



## **Airtel Africa plc**

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### **Airtel Africa and UNICEF Partnership Connects Over 1,200 Schools to The Internet, Reaches 1 Million Learners Across Africa with Quality Digital Education**

**Africa, 20 November 2024:** Airtel Africa, a leading provider of telecommunications and mobile money services across 14 African countries, has today announced that its five-year partnership with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), aimed at transforming education across the continent, has connected over 1,200 schools to the internet, trained 17,000 teachers, and reached more than 1 million learners with quality digital education resources across 13 African countries.

The partnership was launched in 2021 as part of Airtel Africa's \$57 million commitment to support digital education and bridge the digital divide for vulnerable children in remote communities in collaboration with African governments. It has recorded tremendous successes in its mission to provide African children with essential digital tools for them to have a brighter future.

Airtel Africa has prioritised the accessibility of online learning resources, including zero-rated educational platforms and teacher training, to support equitable learning opportunities for Africa's children.

**Airtel Africa CEO, Sunil Taldar, speaking on the success of the partnership while marking this year's World's Children's Day said:**

"Our mission is to transform lives, and through our collaboration with UNICEF, we are witnessing the profound impact that connectivity and digital resources can have on Africa's children and teachers. For each school we have managed to connect and for each teacher trained on using these digital tools, we are taking tangible steps toward realizing our commitment to bridging the digital divide, advancing educational equality and restating our commitment to the relentless pursuit of a better future for African children on the continent."

The partnership has expanded digital learning to learners in 13 countries since its launch. The countries include Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. By equipping these schools with internet connectivity and training teachers on how to use the digital tools, Airtel Africa and UNICEF are providing children, particularly in underserved and remote regions, with the digital tools and skills they need to thrive.

With these successes, Airtel Africa, the first private sector company to partner with UNICEF on the continent to support programmes focused on accelerating digital learning, has continued to demonstrate the vital role that private sector partnerships play in addressing education challenges in Africa.

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#### **About Airtel Africa**

Airtel Africa is a leading provider of telecommunications and mobile money services, with a presence in 14 countries in Africa, primarily in East Africa and Central and West Africa.

Airtel Africa offers an integrated suite of telecommunications solutions to its subscribers, including mobile voice and data services as well as mobile money services both nationally and internationally.

The Group aims to continue providing a simple and intuitive customer experience through streamlined customer journeys.

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