



# **CEO's MESSAGE** FOR EVERY DREAMER... **WE STAND FIRM**

Education Above All (EAA) Foundation continues to stand at the forefront of the global movement to uphold and advance the fundamental right to education. Driven by a deep commitment to transforming lives, we work to ensure inclusive, equitable and quality education and economic opportunities for marginalised children and youth around the world.

This Annual Report presents key highlights and achievements from 2024 across EAA Foundation's diverse initiatives. It was a year of transformation and reflection grounded in our mission to support children and youth in need regardless of their circumstances. The devastating war in Gaza left us with a renewed sense of purpose and our outreach to Palestinian scholars means that they were offered a new chance at continuing their education. Our twelfth year was also a year of sustained investment in education despite global shortfalls of funding, with more than QAR 250 million allocated to our projects, benefitting over 865,000 children and youth, changing learning, livelihood outcomes and creating meaningful impact.

Innovation remains a cornerstone of our work. In 2024, we deployed innovative education solutions in emergency settings, reaching the most vulnerable populations and reinstating their belief in the power of education. We worked across conflict zones like Gaza, Lebanon and Afghanistan, employing learning resources and helping students everywhere continue their learning journey.

It was also a year of strengthened integration. We welcomed Silatech as a programme and launched our new branding identity, reflecting the steadfast growth and evolution of our foundation

This was also the first year of our Wave 4 Strategy, focused on thematic integration across our programmes, more joint programming, exploration of innovative financing mechanisms and attention to promoting systemic policy change in priority countries

Strategic partnerships remain central to EAA Foundation's global impact. In 2024, our work spanned more than 50 countries. As the scale and complexity of educational exclusion grow. so does the urgency of our mission. Through new multisectoral collaborations, EAA Foundation is intensifying its efforts to ensure that every out of school child and marginalised youth, no matter the barriers, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

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# FOR EVERY DREAMER...

# **OUR MISSION**

Education Above All (EAA) Foundation was founded in 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, inspired by a powerful and urgent vision: to confront the global crisis of children being denied their right to education.

At its core, EAA Foundation believes that education is more than a fundamental right, it is the most effective tool to break cycles of poverty, prevent conflict and unlock human potential.

From the very beginning, EAA Foundation's mission has been to ensure that the world's most marginalised children and youth, those living in poverty, conflict or displacement, can access quality education. This belief has guided the foundation through a decade of impact, from rebuilding schools in conflict zones to launching scholarship programmes that empower young people in fragile settings. Through each initiative, EAA Foundation has remained anchored to its founding vision: a world where every individual has equal access to education, regardless of circumstance.

EAA Foundation envisions education not in isolation, but as the cornerstone of a more just and sustainable world. Its goals are both specific and expansive, focused on enrolling marginalised children and youth in education and improving their learning outcomes, while also contributing to broader global priorities such as poverty reduction, peace building, gender equity and climate resilience.

By reaching those furthest behind: girls excluded from school, children affected by war, refugees on the move. EAA Foundation helps reduce inequality and foster inclusive growth.

Every school built, every teacher trained, and every learner supported is a step toward healthier communities, empowered societies, and a more peaceful world.

EAA Foundation's vision is a call to action: to imagine a future in which no child is denied the chance to learn, and in doing so, help build a better world for us all.

#### 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.





# FOR EVERY DREAMER... OUR EVOLVING APPROACH

Under the Wave 4 Strategy, Education Above All Foundation is implementing a set of targeted changes to enhance the impact, sustainability and strategic alignment of its work. The new approach moves away from siloed, programme-specific operations towards more integrated, thematic programming.

A multi-programme call for proposals has been introduced, allocating funding to thematic priorities and strengthening more in-depth, integrated country operations. This new arrangement is fostering more cross-programme collaboration and sharper strategic focus.

In order to diversify financing and ensure long-term results, EAA Foundation is piloting innovative finance mechanisms such as education impact bonds and debt relief projects. These models aim to strengthen accountability and attract co-investment. In parallel, EAA Foundation is completing the integration of Silatech to embed employment pathways into the education lifecycle, ensuring that learners have clear transitions from education to economic empowerment.

The strategy also emphasises EAA Foundation's role in enabling systemic change. Future projects will incorporate capacity building, technical expertise and knowledge exchange to support national education reforms. In priority countries, EAA Foundation is developing focused strategies aligned with government education plans to increase its coherence and relevance. Sustainability is reinforced through scalable project design, deeper local engagement and the use of an integrated result framework. Each project will also define clear impact metrics and include exit or handover strategies to ensure continuity beyond EAA Foundation's support.

Collectively, these actions signal a shift toward a more unified, outcomes-driven and policy-connected model, positioning EAA Foundation to deliver more durable and transformative results through education.







FOR EVERY DREAMER...
A PROMISE

Our Core Philosophy.
The Truth We Uphold.
The Future We Envision.

Fundamental Beliefs. Anchoring Principles. Framed by Values.

### FOR EVERY DREAMER...

## **A PROMISE**

Every dreamer carries within them untapped potential. Yet for millions across the globe, access to the opportunities needed to realise that potential remains out of reach.

A child's dream may begin with a question, a scribbled drawing or a book read under the hush of night. For some, it is a simple yearning for a classroom. For others, it is the longing to hold a pencil or to be counted as someone with a future worth investing in.

A young person's dream often starts with the hope for a voice, an ambition to shape their world, to earn a livelihood, to build a greener, more sustainable future. For those cut off from opportunity, that dream is the pursuit of a scholarship, the resilience to advocate and the creativity to innovate despite the odds.

For the vulnerable student in a crisis zone, that dream is more urgent, a lifeline amid displacement and conflict. It is the hope of continuity, the right to learn even when the world around them has collapsed. For the determined student lacking resources, a dream is the fundamental need for safe infrastructure and vital sanitation. A sturdy school roof, hygienic spaces and clean water.

For the tireless educator, a dream is the vision of a community transformed through knowledge. It is a dedication to nurture minds, foster inclusion and inspire change, even in the face of limited resources

At Education Above All Foundation, we see these dreams not as distant ideals but as promises we are committed to helping deliver.

Injustice may wear many faces: poverty, conflict, displacement, gender inequality, lack of infrastructure or exclusion. But its echo is always the same: a child silenced, a youth left behind, a teacher without tools, a future compromised.

In 2024, we confronted this injustice with resolve. With action. With impact.

Education is not a privilege. It is a fundamental right and a proven pathway to peace, prosperity and justice. It is the great equaliser, a catalyst for peace, for prosperity, for progress that leaves no one behind.

This belief drives our work. It is embedded in every partnership we forge and every life we reach.

For every dreamer, we are helping to create opportunities for their potential to be realised.



### **OUR WORK TO DATE**



18.5+
Million
Beneficiaries



3.5+
Million
Economically
Empowered Youth



2.6+
Million
Skills Training
provided to Teachers,
School Staff and
Community Members



10,500 Scholarship Recipients



120,000 Trees planted

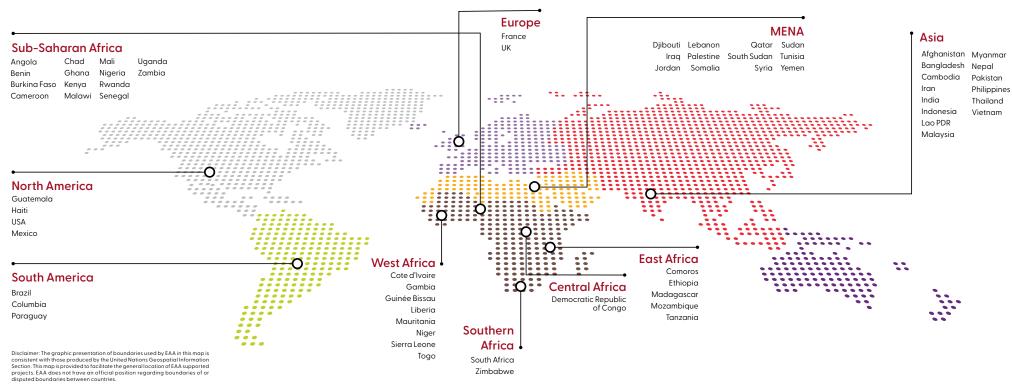


20,000+ Sustainable agricultural solutions applied



**4,700**Education infrastructure and WASH facilities

Definitions and data collection methodologies vary across programmes and efforts ar ongoing to validate and standardise these figures through EAA's Results Framework.





# **ARIGHT**

For countless children, the simple act of stepping into a classroom remains an elusive dream. This profound injustice, the denial of education, casts a heavy shadow across generations, deepened by poverty, conflict, lack of resources, displacement or discrimination.

Kakada was just 10 years old when he dropped out of school. After losing his mother to illness, he stepped up to help his father support the family, working long days in the cassava fields to keep food on the table. His future seemed uncertain.

After my mother's passing, my father worked tirelessly in the cassava fields to support us. But, the challenges of limited food and study materials persisted. 39

But in 2022, everything changed. Through the Cambodia Consortium for Out of School Children (COOSC), a partnership between Education Above All Foundation and Action Education, his family received food support and school materials. Most importantly, they received something simple but transformative: a bicvcle.

Now, Kakada rides to school each day with his younger siblings in tow, arriving in just ten minutes. He's thriving in the classroom, especially in the Khmer language and dreams of becoming a civil servant to serve his country.

"This bicycle holds profound significance for me! Nowadays, I can carry two of my siblings to school in a mere ten minutes."



Kakada | Cambodia

At Education Above All Foundation, we stand resolute in our belief: access to quality education is a fundamental right. For every dreamer, the right to access education demands action. We act. In a small apartment in Doha, 12-year-old Alishba from Pakistan now holds tightly to her dreams. But not long ago, school felt like a door forever closed. Her family had been through three difficult years, forced to choose survival over schooling when a financial crisis pulled all three children out of class.

Still, Alishba's mother clung to hope and one day, a message changed everything. Education Above All Foundation's Assalam Schools were accepting new students and more importantly, it was free of charge.

That message rewrote Alishba's story.

"I was nervous... but also a little excited."

<sup>66</sup> Are you nervous, Alishba? Don't be scared. We are all here for you. This is your new home, <sup>99</sup>

her teacher comforted her.

She found not only a classroom, but a second family. Today, she's thriving in school, with a deep love for English and a newfound gift for poetry. And now, Alishba has a dream of her own: to one day open a school for children like her... those left behind.

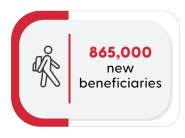
"I want to give others the same chance that changed my life."

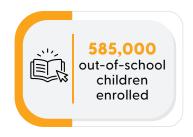


Alishba | Qatar

# **BREAKING BARRIERS**

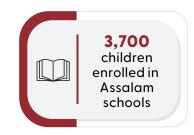
In 2024, our mission translated into bold, measurable action. Through collaborative partnership, we continued to break down barriers that prevent access to quality education. From remote geographies to at-risk populations, our global network ensures that even the most marginalised learners are not forgotten. We try to reach those furthest behind, first.

















# **ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION**

At the heart of EAA Foundation's commitment is to provide access to higher education for those affected by conflict. In 2024, EAA Foundation deepened this commitment to youth affected by conflict, ensuring not just access to higher education but a launchpad for leadership.

Through the Qatar Scholarship Programme, over 315 young Palestinians received full scholarships to pursue degrees in medicine, engineering, law and the social sciences, alongside vital psychosocial support, leadership training and civic engagement opportunities. These scholars are more than students; they are future architects of recovery and resilience. Overcoming extraordinary odds and joining a global network of over 10,500+ peers, rewriting the narrative of what's possible after crisis.

For every dreamer, we don't just unlock classrooms; we unlock futures. Shaimaa was a top student in Gaza, on the verge of graduating in software engineering, the pride of her father. Then the war shattered everything. She lost 11 family members in one night. Her home was destroyed. Her mother and sister were injured. Her father and brother were killed.

66 I had to become the mother, the sister, the provider, all at once. 99

Arriving in Qatar with her mother, who had lost a leg, Shaimaa was determined to start over. But restarting wasn't easy. Her academic year was lost. Her laptop was destroyed.

But through the Al Fakhoora programme under Education Above All's Qatar Scholarship initiative, Shaimaa found more than just funding; she found direction again. She resumed her studies, rekindled her career dreams and now aspires to work in tech, support her remaining family and build a memorial mosque for the loved ones she lost.

"With faith, perseverance and study, I will carry them with me. I'll build something that lasts."



Gaza



# **BEYOND BORDERS**

We know that access alone is not enough and our commitment extends beyond just enrollment. It's about helping shape systems where every learner has an equal chance to thrive. Through system-level advocacy and policy engagement, we are reshaping the educational landscape to be more inclusive, adaptive and future-ready on a global level.

In 2024, we advocated for systemic change, ensuring that the right to education is championed at every level. We intensified our efforts to influence decision-makers and funding coalitions to promote equitable education, especially in fragile and conflict-affected contexts.

Our leadership and youth advocates elevated education access and financing at several global forums, including:

- UNGA79 Summit of the future **New York**
- G20 Education Working Group **Rio de Janeiro**
- UNHLPF 2024New York

Our collective message was clear: Education needs be protected, prioritised and funded. We called for mechanisms that bridge humanitarian and development funding gaps and champion policies that reach every child and youth.





Access to clean water and safe sanitation can mean the difference between staying in school or falling behind. At Mount Carmel Lower Basic School in The Gambia, something as simple as a latrine changed everything.

For girls like Mariam, a lack of clean WASH facilities once meant missed days, discomfort and the risk of dropping out altogether. But in 2024, through EAA Foundation's Educate A Child programme and UNICEF's Zero OOSC strategy, two new latrines were built and a third was restored, quietly transforming daily life for hundreds of students.

What began as a basic infrastructure project soon drew more partners to invest, proving that when dignity is restored, learning can flourish. For Mariam, staying in school is no longer uncertain and that means she gets to pursue her education with comfort and an environment nurturing to her growth and potential.



Mariam | The Gambia

## **A VOICE**

A dreamer's voice is too often muted by their circumstances. When classrooms crumble, when textbooks are scarce, when basic sanitation is lacking, the very foundation of learning falters. This lack of vital infrastructure and support not only weakens learning outcomes, but it also silences potential before it ever finds its voice. At Education Above All Foundation, we believe that every learner's voice deserves to be nurtured, amplified and empowered. Quality learning is not simply about attendance; it's about outcomes. It is about ensuring that once a child is enrolled, they are welcomed into an environment where they can flourish, grow and lead.

Our emphasis on both access and continuity is evident in the outcomes of our programmes. Across our global education initiatives, retention rates\* exceeded 80%, demonstrating not only our effective enrolment strategies but also our relevance and responsiveness.

Learning flourishes in environments that are safe, healthy and inclusive. We help create them.

<sup>\*</sup> Definitions of retention vary by programme; standardisation is underway as part of EAA's Results Framework.



# **INVESTING IN QUALITY LEARNING**

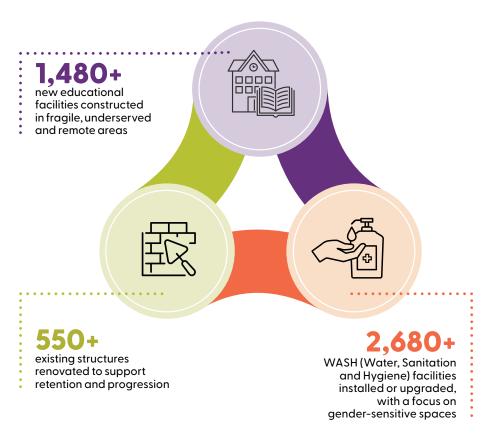
In 2024, our work to ensure quality learning environments continued. EAA Foundation strengthened its commitment to improving the quality of education by investing in teacher training, learning infrastructure and inclusive learning environments.

Programmes focused on enhancing the skills of educators, empowering youth with knowledge, and delivering flexible, high-impact learning solutions for diverse contexts. Beyond just enrollment figures, EAA foundation programmes are actively enhancing access to quality education for marginalised communities through capacitybuilding initiatives.

In addition, significant infrastructure improvements also contributed to safer and more supportive learning environments, especially for under served communities

From refugee settlements to under-resourced urban and rural schools, we invested in improving learning conditions so that education is not just accessible but meaningful.

These improvements have a direct and measurable effect on attendance, learning outcomes and the psychosocial well-being of students.



### **Infrastructure Achievements**



# **ECOSYSTEM FOR EDUCATION**

We recognise that quality education does not end in the classroom and neither does our commitment. That is why we take a multisectoral approach, Positioning education as a profound catalyst for broader human development. In 2024, we deepened and diversified partnerships that help embed education within a supportive ecosystem.

- Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance: In a landmark collaboration supported by a QAR 7.5 million pledge from Qatar Fund For Development, we integrated immunisation and education services in marginalised communities, ensuring the classroom becomes a point of contact not only for learning but also for life-saving health interventions.
- Sidra Medicine: We connected vulnerable children with essential psychosocial support, trauma-informed care and mental health resources through our joint initiatives.
- Qatar Career Development Centre: We piloted career guidance and counselling services for displaced and at-risk youth.
- UNFPA: In the Gaza Strip, we collaborated with UNFPA and were able to distribute 8,750 dignity kits to female adolescents, youth and women to support hygiene and menstrual health.



# **CAPACITY BUILDING THAT ENHANCES OUTCOMES**

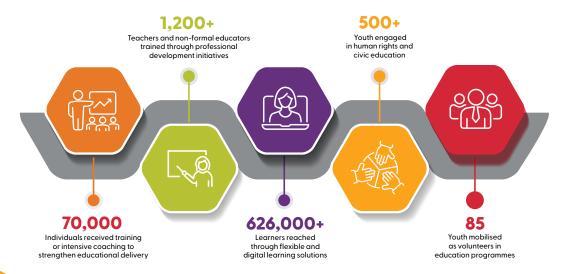
The pursuit of quality education demands that educators empower learners. That is why we place educators at the heart of our approach. In 2024, Education Above All Foundation supported capacity-building activities to educators, facilitators and community members and more.

This includes training non-formal educators and teachers, as well as providing vocational training and career guidance to vulnerable youth.



Mercy | Malawi

#### **Capacity Building That Enhances Outcomes**



Mercy grew up walking long distances to school without shoes, food or even a notebook, yet she never gave up on her education. Today, she is walking those same paths again, not as a student, but as a Learner Guide, helping hundreds of children at risk of dropping out find their way back to learning.

66 I help them to dream, develop goals and work towards attaining them. It is like they are walking along with an older sister. ""

Trained through Education Above All's Support for Children At-Risk initiative with CAMFED, Mercy is now a local leader. With just a bicycle, a phone and the My Better World life skills curriculum, she has already reached over 250 students in just two years. Her home visits, motivational sessions and firm belief in children's potential are transforming lives.

"Every child here in my community has the potential to turn the tide of poverty once given a chance to access quality education"

Her impact echoes far beyond the classroom. As one of many young women once excluded from education and now empowered to uplift others, Mercy embodies the project's vision: community-led solutions that ensure no child is left behind.



## **A LIFELINE**

In zones of instability and conflict, where futures hang by a thread, the lifeline of learning is often the first to be severed. Conflict, forced displacement, natural disaster and political crises extinguish educational opportunities, cutting off not just schooling but the vital link to a future of stability and peace. In 2024, conflicts in Gaza, Sudan and Ukraine ravaged communities and tore through systems. EAA Foundation remained unwavering in its commitment to uphold the right to education amidst instability and insecurity. Because for every dreamer facing crisis, educationis more than a pathway; it is a lifeline.

When crises threaten the right to learn, we stand firm to protect education, especially in conflict zones. When war tore through Gaza in October 2023, 20-year-old Haneen Saleh Abukwaik fled with nothing but a suitcase, a stack of academic certificates and the weight of unimaginable loss.

# Bombing was everywhere, even in places that were supposed to be safe. Nowhere in Gaza was truly safe

Forced to leave behind her life, her dreams and the university that once anchored her future, Haneen arrived in Qatar in February 2024, seeking safety and the opportunity to start anew.

Today, she is enrolled in the Bachelor of Respiratory Therapy programme at the University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST), thanks to the Qatar Scholarship Programme. For Haneen, the EAA Foundation scholarship is more than just financial support, it is a second chance at life.

"It allowed me to continue my education and get closer to my goal of supporting the healthcare system and helping others".

Between lectures and labs, Haneen balances her studies with caring for her family and staying connected to loved ones still in Gaza. Her vision is clear: to become a senior therapist, mentor the next generation and one day return home to help rebuild Palestine's healthcare system.



Gaza



# **DELIVERING ACCESS AND HOPE**

Through a potent combination of relentless advocacy, groundbreaking innovation and strategic partnerships forged, we ensure that education remains an indispensable lifeline for the most vulnerable during times of conflict. In 2024, we delivered impact across multiple fragile settings:

#### Palestine (Gaza and West Bank)

- Partnered with Birzeit University to provide 920+ scholarships to Palestinian youth.
- Supported 500+ Palestinian children in Qatar with continued access to education; 480 children participated in summer camps.
- Assisted 737 Gazan refugee children in integrating into local Palestinian schools in Qatar.
- Launched audio-based remote learning and psychosocial support to reach learners cut off by conflict.

#### Sudan:

 In collaboration with the Sudanese School in Qatar, EAA Foundation supported 1,000 Sudanese refugee children with emergency schooling amid growing displacement.

#### Ukraine:

 Trauma-focused educational TV series, produced in partnership with Think Equal, reached nearly 1 million children and families, supporting emotional resilience and continuous learning.

#### **Eid Gift Campaign**

Education Above All Foundation, in partnership with Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) launched the annual 'Eid Gift' Kiswat Al Eid campaign on the initiative of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Naseer. The campaign collected clothing items for children in Gaza.



# **CONTINUITY IN CRISIS**

Crisis disrupts learning, but our tailored educational solutions build continuity in even the harshest environments. Through context-specific innovations delivered through grassroots models, EAA Foundation ensures that children and youth continue to learn and to heal.

#### **Featured Solutions**



#### Let Kids Be Kids" Toolkit:

Over 100 hands-on learning activities designed for use in emergency contexts to foster play, learning and psychosocial well-being.

#### Poland:

Educational materials from the Internet Free Education Resource Bank (IFERB) resources deployed in over 100 Polish public schools hosting Ukrainian refugee learners.

#### Afahanistan:

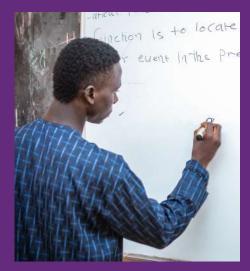
**EAA Foundation distributed** Taliban-approved storybooks and self-paced learning modules, enabling basic literacy and numeracy for Afghan refugee children.

Until recently, the rural community of Rico in Nigeria's Adamawa State faced a perfect storm of challenges: low literacy, poor sanitationand floods that ruined crops and livelihoods.

But in 2024, a quiet transformation took root. Through Education Above All's Learn to Earn Plus (L2E+) initiative delivered by the International Rescue Committee (IRC), 115 youth and adults gained practical skills in literacy, health, numeracy, sustainable farming and climate resilience. The change was immediate

Before the programme, families lacked the tools to read, calculate market prices or prepare for seasonal floods. Now, participants like Muhammadu Bala speak of a new reality: toilets where there were once none, cleaner water and children who can read and write. That led to a shift from a community struggling with basic needs to one that is now thriving and self-sufficient.

66 We didn't have a school and the ability to read and write was a big challenge for us. But now, many of us can read and write. We can also add and subtract, which was something we couldn't do before, <sup>99</sup> says Muhammadu Bala.



Muhammadu Bala | Nigeria

"When we go to the market, we now know how to sell our farm produce. We understand what to plant at the right time and what not to plant, especially during the rainy season when floods are expected. Our health has improved too. We used to have frequent outbreaks of disease, but now things have greatly improved."

The ripple effects are visible. Farming families have shifted to flood-resilient crops. Children are staying in school. Markets are livelier. For the first time. people are planning and not just reacting.

# ADVOCACY FOR PROTECTION OF EDUCATION

Emergencies demand more than just immediate access. Education Above All Foundation continues to lead efforts that safeguard the right to education through advocacy, policy and accountability. In 2024, EAA Foundation:

- Hosted the 5th observance of International Day to Protect Education from Attack (IDPEA) under the theme "Education in Peril: The Human Cost of War", mobilising global leaders to advocate against impunity for attacks on education.
- Convened a high-level workshop in Nairobi on integrating education protection in Sudan's peace processes.
- Engaged in transitional justice dialogues in Nigeria and Yemen, amplifying the role of education in post-conflict reconstruction.
- Participated in a Global Ministerial Conference on ending violence against children in Colombia, positioning education as a protective force.

Through the Dove Peace Workshops, EAA Foundation and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (OSRSG CAAC) amplified the voices of conflict-affected children through symbolic artworks and supported renewed commitments to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.







# A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The aspirations of youth today are the achievements of tomorrow. Yet, for countless young people, the path to agency, opportunity and leadership remains obscured by poverty, displacement and a lack of access to skills and capital. These obstacles delay progress towards achieving global peace, equity and sustainability.

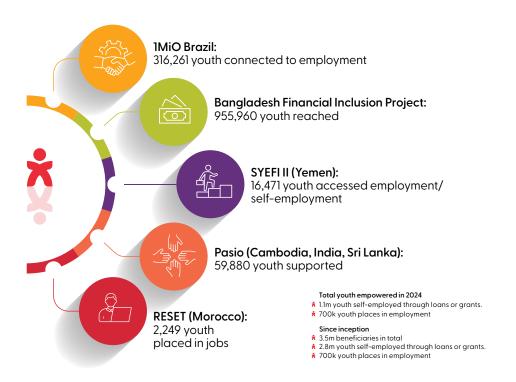
At Education Above All Foundation, we believe in empowering youth as global citizens, ensuring they reach their full potential. In 2024, we doubled down on this commitment, unlocking opportunity for youth through employment, skills training, enterprise development, climate action and civic engagement.



# WHEN AMBITION MEETS EMPOWERMENT

We led global efforts to address youth unemployment and enable young people to access meaningful employment and economic opportunities. From financial inclusion to upskilling, we helped translate ambition into action, laying the foundation for a generation of change-makers.

Joining the EAA Foundation family at the end of the year, Silatech empowered over 1.4 million youth in 2024\* across several flagship initiatives, directly connecting youth to employment and economic opportunities.



<sup>\*</sup> Figures are based on partner-reported data and are currently undergoing validation for final audit.

Just two years ago, Anjani's home-based embroidery business in Ella, Sri Lanka, earned a modest 3,000 rupees a month. That changed when a Facebook post landed her a bulk order, but she lacked the resources to fulfil it.

Through EAA Foundation's Silatech programme and Sejaya Micro Finance, she secured her first-ever micro-loan. With access to credit and digital platforms, Anjani scaled her operations tenfold, now earning 60,000 rupees monthly and serving over 100 customers.

She's bought new equipment, hired her sister and is saving steadily to open her shop. For Anjani, financial inclusion hasn't just grown her business: it's transformed her life.

<sup>66</sup> If you stay committed, there's nothing you can't do. <sup>99</sup>



**Anjani** | Sri Lanka

True economic opportunities transform lives. We ensure they are seized.

# **GREEN SKILLS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

skills

Beyond employment, our youth initiatives foster a generation committed to global citizenship, environmental sustainability and social resilience. In 2024, EAA Foundation's youth-centred initiatives focused on equipping learners with green skills, climate resilience and knowledge to drive climate action, implement sustainable practices and build resilient communities.

**Education projects** 

At Arid Zone Secondary School in Kenya's Kakuma refugee camp, 15-year-old Brilliant Edamit is leading a school-wide waste management initiative under Education Above All's Green Youth 360 project with Girl Child Network.

When I see trash now, I don't see something to throw away, I see something we can turn into value.

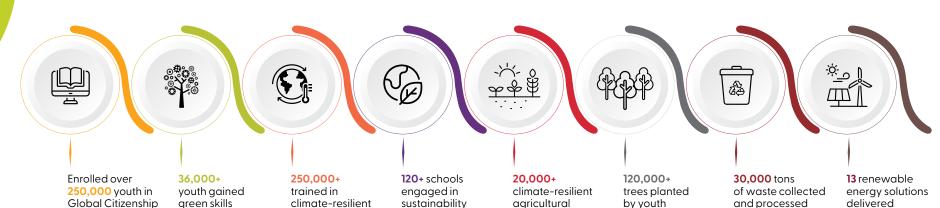
Before the project, plastic waste was piled in school yards. Today, Brilliant and her peers are sorting waste, building compost pits and recycling materials into briquettes and fertiliser. The project equips youth with climate awareness, leadership training and practical environmental skills. She dreams of becoming an environmental scientist and is already showing how local action can drive global change.



by youth

**Brilliant** | Kenya

#### Youth Impact Highlights



practices

implemented

programming

# **IGNITING THE ADVOCATE WITHIN**

Youth Empowerment means ensuring that young people are not only trained to lead, but also heard when they do. In 2024, EAA Foundation provided platforms for youth to influence global policy and advocate for justice in education, climate and peace:

- Empower 2024: Youth-led conference with the Empower Declaration on education, climate and inclusion.
- UN OHCHR Partnership: Expanded Youth Advisory Board, featured at IDPEA.
- COP29 Engagement: EAA Foundation hosted side sessions on climate education and youth resilience, reinforcing the vital link between learning and climate action.

Through public forums, training and partnerships, we amplified the voices of youth, ensuring their stories shaped action.





# YOUTH CENTRED APPROACH

EAA Foundation's work in 2024 ensured youth were not sidelined but centred in efforts to build a just, sustainable future. Their voices, their skills and their enterprises are shaping the world.

The future is not something we wait for; it is something youth build, one dream at a time...



# A NETWORK OF PURPOSE-DRIVEN PARTNERS

Our partnerships in 2024 spanned continents and sectors, grounded in mutual accountability and a shared drive to leave no child or youth behind.

At Education Above All Foundation, we know that meaningful impact is never the work of one, but of many. Our vision to ensure equitable, quality education for the world's most marginalised can only be realised through shared purpose with our partners. From international agencies to local grassroots organisations, spanning vital financial partners, dedicated implementers, pioneering research collaborators and invaluable individual donors, we embrace every facet of global support. Each strand strengthens our mission.

For every dreamer, we are building coalitions.

#### Our work matters because it is shared.

#### **Strategic Partners**

Global organisations and institutions aligned with EAA Foundation's mission and values

























#### **ODA Partners**

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International and local organisations working directly in communities to deliver impact

















#### **Resource Partners**

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Driven by Conviction.

# TRUST BUILT IN PRACTICE

Impact begins with integrity. At Education Above All Foundation, our mission is rooted in the confidence entrusted to us by our partners, donors and the communities we serve. Every riyal spent, every voice amplified and every barrier broken begins with that trust.

We commit to transparent governance, responsible financial stewardship and organisational resilience to deliver on our promise, for every dreamer.

In 2024, **EAA Foundation** raised

QAR 95.75 MILLION

marking a **47.3%** increase from 2023

EAA Foundation's co-funding model amplified every contribution, unlocking additional investments.



Accountability is the foundation we build on.



# **AMPLIFYING OUR MISSION GLOBALLY**

In 2024, EAA Foundation's message echoed in over 5,500 media mentions across 1,600+ unique media outlets in 109 countries.

Our strategic communications work supported both visibility and credibility, positioning EAA Foundation as a global thought leader in the education for development space.

position papers



PUBLICATION

policy briefs



blogs and articles on our website

Top-tier placements in:France 24, BBC Arabic, Wall Street Journal, The Guardian, Al Jazeera, Euronews, TRT, CNBC, EFE, Metro UK among others.

















For every dreamer, we remain determined. Every child reached, every youth empowered, every educator trained and every policy influenced is grounded in a foundation that is committed

> We are not just a foundation. We are a promise kept.



# **CHAPTER 5**





# **NAVIGATING THE HORIZON**

To help every dreamer realise their potential, Education Above All Foundation remains focused on the future, relentless in our pursuit of educational justice. Our blueprint is bold yet deliberate, invest in people, unlock potential and deliver lasting change.

We invite all who share this mission to join us in forging an equitable and educated world.

# **REFLECTIONS FROM 2024**

Operating in fragile and conflict-affected settings has never been straightforward. In 2024, with global conflict and crises on the rise, the complexity of our work in places often overlooked deepened further.

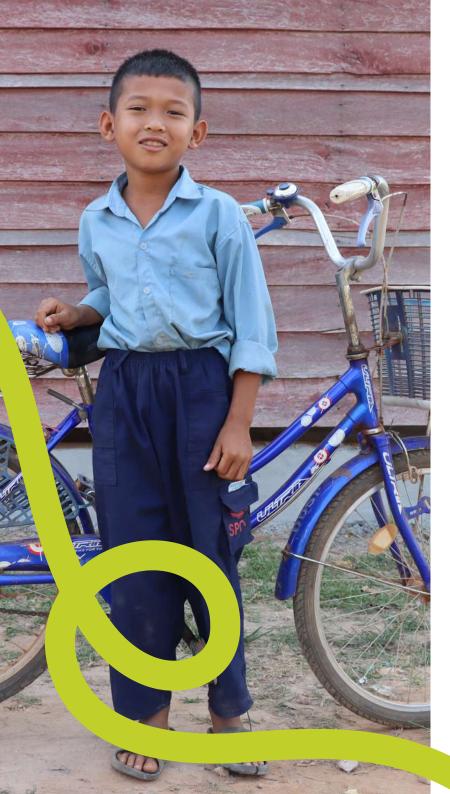
In situations like the conflict in Gaza, the way we approached projects had to be pragmatic and grounded. Not only were the people, teachers and students alike uprooted, but whole systems were disrupted. Classrooms were hit, schools became shelters and learning came to a halt. The risk level was high and the dangers were constant.

EAA Foundation and its partners had to respond with practical, pragmatic and layered solutions to continue in fulfilling their joint mission. To combat the dangers, they focused on building systems that could weather the turbulent times, emphasising psychosocial healing, youth leadership and academic innovation.

Reflecting on the foundation and partners' ongoing work in Gaza yielded valuable fundamental lessons about working in conflict zones. Education systems must now be designed for disruption, built with local wisdom and sustained by those who live its consequencesdaily.

Those reflections have helped shape our global efforts as we combat the harsh realities in complex contexts. Meeting airstrikes, forced displacement, vanishing budgets and rising suffering and trauma with restorative, agile solutions: mobile classrooms, remote learning systems, safe learning spaces and integrated mental health support.





# FACING FORWARD IN A SHIFTING WORLD

As we look toward 2025 and beyond, we are aware that the global development landscape is evolving rapidly and often unpredictably.

The international development sector is under strain, challenged by:

- Declining ODA commitments from traditional donors
- Rising geopolitical tensions and regional conflicts.
- Escalating climate emergencies are displacing communities.
- Fragmented multilateral cooperation.
- Increasing educational exclusion due to protracted crises.

At the same time, new opportunities are emerging. South-South cooperation is reshaping traditional donor-recipient paradigms. Youth, once passive recipients of development programmes, are now leading solutions. Local actors are gaining space and voice.

Education, across all of this, if protected, funded and made inclusive, remains the strongest anchor for peace, equity and prosperity.

We do not wait for tomorrow. We build it today.

As a global education foundation born out of the State of Qatar's commitment to human development, EAA Foundation will continue to align with the country's strategic priorities:

- Championing education diplomacy as a peace building tool.
- Delivering results aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Strengthening education's role in climate adaptation, social inclusion and economic resilience
- Advocating for reform of international financing and governance to make education central to development justice.

# THE PROMISE WE KEEP

For children who dare to dream, for youth forging a future from fragile ground, for educators building brilliance, we are here.

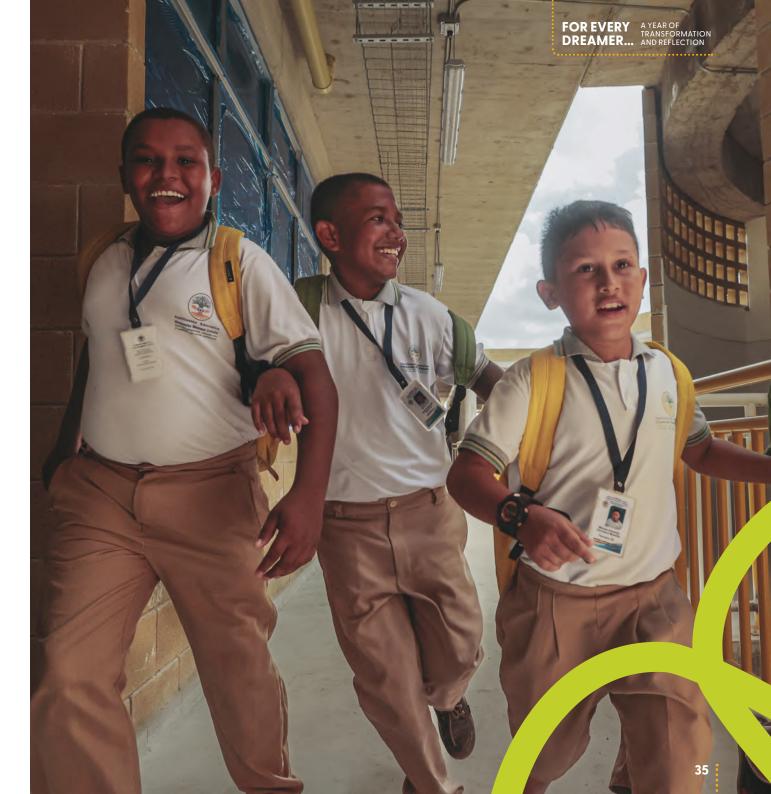
Education Above All Foundation's promise is not just education. It is justice. It is dignity. It is a future that belongs to everyone.

We build schools and strengthen education systems. We equip learners and educators for lasting impact.

With every milestone reached, every life touchedand every barrier broken, we reaffirm our commitment to the world's most powerful transformational tool: education.

We move forward with purpose, certain that for every dreamer, there is tomorrow.

We are working to help build it.



# **EVENTS TIMELINE 2024**





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