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# Education and skills development

## Summary

Africa's growth depends on her people having access to quality education, and the promotion of skills training and lifelong learning opportunities in the context of the fourth industrial revolution.

Standard Bank supports this in various ways. We work with partners in the education and corporate sectors to address the challenge of accessing affordable and accessible student finance, including through innovative models such as the Feenix crowdfunding platform in South Africa. Since June 2017, Feenix has raised R22 million, covering the fees for 800 tertiary students.

Our corporate social investment programmes focus primarily, but not exclusively, on education, from early childhood development to tertiary education. In South Africa, Standard Bank's Tutuwa Community Foundation, established following the conclusion of Standard Bank's Tutuwa black economic empowerment deal, supports a range of child development, educational initiatives, and youth work-readiness schemes.



**SDG 4**  
Inclusive and equitable quality education and the promotion of lifelong learning opportunities for all

**MATERIAL ISSUE**  
Contribute to job creation and enterprise development in countries of operation