

What we are doing

Partners in the Afya Elimu Fund agree that unless there is a sufficient pool of qualified, well-trained professionals, universal healthcare will not be realized as enshrined in the Kenyan Constitution.

The objective is to provide financial assistance to support pre-service training for needy students pursuing medical training at certificate level.

The Fund works with the MoH, County Governments, and health service providers in private and faith based sectors to identify cadres with critical manpower shortages.



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Increasing the numbers of mid-level healthcare workers in Kenya





Kenya's Health Workforce

Kenya has an acute shortage of health workers, with an average of 1.54 health workers for every 1000 people, significantly lower than the World Health Organization recommended ratio of 2.3 to 1000. Kenya's growing population further puts a strain on the health workforce based on the limited numbers produced by the country's training institutions.

In order for the Ministry of Health (MOH) and other stakeholders to sustainably address staffing shortages, it is critical to increase the number of students graduating from pre-service institutions and their placement.

The Afya Elimu Fund

Afya Elimu Fund (AEF) is a joint venture between IntraHealth International Inc. USAID funded FUNZOKenya and subsequently Human Resources for Health Kenya (HRH Kenya), the Ministry of Education through Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), private sector, in collaboration with the MOH.

Established in 2013, AEF is a public-private partnership (PPP) initiative aimed at providing training fees for needy students in medical training. The Fund focuses on middle level cadres such as nursing, laboratory technologists, clinical officers among others who form the bulk of the country's health workforce. This fund provides low interest loans to students.

The fund hopes to attract resources from county governments towards human resource development of their current health workforce and students interested in pursuing courses in medical training institutions.

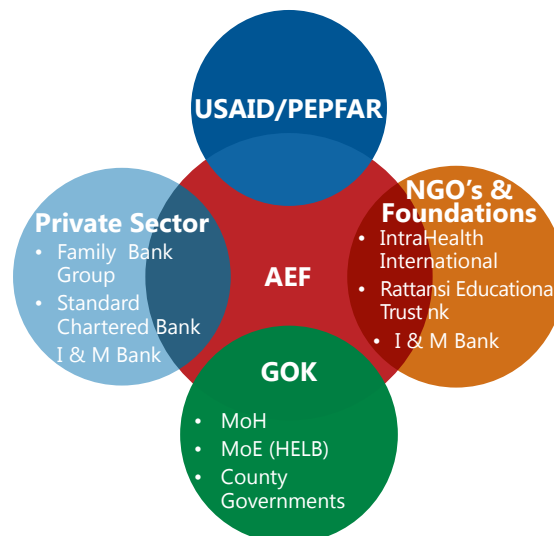
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HRH Kenya (September 2016-September 2021) is a USAID funded project that succeeds FUNZOKenya project, which established Afya Elimu Fund. HRH Kenya mechanism is supporting the Government of Kenya's efforts to transform health workforce training.

HELB was established in the year 1995 by an Act of Parliament with a mandate of sourcing and disbursing funds to needy Kenyan students pursuing higher education as loans, bursaries and scholarships. HELB is also responsible for recovery of the loans after completion of studies to facilitate establishment of a sustainable revolving fund.

Private sector partners with AEF as contributors and investors to the Fund

Funding Mechanism



How the Fund works

- Administered by HELB as an affordable loan product anchored as a revolving fund in which repayments are ploughed back to support new trainees.
- An interest rate of 4% per annum is charged to beneficiaries of pre-service loans. Beneficiaries then have a one year post graduation grace period before commencing repayment.
- A joint AEF Oversight Committee comprising members from partner organizations, provides overall governance, ensures sustainability, provides strategic direction, and supports investment and fundraising initiatives. The Oversight Committee is also responsible for identifying priority areas of training.

How to Apply

Apply online through <https://portal.helb.co.ke>

How to Support

AEF welcomes you to partner with us in order to grow, sustain and increase the financial base of the fund. Our partnership in AEF, will enable more needy students complete their studies and become qualified healthcare professionals urgently required to bridge health workforce gap in Kenya. You can download a pledge form from the AEF site <http://afyaelimu.co.ke/contr> and indicate your preferred mode of contribution