity Building with QFFD:** Working with the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), EAA is focused on enhancing capacity-building efforts in target countries and strengthening educational systems to support long-term, sustainable impact.

Advancing Advocacy and Policy Reforms

In alignment with its Wave 4 strategy, EAA's Protect Education in Insecurity and Conflict (PEIC) program will prioritise impactful, country-specific work, emphasising law and policy reforms in collaboration with national governments, UN bodies, and grassroots organisations. This shift will also guide EAA's advocacy efforts for the UN International Day to Protect Education from Attack, hosted in Doha and Geneva in September 2024, reinforcing EAA's global leadership in protecting education.

Innovative Programs and Partnerships

Through a strategic alignment between **ROTA and Silatech**, EAA will support Generation Unlimited (UNICEF) in Egypt, Lebanon, and Jordan, empowering 370,000 youth to pursue climate adaptation action and employability pathways. This partnership will foster climate resilience and economic stability, addressing pressing challenges faced by youth in the MENA region.

Enabling Learners Through Innovative Solutions

The **Innovation Development Directorate (IDD)** will expand its IFERB projects, focusing on scalable digital solutions with governmental support. Key initiatives include:

- **Digi-Wise:** An open-source course designed to equip children in the Global South with critical skills such as AI literacy, critical thinking, and media literacy.
- **Low-Cost Secondary Schools:** A sustainable model to make quality secondary education affordable and scalable.
- **Olympism For All:** In collaboration with the International Olympics Committee and Qatar Foundation, IDD will incorporate sports into social development across 10 countries, fostering social inclusion and educational engagement.

Education in Emergencies (EiE)

Continuing its commitment to support learners in crisis-affected areas, EAA Foundation will introduce new EiE solutions tailored for Palestine, Afghanistan, Yemen, and Sudan, addressing the complex challenges of educational continuity in emergencies.

Strengthening EAA's Global Presence

EAA is committed to positioning itself as a global thought leader in education by:

- **Showcasing On-the-Ground Impact:** By amplifying success stories from EAA projects, EAA will bolster its narrative impact and influence.
- **Strategic Media Engagement:** EAA will leverage partnerships with top-tier media and engage in high-profile global events to spotlight the importance of education for marginalised communities.
- **Building Global and Regional Media Networks:** By deepening ties with international media, EAA aims to drive awareness around educational needs, inspiring fresh narratives that align with its mission.

Enhancing Fundraising and Financial Innovation

In 2024, EAA will focus on broadening its funding sources and implementing innovative financing solutions:

- **Expanding Partnership Networks:** EAA aims to increase financial support by forging new partnerships and maintaining high partner retention rates.
- **Exploring Innovative Financing Models:** Collaborating with the World Bank, MOF, and other stakeholders, EAA will explore debt-relief and co-funding opportunities, ensuring sustainable financing for its initiatives.

EAA's strategic vision for 2024 and beyond builds on its foundational commitment to create lasting change in education for marginalised children and youth worldwide. By expanding outreach, fostering impactful partnerships, and embracing innovative solutions, EAA addresses immediate educational needs and sets a transformative course for future generations. Through these concerted efforts, EAA is determined to bridge the global education gap and champion the right to inclusive, equitable education for all.

ENHANCING VISIBILITY AND ENGAGEMENT

EAA achieved outstanding success in 2023, significantly enhancing EAA's visibility and impact through strategic media engagement and content creation.

HIGHLIGHTS

Key achievements include:

- ◆ Achieved 4,586 total media mentions, marking a 180% increase compared to 2022.
- ◆ Attained a total reported reach of 2.155 billion by outlets mentioning EAA, a 7% increase from the previous year.
- ◆ Conducted media interviews with prestigious international media outlets including BBC, BBC World, Metro UK, MSN, ABC Australia, TRT World, and Al Jazeera.
- ◆ Enhanced media penetration into the US, UK, and European markets, with one press release being picked up by 250 media outlets across these regions.

MOBILISING PARTNERSHIPS FOR FUNDRAISING

In 2023, EAA focused on fundraising through partnerships, with funding being obtained in grants, donations and material support.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Raised funds worth over QAR 65 million for EAA projects.
- ◆ Established funding collaborations with more than 50 partners.
- ◆ Raised over QAR 2 million through participation in 5 major events.
- ◆ Raised over QAR 400,000 through digital fundraising efforts.
- ◆ Engaged with more than 40 schools in Qatar.

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS FOR EDUCATION

EAA has achieved remarkable success during 2023, highlighted by effective support, strategic partnerships, and enhanced stakeholder engagement.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ODA partners such as Canada, UK and Portugal supported PEIC advocacy campaign leading up to the International Day to Protect Education from Attack (9/9).
- ODA & Partnerships signed two strategic agreements with current and potential partners:
 - Georgetown University in Qatar, 5 years.
 - Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, 7.5M USD.

- ODA Partnered Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) to support EAC projects in Asia, Africa, and South America.

Country	Partner	Total Budget	EAC Contribution	OOSC Commitments
Haiti	Inter-American Development Bank	USD\$ 52,950,000	USD\$ 2,950,000	22,000
Pakistan	Asian Development Bank	USD\$ 60,480,000	USD\$ 24,480,000	960,000
Bangladesh	Asian Development Bank	USD\$ 31,248,000	USD\$ 12,648,000	650,000
Djibouti	World Bank	USD\$ 9,325,000	USD\$ 4,375,000	35,000

- Managed two IMF sessions, integrating efforts with EAA management, SPR, and EAC.
- Developed and maintained 54 comprehensive country factsheets, significantly enhancing knowledge dissemination and stakeholder engagement.
- Contributed to the creation of the first joint newsletter, “Qatar International Contribution to the Development Sector,” in partnership with MOFA and QFFD, reaching over 80 external entities.
- Engaged high-level delegations in major EAA events, from over 15 countries, including the President of Sierra Leone and the First Lady of Uzbekistan.
- Orchestrated the Geneva High-Level Event for the International Day to Protect Education from Attack in collaboration with the Qatar Mission in Geneva.

EAA EVENT TIMELINE 2023

**5 - 9
March**

**QNCC,
Qatar**

The Fifth United Nations
Conference on the
Least Developed Countries
(LDC 5)

**24 - 26
May**

Pakistan

Her Highness Sheikhha
Moza bint Nasser's trip
to Pakistan

**5 - 8
Sept.**

Rwanda

Her Highness Sheikhha
Moza bint Nasser's trip to
Rwanda

**1 October 2023 -
31 March 2024**

Al Bidda Park

EXPO

**29
March**

**QNCC,
Qatar**

QSQ Ramadan
Iftar Event

**2 - 10
June**

Indonesia

Volunteering trip to
Indonesia with HE
Sheikha Mayassa

**8 - 14
Sept.**

New York

Trip to New York for the
International Day to
Protect Education from
Attack

**28 - 29
Nov.**

**QNCC,
Qatar**

WISE

**18
May**

**Assalam
School**

iEarn
Open House

**10 - 19
July**

New York

High-Level Political Forum

**19
Sept.**

New York

United Nations General
Assembly

**10 - 11
Dec.**

Sheraton

Doha Forum

PROJECTS BY COUNTRY

- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Bangladesh
- Benin
- Brazil
- Burkina Faso
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Chad
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Guinée Bissau
- Haiti
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Djibouti
- East Timor
- Ethiopia
- France
- Gambia
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Lao PDR
- Lebanon
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi

- Malaysia
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mexico
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Palestine
- Paraguay
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Uganda
- UK
- USA
- Vietnam
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

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PROJECTS BY COUNTRY

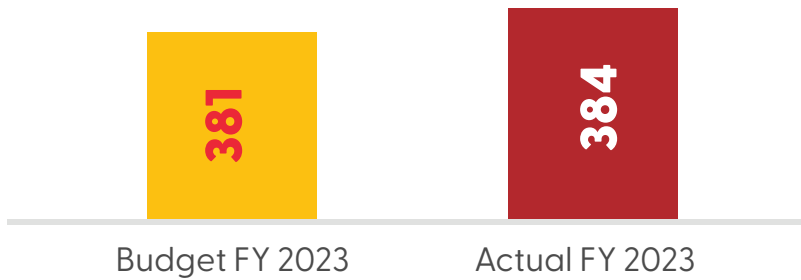
Country	Direct Beneficiaries	Total Project Budget (in USD)	EAA Contibution (in USD)	Co Funding (in USD)
Afghanistan	1,464	1,690,402	1,275,970	414,432
Angola	24,000	7,871,004	2,999,640	4,871,364
Bangladesh	1,089,794	103,159,701	47,084,021	56,075,680
Benin	256	261,907	142,387	119,520
Brazil	21,000	111,700,000	12,450,000	99,250,000
Burkina Faso	97,796	29,618,877	11,179,879	18,438,998
Cambodia	193,128	63,475,861	31,115,259	32,360,602
Cameroon	13,333	5,623,312	2,950,629	2,672,683
Chad	160,993	78,241,382	25,977,837	52,263,546
Colombia	60,400	26,338,052	9,450,574	16,887,478
Comoros	20,000	7,874,045	3,274,045	4,600,000
Cote d'Ivoire	73,343	14,322,303	7,045,360	7,276,944
Democratic Republic of Congo	1,575,946	108,041,513	53,125,930	54,915,583
Djibouti	35,000	9,325,000	4,375,000	4,950,000
East Timor	-	590,044	294,895	295,149
Ethiopia	331,437	53,238,097	25,787,518	27,450,579
France	90	4,804,371	2,056,936	2,747,435
Gambia	66,765	7,457,596	3,710,210	3,747,386
Ghana	93,330	15,259,261	7,629,620	7,629,641
Guatemala	20,570	9,976,259	2,636,950	7,339,309
Guinée Bissau	226	355,438	155,074	200,365
Haiti	89,537	104,567,813	18,279,468	86,288,346
India	932,585	145,198,045	71,701,522	73,496,523
Indonesia	173,983	11,010,781	9,857,871	1,152,910
Iran	97,132	20,055,652	9,084,167	10,971,485
Iraq	1,213,087	221,041,677	38,837,698	182,203,979
Jordan	9,734	18,395,651	4,813,030	13,582,621
Kenya	887,213	110,515,298	55,018,339	55,496,959
Lao PDR	23,000	590,044	294,895	295,149
Lebanon	16,392	75,663,049	25,209,955	50,453,094
Liberia	13,661	2,706,589	1,336,463	1,370,126
Madagascar	3,280	7,606,505	3,823,201	3,783,304
Malawi	94,696	31,687,803	11,781,771	19,906,032
Malaysia	20,112	8,199,285	4,134,784	4,064,501
Mali	711,923	173,006,438	82,577,921	90,428,517
Mauritania	329,134	9,398,344	9,398,344	-
Mexico	7,000	2,462,500	1,370,223	1,092,277
Mozambique	12,000	536,794	194,026	342,769
Myanmar	70,496	12,269,170	5,714,948	6,554,222
Nepal	210,740	25,766,800	12,445,403	13,321,397
Niger	50,309	10,672,412	5,681,310	4,991,102
Nigeria	623,574	88,824,549	42,361,242	46,463,308
Pakistan	2,957,324	202,605,700	74,099,399	128,506,301
Palestine	491,884	94,500,827	75,536,553	18,964,274
Paraguay	30,000	7,184,161	3,525,928	3,658,233
Philippines	3,113	1,826,666	1,294,895	531,771
Qatar	1,730,235	94,664,377	25,887,728	68,776,648
Rwanda	201,008	54,858,873	27,420,275	27,438,598
Senegal	29,405	12,157,681	3,403,569	8,754,113
Sierra Leone	47,230	6,168,495	2,776,951	3,391,544
Somalia	556,189	166,044,985	78,069,295	87,975,690
South Africa	31,500	5,343,116	2,542,698	2,800,418
South Sudan	247,874	81,905,446	27,522,316	54,383,130
Sudan	780,218	66,152,983	32,163,553	33,989,430
Syria	1,724,639	94,174,242	37,142,802	57,031,439
Tanzania	160,735	21,286,134	10,634,104	10,652,030
Thailand	98,137	19,105,807	9,552,787	9,553,020
Togo	1,567	1,283,049	1,012,278	270,771
Tunisia	129,175	3,476,661	3,228,661	248,000
Turkey	3,934	15,834,879	7,094,556	8,740,323
Uganda	932,067	77,579,290	36,680,418	40,898,873
UK	6	493,280	280,385	212,895
USA	250	35,084,252	10,101,347	24,982,905
Vietnam	13,902	2,090,044	1,044,895	1,045,149
Yemen	129,063	58,408,946	16,164,963	42,243,984
Zambia	182,000	14,083,494	6,875,001	7,208,493
Zimbabwe	12,000	536,794	194,026	342,769
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	19,961,914	2,908,864,934	1,178,278,804	1,730,586,131

Note: EAA contributed more than 15 million USD in partners operational costs for multi-country projects

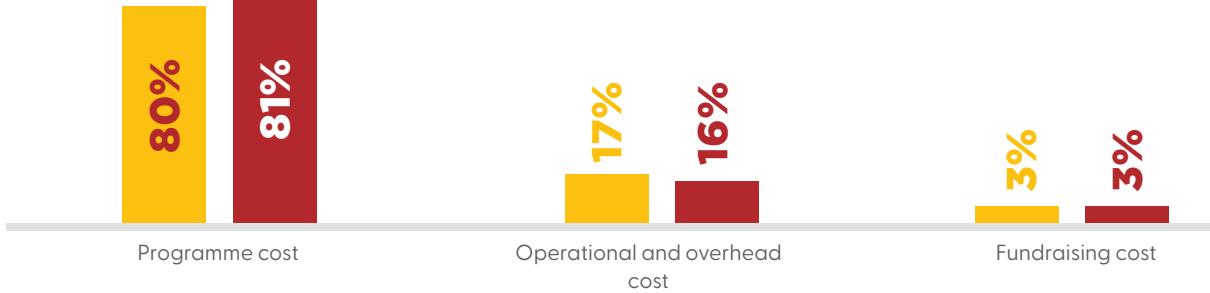
RESOURCE MOBILISATION & PARTNERSHIPS

Financial implementation 2023

EAA budget vs actual, million



EAA budget vs actual,%



EAA PARTNERS

Strategic Partners:



ODA Partners:



Implementing Partners:

ActionAid UK	MIET Africa
Aflatoun International	Monastic Education Development Group
Aide et Action	(MEDG) – Phaung Daw Oo (PDO)
Alight (formerly American Refugee Committee)	Mott MacDonald
AL Rayyan International University College	Northwestern University
American University of Beirut (AUB)	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
Aprendiz	Oando Foundation
Bard College Al Quds	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
BRAC	Orenda Welfare Trust (Taleemabad)
The British Council	Pact
Building Tomorrow	Plan International
buildOn	Positive Education Institute
Cambridge Education	Qatar Red Crescent
CAMFED	Qatar University
CARE	RISE International
Caritas Congo ASBL	Roger Federer Foundation
Child Action Lanka	Samanta Foundation
College of The North Atlantic Qatar	Save the Children
Danish Refugee Council	SPARK
Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)	Street Child
Educate Girls	Texas University
Education Development Center (EDC)	The Citizens Foundation
Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques	THE TIDES CENTER
Fundación Pies Descalzos	Think Equal
Girl Child Network	UNFPA
Gonoshahajjo Sangstha (GSS)	UNICEF USA
Graça Machel Trust	United World Schools (UWS)
Gyan Shala	University of Calgary in Qatar
Humana People to People India (HPPI)	University of Doha For Science and Technology
Humanity & Inclusion	University of Oxford
imagine1day International	Virginia Commonwealth University
Inter-American Development Bank (IaDB)	VVOB
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Weill Cornell
Insan Hak Ve Hurriyetleri Ve Insani Yardim Vakfi	WE WORLD G.V.C
Institute Of International Education	Whittaker Peace and
Islamic Relief Palestine	Development Initiative (WPDI)
KOBO Inc	World Vision
Luminus University Technical College (LTUC)	Yalda Hakim Foundation
Mantra Social Services	Zambia Open Community School (ZOCS)
Mercy Corps	

*Partners have been listed based on Alphabetic order.

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Chopard	Qatar Fuel Additives Company (QAFAC)
Doha Film Institute (DFI)	Qatar Fund For Development – Qatar Upholding Education For Syrians’ Trust (QUEST)
ExxonMobil Foundation	Qatar Industries
ExxonMobil Qatar INC	Qatar Insurance Company
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	Qatar Petrochemical Company (QAPCO)
K108 Hotel	Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club
Lulu Group International	Richard Mille
Magnolia Bakery	Supreme Committee for Qatar 2022
Marriott Participating – Properties	The Organising Committee of Qatar 2015 Handball World Championship
Marriot Worldwide Business Councils Qatar	W Hotel Doha
Maryam Al-Mansouri	
Mega Mart	

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