

# Education

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# Why Does It Matter?

There are 33 million kids in Africa, 10 million drop out of school each year due to poverty, many kids don't get a proper education because they need to work and to make money for their family. But education is a big problem in Africa. But why does education matter? Well, it has to do with health, communication and water. For example, it is proven that if you are uneducated in Africa you are more likely to get Aids. Also, if people in Africa learn the basic skills of communication and multiple languages it will be much easier to get jobs, which will help infrastructure and poverty.



# School Environment

It's important that the students have good learning environment. Most schools in Africa have no toilets and 22% do not have electricity. Also, in their school there are no grades, just a bunch of kids in a classroom. This can not assure students of a proper education. But to make it worse, the dropout rates are awful. For every 2 students in Africa 1 will drop out before they graduate. In Canada there's a drop out rate of 8.5. I believe that proper education in Africa will help their country, but there school system needs to be improved before that can happen.





# Health



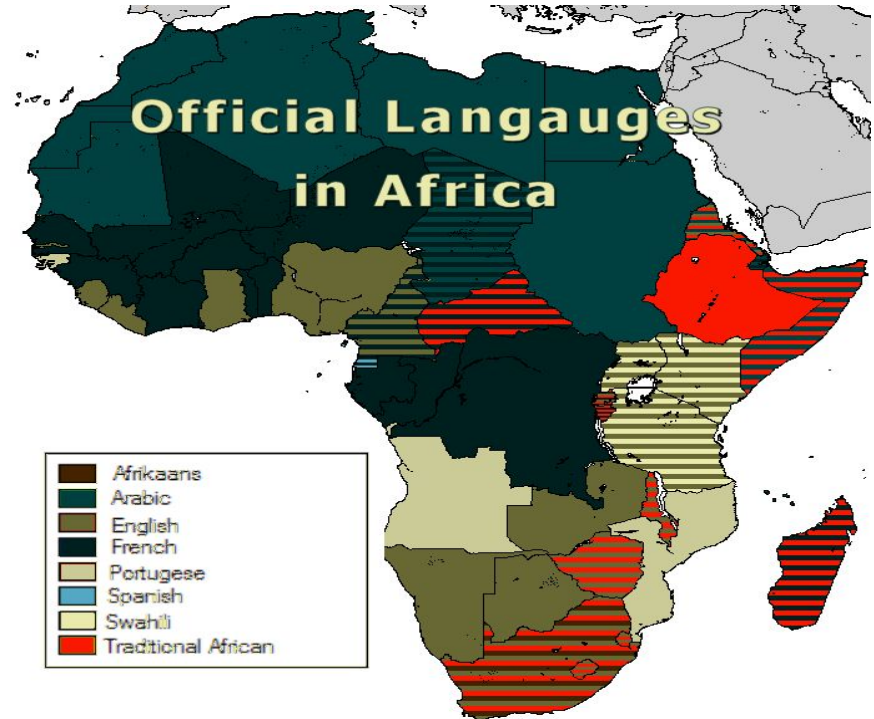
Health is a big issue in Africa, about 5,500 people die per day of aids there. But how can education help? Well it was proven that there was less reported cases of aids where there was primary schools. But one of the bigger problems is that people aren't able to finish school, therefore are not qualified to be a doctor. Also because 77 million women can't read or write, how can they read their prescriptions. Did you know that if you have an education you are 3x less likely to get aids

But another problem is the shortage of doctors, for every 2.3 health workers there are 1000 people that need them. If there was technology in schools the students could learn more complicated things and have the otools they need to succeed. Which will make becoming a doctor or getting any job more accessible. But if we had more educated doctors then we could have more help. Also, if more kids went to university then they could find cures to diseases like polio, Ebola and HIV/Aids and make medicine. If students are educated about the sicknesses then they can learn how to avoid them. Also, if they had grades the students would be more driven to succeed as an individual.



# Communication

There are 1500-2000 languages spoken in Africa, just imagine how complex life would be if when you don't speak the same language as your teacher. If students can learn the most used language like Berber, Arabic and Igbo and then learn their home language then it will be much to communicate.. If you are a doctor and you have a patient that speaks another language than you how are you supposed to help them. In Canada 94% of people speak English or French, so when you meet someone here chances are you both speak the same language.



# Water

Clean water is a big issue in Africa, 783 million people there don't have access to clean water and 5,000 kids die a day of dirty water . Water contamination can cause deadly diseases like Cholera, Guinea worm disease, Typhoid and Dysentery. Also usually girls collect the water in the family which can lead to spine issues , but they spend about 3 hours a day doing it. Which is one of the reasons why 28 million girls from the ages 6-15 don't go to school. But if they taught children and teenagers, who would then teach their parents, how to build wells, then more kids could go to school and they would have clean healthy water. It costs about 8,000 to build a well, which sounds like a lot but that money can easily be raised.



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# Conclusion

So in conclusion, what I would change in education is make sure that they have grades, have proper school supplies, teach kids how to build wells so that more girls are able to go to school and teach them one main language and their mother's tongue. If we do that I believe it will benefit Africa greatly.

