



Airtel Africa plc

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Airtel Africa Foundation unveils plan for improving 10 million lives in Africa by 2030

Lagos, 23 September 2025: Airtel Africa plc, a leading provider of telecommunications and mobile money services with a presence in 14 countries across Africa, through its philanthropic arm, the Airtel Africa Foundation, has outlined its strategy for directly improving the lives of 10 million people across the continent by the year 2030.

This will be delivered through initiatives under three core pillars: Education and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Digital Inclusion, and Financial Empowerment. Airtel Africa's Chief Executive Officer, Sunil Taldar stated that the Airtel Africa Foundation represents the company's long-term investment in transforming the continent to ensure Africa's sustainable future.

Speaking at a media roundtable hosted by Airtel Africa in Lagos, Mr Taldar said, "We cannot thrive in a place that is not thriving. This understanding is the very reason the Airtel Africa Foundation was born. It is our vehicle to catalyse transformation, by systematically investing in the pillars that underpin a resilient and dynamic society. We have remained dedicated to transforming lives both as a business imperative as well as our overarching philosophy. For us, helping to connect the unconnected, banking the unbanked and enabling businesses and economies to thrive are the three most significant objectives of our business."

The Airtel Africa Foundation intends to execute its mission through targeted programmes designed to create a cycle of empowerment. These include 'Connecting Schools', by providing free connectivity and devices, and the 'Airtel Africa Fellowship', which offers full undergraduate scholarships in tech and STEM fields, complemented by mentorship and internships.

A key early success highlighted is the Foundation's partnership with UNICEF, which has already connected 1,200 schools, benefitted over one million students, and trained more than 17,000 teachers in digital education across its 14 markets.

Dr. Segun Ogunsanya, Chairman of the Airtel Africa Foundation, outlined the ambitious target saying, "Our 2030 vision is a transformed Africa where over 10 million lives are directly improved through our interventions. We are not just donating resources, we are building a pipeline of talent and fostering innovation to ensure the global digital revolution leaves no African behind. This is a strategic, measurable commitment to unlocking the continent's demographic dividend."

To drive this mission, the Foundation will leverage its Employee Volunteer Programme as well. The Foundation has set specific expansion targets for the 2025/26 financial year, with programmes active across all its operating countries, from Nigeria to Zambia, Malawi, Rwanda, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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About Airtel Africa

Airtel Africa is a leading provider of telecommunications and mobile money services, with operations in 14 countries across sub-Saharan Africa. Airtel Africa's integrated offer provides national and international mobile voice and data services as well as mobile money services to over 156 million customers. The company's strategy is focused on delivering a great customer experience across the entire footprint and increasing digital and financial inclusion to transform lives across Africa, in line with our corporate purpose.

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About Airtel Africa Foundation

Airtel Africa Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Airtel Africa plc, a leading provider of telecommunications and mobile money services, with a presence in 14 countries in Africa. Our mission is to empower Africa through Financial Inclusion, Education, Environmental Protection and Digital Inclusion.

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