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Global LEAD Initiative

Global Leadership and Education Advancing Development

Supporting 1 Million Young Changemakers to Meet Development Goals

OUR VISION FOR CHANGE

Young people contribute creative ideas, radical solutions, and generative energy to some of the world’s biggest development challenges. USAID aims to support a new generation of young people, who are empowered and equipped to tackle the world’s biggest development challenges and promote peaceful, prosperous, just, and democratic societies. While many young people are motivated to take collective action in their communities, they often find their voices discounted by those in power. Our priority is to connect and support young people with peers and allies, to help advocate and act for positive change.

GLOBAL LEAD SUPPORTS YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS

USAID’s Global LEAD initiative aims to mobilize one million young leaders to guide their countries’ progress on human rights, climate action, fair governance, job skills, global health, and violence prevention, among other key challenges. The initiative partners with young leaders, higher education institutions, civil society, and others to support young changemakers to:

- **Improve education:** Training on civics curriculum, media literacy training, and debate programs.
- **Increase engagement in civic and political issues:** Programs on service-learning, volunteerism, and voter registration.
- **Strengthen leadership skills and opportunities:** Leadership training, capacity building of youth-led organizations, and membership in collective leadership groups.

GLOBAL NETWORK OF PARTNERS AND ACTIVITIES

Examples of USAID-supported programs that support youth education, civic/political engagement, and leadership include:



Health: The [DREAMS Ambassador Program](#) engages young women in community leadership around HIV/AIDS prevention across Africa and in Haiti through peer mentoring and education.

Leadership: The [Young African Leaders Initiative \(YALI\)](#) uses training and fellowships to expand young people's network of peers, and support their careers in the public sector, private sector, civil society, and social entrepreneurship.

Digital: [YouthMappers](#) builds a global student network that organizes, collaborates, and implements mapping activities that respond to actual development needs using open source digital platforms and data.

Education: The [University Scholarship Program](#) in Lebanon promotes education for marginalized youth, building critical thinking and leadership skills along with technical knowledge, maximizing young people's potential to find employment and contribute to their communities.

Climate: [JaREEACH program](#) advances youth innovation and participation in climate action by engaging young leaders in conservation in their communities in Jamaica.

Democracy: The [European Democracy Youth Network \(EDYN\)](#) supports young leaders, politicians, and journalists to advance democratic values through their political and civic activities while growing their professional skills and experience.

Gender: [Proyecto Alerta Joven](#) (Dominican Republic) built an extensive youth network and activated members to serve as peer educators in child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) prevention, among other objectives.

Networking: [YouthPower](#) has established a platform to support youth leaders to learn, collaborate, and network with over 13,000 fellow emerging leaders on [YouthLead.org](#).

PARTNER WITH GLOBAL LEAD

Young people contribute creative ideas, radical solutions, and generative energy to some of the world's biggest development challenges. Global LEAD seeks to partner with a new generation of young changemakers and harness their potential to lead positive social change across their communities. Learn, collaborate, and network with over 13,000 fellow emerging leaders on our virtual platform at [YouthLead.org](#) and find more information about Global LEAD [here](#).



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