

Youth



SEL programs
increase academic
performance
up to 11%¹

BETTERING A NATION'S YOUTH AND FUTURE



On Christmas day, young Bessack's wild lifestyle landed her in prison. Like many youth, Bessack was not equipped to handle challenges such as peer pressure, an unstable home life, and bullying.

What should have been a carefree time of life for Bessack was anything but carefree.

Helping teachers develop youngsters with skills to manage emotions, build positive relationships, and be responsible is what Lions Quest, Lions

Clubs International Foundation's signature social and emotional learning (SEL) program, is all about. It's also the program expanding in Cameroon with a US\$100,000 LCIF grant.

"By attending Lions Quest, I was able to change my life."

Since 2014, Lions Quest has grown steadily in Cameroon and remains active in 98 percent of its schools that have introduced it. To date, thousands of students have benefitted. With immediate positive outcomes in mind, and a view to the future, Cameroon's Ministry of Social Affairs, which oversees schools for high-risk youth, adopted Lions Quest into its official curriculum; the Ministry of Education, overseeing all public schools, is piloting official adoption.

"I used to be full of hate, in a gang, use drugs, and steal," said Bessack. "By attending Lions Quest, I was able to change my life."



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For the Children

17 million.

That's the number of new, well-trained teachers Sub-Saharan Africa will need in the next decade to meet the needs of a growing youth population².

Those educators will be critical to stemming these stark realities:

60%
OF FREQUENT
CONSUMERS OF
DRUGS

In Cameroon are
young people

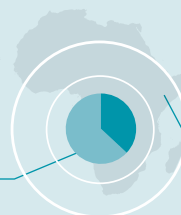


12,000

people under
age 15 consume
narcotic drugs³

28 MILLION
ADOLESCENTS IN
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

are out-of-school⁴



**4 MILLION
GIRLS**

will never receive
formal education
in Sub-Saharan Africa⁵

THAT'S AFRICA. GLOBALLY, THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE THIS:



1 in 3 students

reports being **cyberbullied**;
20% report skipping school
because of it or violence⁶

2 in 3 students

in 160 countries **worry**
about violence in and
around schools⁷



Reading scores
and **bullying** are
directly correlated⁸



Schools with **positive school
climate practices** like Lions Quest
have lower rates of absenteeism
and bullying⁹

LCIF AND LIONS

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Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

World renowned Harvard University found students participating in Lions Quest reported improved perceptions of school climate, and physical and emotional safety¹⁰. For 35 years+, LCIF has funded Lions Quest globally. Our commitment to cultivating capable and healthy young people continues.

**LIONS QUEST
PROGRAM GRANTS**
develop/expand
the program

**UP TO
US\$150,000**

**LIONS QUEST
COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIP
GRANTS**
launch/reactivate
the program

**UP TO
US\$15,000**

**LIONS QUEST
PROMOTIONAL
GRANTS**
introduce the program
to a community

**UP TO
US\$1,500**

**DISTRICT AND
CLUB COMMUNITY
IMPACT GRANTS**
apply to local district
and club projects

**GRANT
AMOUNT VARIES**

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