



... a community of interest helping to improve education and technology in Africa's schools

Minor challenges causing major educational disruption

There are a multitude of "minor" challenges, with regards to education that, when faced, cause major disruption to the educational environment and growth; these include the basic:

- Availability of trained teachers
- Lack of equipment
- Crammed classrooms
- Lack of school supplies

In 2000, the world's nations promised to provide free primary education for every child in the world by 2015. Girls were to be given equal treatment in both primary and secondary education by 2005. The number of adults able to read was to be doubled by 2015 and more opportunities were to be given to young people to learn skills. But the world hasn't yet delivered the money needed to make these promises a reality.

At the moment, approximately 40 million children do not even go to primary school. There are some groups in particular who are left out: girls, children who are disabled, those who live in rural areas and those whose parents have died. And many children don't go to school because they can't afford the fees.

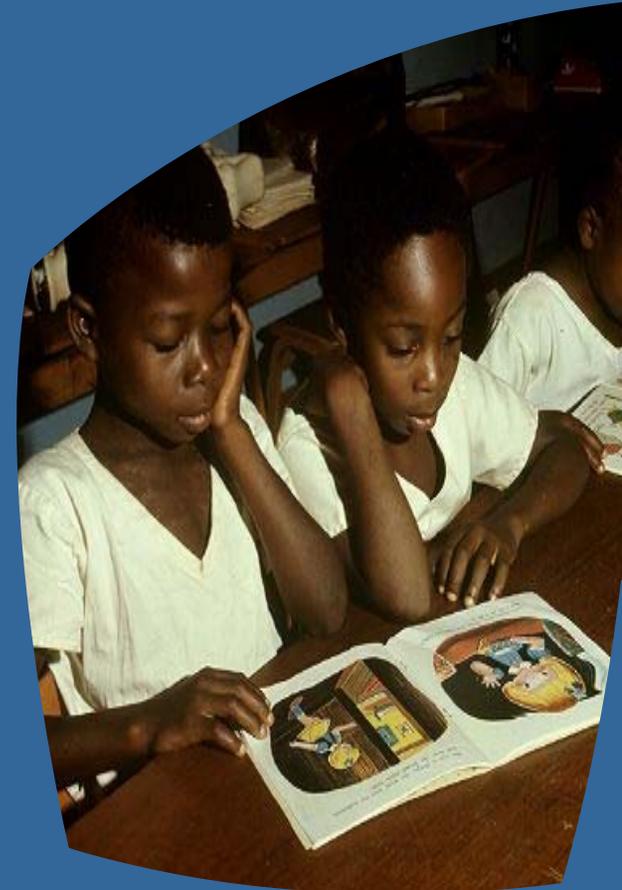
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...a partnership for change



Global Alliance for Technology and Education (GATE) in Africa is a nonprofit organization that is bringing together a community of interest and creating partnerships to help improve the education and technology challenges facing many high schools in Africa.



Did you know...?

- Less than one-third of children in Africa can read and write
- One-in-five children in primary school repeat grade in Africa
- More than half of all girls in Africa never enroll in school

Think of it as a global partnership...



Core objectives

- Advance Technology and Improve Education in high schools in Africa
- Create and preserve partnerships with individuals, social groups and companies to foster the growth of technology and education in Africa
- Build a sustainable community by empowering entrepreneurs with knowledge, capital, and resources needed to succeed in today's global economy.

Pilot in Liberia

GATE is engaged in a pilot program in Liberia through its partner network (GATE in Liberia) to provide **200 students that show exceptional performance and outstanding promise from 4 distinguished high schools** with:

- Academic Scholarships
- Technology-infused curriculum
- After school program
- Monthly leadership workshops

Some Facts about Liberia...

Liberia is Africa's 'first republic' and has returned to democratic rule after two decades of dictatorship and civil war that left more than 250,000 people dead, children parentless, and thousands homeless and displaced.

Statistics from Liberia's Ministry of Planning:

- Population: ~ 3 mil
- Educational Statistic: 70% illiteracy
- HIV/AIDS Prevalence: 5.7%
- Poverty: 85% living on US \$1.00 or less a day

"...building an information society in which human capacity is expanded, built up, nourished and liberated, by giving people access to the tools and technologies they need, with the education and training to use them effectively."

*Kofi Annan,
Former Secretary-General of the United Nations*

GATE Technology Initiatives

- Technology Awareness
- GATE Computer Drive
- Building Technology Centers
- Internet For All

GATE Education Initiatives

- Scholarships
- After School Programs
- Book Drives
- Africa's Digital Library
- Teachers Training