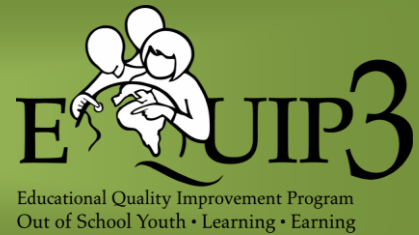


G-Youth Kenya

Garissa Youth Project



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Project Overview Designed to respond to Garissan youth's needs and assets, the Garissa Youth Project (G-Youth Project) aims to empower youth to make sound career and life decisions as they transition from high-school to the next phase of their lives. The project also aims to build the capacity of local institutions and networks to sustain the much-needed services that G-Youth will provide. Specifically, the G-Youth Project will offer youth a series of inter-connected interventions to: build skills, facilitate appropriate career choices, provide employment and/or income generating information, bridge technical and university education opportunities and provide fun and safe spaces.

From February 2009 to September 2010, the G-Youth Project will be implemented by Education Development Center (EDC) in partnership with local Garissa-based NGOs, higher education institutions, private sector companies and members of civil society.

Project Objectives To constructively engage Garissan youth in career and livelihood development and civic participation activities by:

1. Establishing a Youth Resource Center that provides career development support and access to livelihood opportunities for Garissan youth.
2. Increasing the number of Garissan youth who pursue a technical education at North East Province Technical Training Institute (NEP TTI) as a viable alternative to a formal university education.
3. Expanding and strengthening local NGO programs that provide livelihood and civic participation opportunities for Garissa youth.

Target Population The project will target 1,600 urban 16-24 year-old, male and female high school students (Forms III and IV) and high school graduates residing in Garissa Central.

The G-Youth Project's 3 Major Components:

- **Establishment** of a G-Youth Career Resource Center which will provide the project's target youth population with structured career development information, skills, and opportunities to get jobs, start their own businesses or transition into higher education.
- **Strengthening** and expanding programs at the North East Province Technical Training Institute (NEP TTI), a major technical/vocational training center in Garissa that is currently underutilized.
- **Provision** of small grants to a number of Garissan NGOs currently working to strengthen the livelihood and employment skills of Garissan youth.

