KIX AFRICA 19 HUB
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Newsletter
2020 YEAR-END EDITION

Dear KIX Africa 19 Hub members and partners,

As we reach the end of the 2020 year, we reflect and celebrate on all that we have achieved together as part of the Africa 19 Hub. While the Hub has only existed for seven months, we have managed to complete many important activities and develop working relationships with each other, despite the constrained conditions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. As each of you has had to face unprecedented challenges in our work to support education and the continuity of learning over the past year, we hope that the KIX Africa 19 Hub has been a useful resource and a vital forum to provide you with knowledge and information and to exchange with others.

Not only do we take a moment to review our progress and achievements in the newsletter below, we also take this opportunity to thank you for your participation and engagement with the Hub. Without you and your efforts, we could not have had successful meetings and moments to exchange. We also take a moment to thank our donors and managing partners, the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, without whom this Hub would not have been made possible. We also appreciate the support and guidance of the consortium of implementing partners, UNESCO IICBA, UNICEF ESARO and AUC, who have led us and helped us success so far.

We hope you enjoy the following review of the Hub's major achievements, found below, and the links to accompanying information related to each milestone. We send you our very best wishes for the holiday season and the new year. We look forward to our continued partnership in 2021 and beyond,
The KIX Hub Secretariat

May 2020, Kick off of the KIX Hub
The KIX Hub was officially launched on May 5, 2020 with an Inception Meeting. Member states and technical team partners came together to learn more about the KIX Hub through presentations from the Consortium partners. Read more
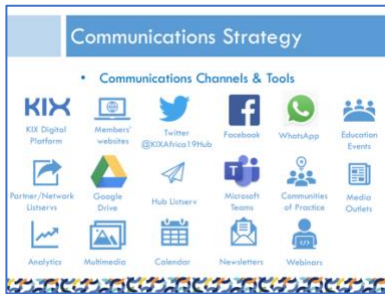

June 2020, Expert Presentations along KIX thematic areas
In June 2020, the Hub hosted two meetings with expert presentations on learning assessment, teaching and learning, meeting the data challenge, gender equality, early childhood education and inclusivity.

Member states' responses to the first country rapid assessment were presented, providing a preliminary understanding of the region's progress and challenges in each area. Read more

July 2020, Validation of Hub Strategies

Member states and the technical team provided feedback and validated three essential strategies for the Hub: the DCP and LEG Engagement Strategy, the Communications and Advocacy Strategy and the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Strategy. [Read more](#)

August 2020, In-Depth Country Mapping Published

With each member state responding to thematic questionnaires and a comprehensive document review conducted, the Hub published its In-Depth Country Mapping Report which provided a situation analysis along each thematic area and established priorities for the Hub. Members states and partners provided feedback on the findings during a consultative meeting, followed by the report's finalization. [Read more](#)

October 2020, Rapid Assessment of Member States' Capacity Strengthening Areas

Member states, country team delegation members and technical partners completed a rapid assessment along capacity strengthening areas to inform future Hub activities. Several top priority areas emerged: Policy design and analysis; Educational planning and projection techniques and Result-based management/MEL. Hub members reviewed the results together and discussed information and communication technology (ICT) solutions that could advance the Hub's knowledge management and information and experience exchange aims at the October monthly meeting. [Read more](#)

November 2020, Member State Knowledge Sharing Webinar on Teaching & Learning during COVID-19

At the Hub's November meeting, country representatives from three member states, Lesotho, Sierra Leone and Malawi, presented on their teaching and learning response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including their progress in ensuring continuity of learning, the challenges they've faced and their success stories. The presentations were followed by a rich exchange as countries shared their strategies together. [Read more](#)

November 2020, Presentation of Africa 19 Baseline Findings

After a compilation and analysis of member states' statistical data, the Hub established a baseline for the KIX Hub. The baseline is expected to measure progress across counties and Hubs over the lifetime of KIX. Read more

December 2020, Launch of the Africa 19 Digital Repository

Hub members celebrated the launch of the Africa 19 Digital Repository, on December 8th, which contains more than 200 education resources. Member states and technical team members shared testimonials about the Hub and their hopes for the Repository. Read more

Visit the Africa 19 Digital Repository at iicba.unesco.org/africa19

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