

HIGHERLIFE FOUNDATION

Raising Africa's Future Leaders through Education

Who We Are

Higherlife Foundation is a social impact organization that focuses on raising young African leaders through education by providing platforms and opportunities for them to fulfil their God-given purpose.

Founded by Strive and Tsitsi Masiyiwa in 1996 out of their personal convictions and heartfelt compassion, the Foundation has presence in Zimbabwe, Burundi, Lesotho, South Africa and Kenya where it has directly supported more than 250,000 vulnerable children and reached more than 1 million people across the African continent.

Our Mission

“To invest in Africa’s future by empowering vulnerable children through education and creating opportunities for highly talented young people.”

Our Vision

“To provide a platform for young people to fulfil their God-given purpose.”

We envision an Africa in which young people find their vocation and are positioned to develop their communities for global impact.



How We Work

Our Education centric strategy is anchored on three pillars which are Quality, Life Long Development and Access. Currently, we are scaling our impact across Africa by targeting to raise 2 million leaders by 2020. Our strategy directly resonates with Sustainable Development Goal 4 on Education though our work spans across a wide spectrum of the SDGs global development framework

Improving Quality of Education

Higherlife Foundation leverages technology to improve the quality of education for all students in Zimbabwe. Through our learning hubs and interactive digital learning platform called Ruzivo Digital Learning, we extend our reach to disadvantaged communities and lower the costs of quality education to the most vulnerable. Our learning hubs and Ruzivo Digital Learning provide online access to learning resources that serve the digital needs of entire communities in tandem with the global 21st century skills imperative. More than 1 million scholars are currently registered on the platform.

Lifelong Development

Our lifelong development programme provides educational and psycho-social support to facilitate the continuous personal and professional development of our target clientele. The programme includes leadership training and mentorship through internships, community involvement and lifelong engagement through an alumni network. Young and Dynamic, our unique online mentorship program, offers one-on-one and group mentorship opportunities through video conferencing, equipping young people with the leadership and life skills needed to become champions in their families, communities, and schools.

Access to Education

We provide access to education through two targeted scholarship programmes, the Capernaum Scholarship & the Joshua Nkomo Scholarship, and deliver university preparation support to gifted students through the Yale Young African Scholars programme.



“ Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. ”

Nelson Mandela

Our Work

The Capernaum Scholarship

The Capernaum Scholarship has been running for the last 20 years and provides tuition to **orphaned and vulnerable children** from early childhood to tertiary education.

Joshua Nkomo Scholarship (JNS)

Established in 2005, the Joshua Nkomo Scholarship identifies and awards scholarships to **highly talented Zimbabweans** through a rigorous selection process. The scholarship creates opportunities for them to study at **reputable local and overseas learning institutions**. Additionally, since 2012, the Andrew Young Scholarship has sponsored the education of a select cohort of young men and women at prestigious American universities such as Morehouse College and Spelman College.

Yale Young African Scholars programme (YYAS)

Entering its 5th year, the Yale Young African Scholars programme (YYAS), is a free flagship programme that selects **over 300 academically gifted students from across Africa** in order to provide training on how to apply to American universities. Over the course of the programme, students embark on a challenging intellectual and transformational journey through engaging academic content, introspection and critical thinking.

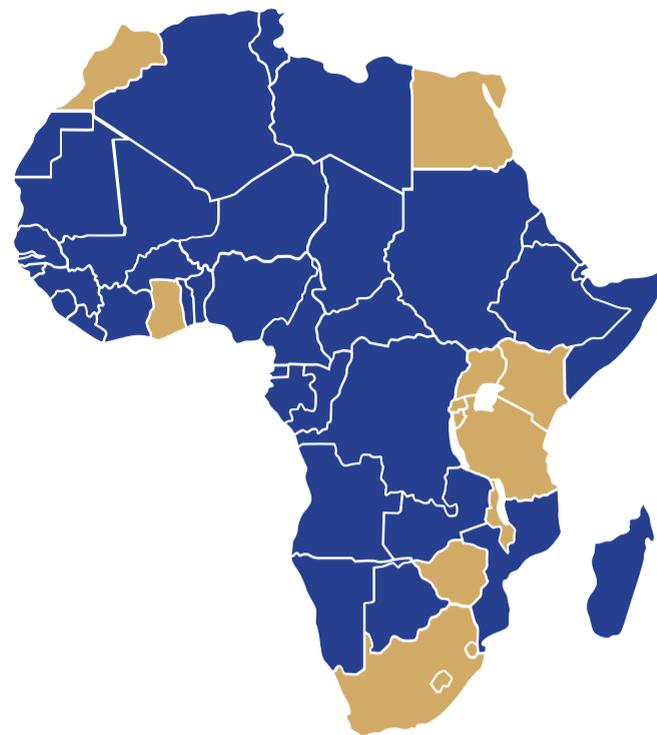
Ruzivo Digital Learning

Ruzivo Digital Learning is an **online interactive digital learning platform** targeted at primary and secondary school students. This product provides free access to quality content endorsed by the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Curriculum Development Unit (CDU). The platform gives students unlimited access to course materials allowing them to study, test their knowledge and complete exercises through smart enabled devices anytime, anywhere.

STAR Legacy Institute

A training program developed by the STAR Legacy Institute with a distinctive approach to values-based leadership development. The result of this training is the cultivation of a cohort of African leaders that embody the virtues and values of a STAR leader, demonstrating the attributes of **servanthood, tenacity, accountability and responsibility**. The program equips its participants with the knowledge, insights and skills to unlock their leadership potential. STAR leaders commit to demonstrating professional will and personal humility in their pursuit to make an impact on their communities and nations.

Our Footprint



Our footprint extends across Sub-Saharan Africa with students from more than **14 countries**, **5 regional offices**, and more than **10 partners** across the continent.

Our Numbers

**+250
thousand**

Africans directly and indirectly impacted **since 1996**

**+20
thousand**

African students given access to education through scholarships **yearly**

**+1
million**

students registered on **Ruzivo Smart Learning**

**+600
thousand**

accessing quality education through Ruzivo Smart Learning **monthly**



Our Partners

Through the generosity of the following partners, Higherlife Foundation has expanded its reach and will continue to achieve a lasting impact across the African continent. Our biggest partner is the Econet Wireless Group, a global communications and technology business with operations across four continents.

