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# HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY FOR QUALITY TEACHER TRAINING

UNESCO-CFIT project to enhance teacher quality in Africa



The UNESCO-China Funds-in-Trust (CFIT) project is a flagship project on enhancing quality teacher training in Africa. The project aims at using ICT – Information and Communications Technology, including computers, internet, mobile devices – to support the target countries in enhancing their teacher training institutions. The focus is to increase the quantity and improve the quality of both pre- and in-service teachers. Eight African countries are part of this project, with Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia and Namibia being the first group, and Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania being the second group.

The main thrust of the CFIT project is:

- > **Country ownership** – with UNESCO's technical expertise, the government and targeted teacher training institutions decide the aims of their country's project, and implement the designed activities.
- > **Partnership** – the project seeks synergy with the education programmes of the government and teacher training institutions, and related education activities of NGOs. With the help of the Chinese Embassies in these countries, we hope to identify additional funds and support.

## Using ICT to...

Improve the capacity of key teacher training institutions to provide quality programmes to increase the supply of properly qualified teachers

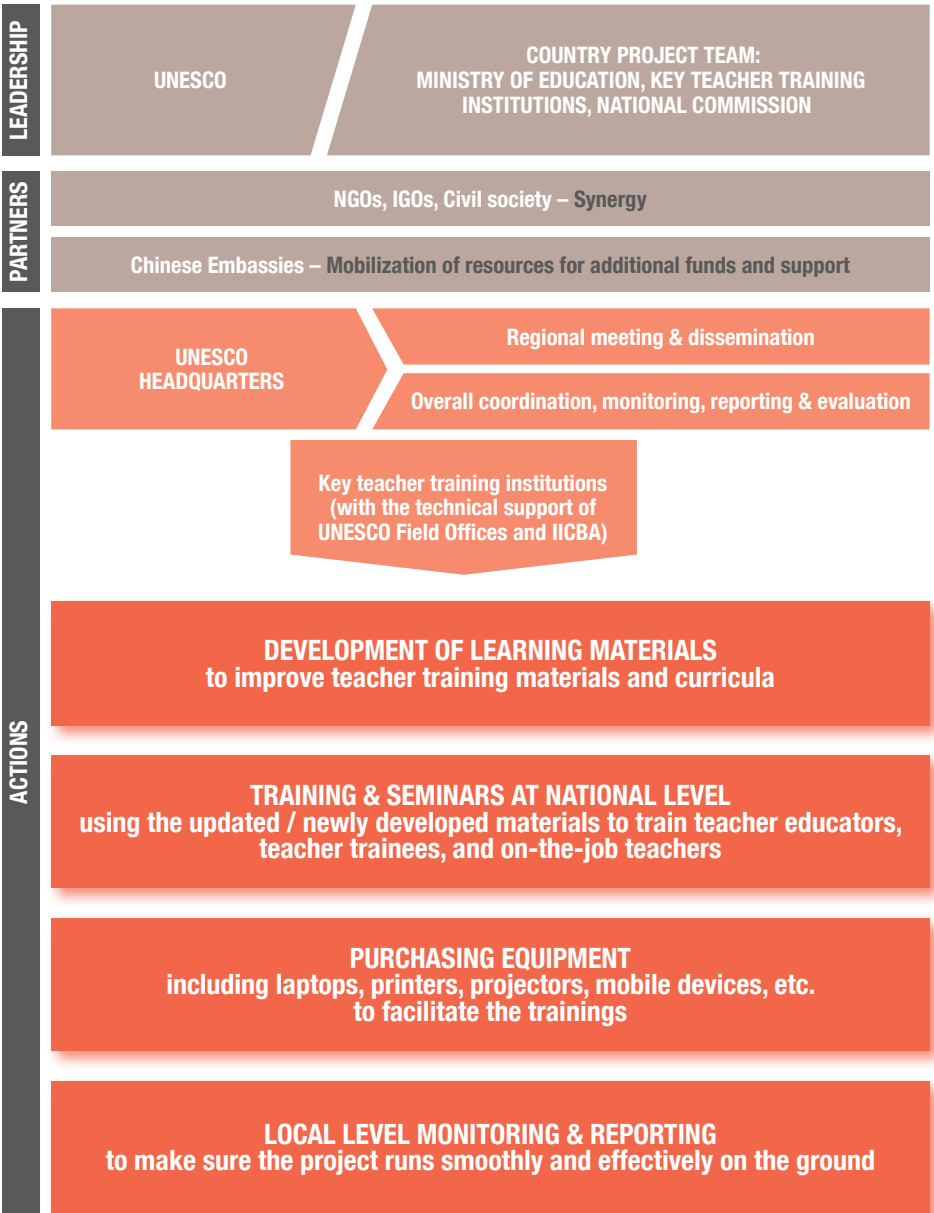
Enhance the capacity of key teacher education/training institutions to equip teacher trainers and teachers with ICT skills to improve the quality of teaching and learning for students


Support networks of teacher training institutions to share knowledge with policy makers, institutional leaders and other stakeholders on effective strategies and practices

Strengthen the capacity of key teacher training institutions in supporting on the job teachers' continuous professional development

Improve **the quality**  
of teacher training

# How CFIT works





“Qualified teachers are the most forceful influence on learning. By harnessing technology to strengthen Africa’s teacher training institutions, this flagship project is contributing to the continent’s future peace and prosperity, because educated citizens have the knowledge and power to transform their societies for the better. I am grateful to the Government of China for their generous support.”

Irina Bokova, Director-General, UNESCO

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