



# Africa Regional Higher Education Summit

## Higher Education for Development

### **Expanding Partnerships to Strengthen Africa's Higher Education Institutions**

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# What is Higher Education for Development (HED)?

- HED mobilizes the expertise and resources of the higher education community to address global development challenges.
- HED manages a major program of **international partnerships** between U.S. and overseas higher education institutions funded primarily by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

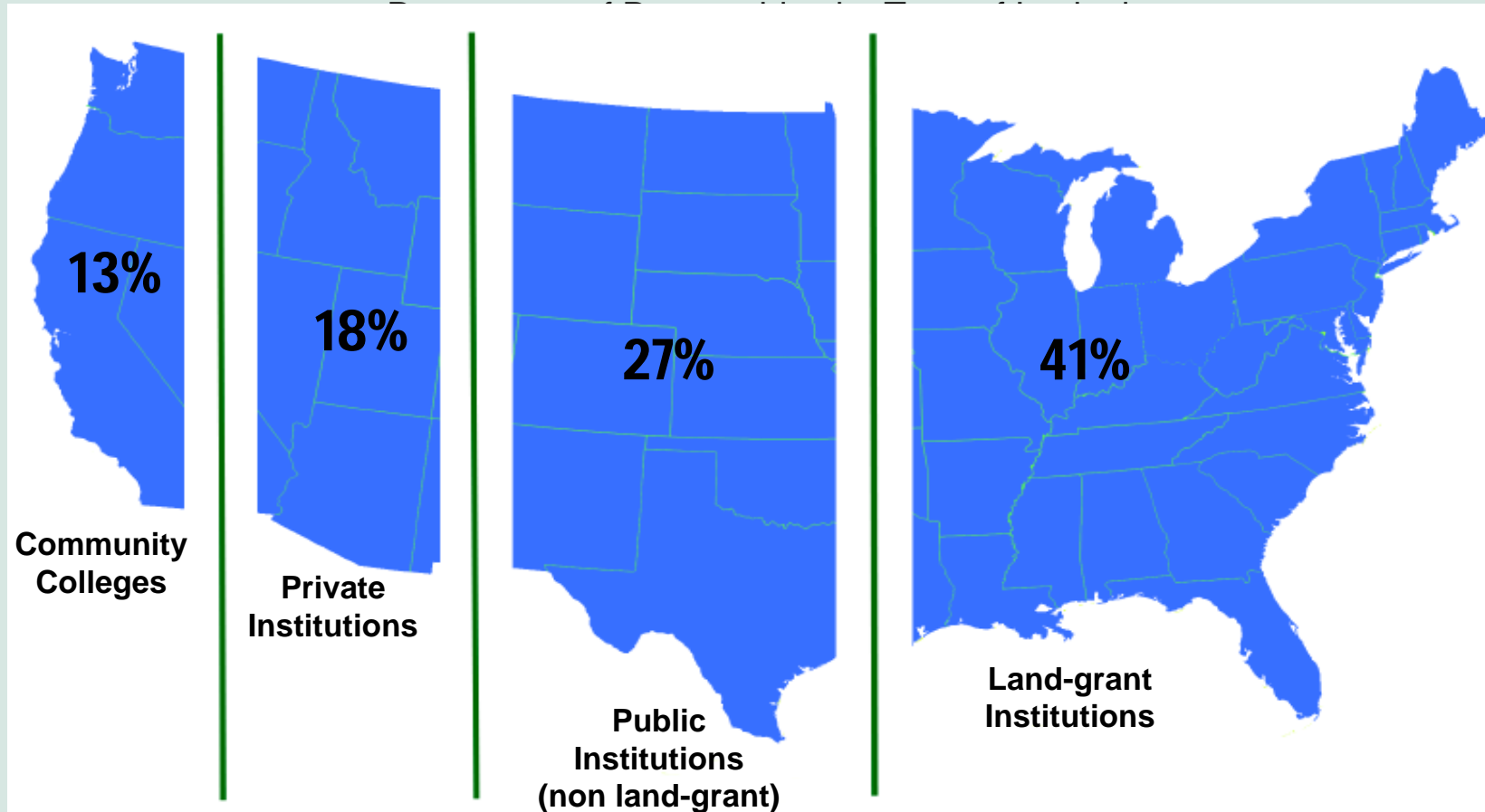


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- HED manages a **competitive awards** program to select the strongest applications for the partnerships.



# HED Partnerships Involve All Segments of the U.S. Higher Education Community





# 300 Partnerships in 60+ Countries Worldwide

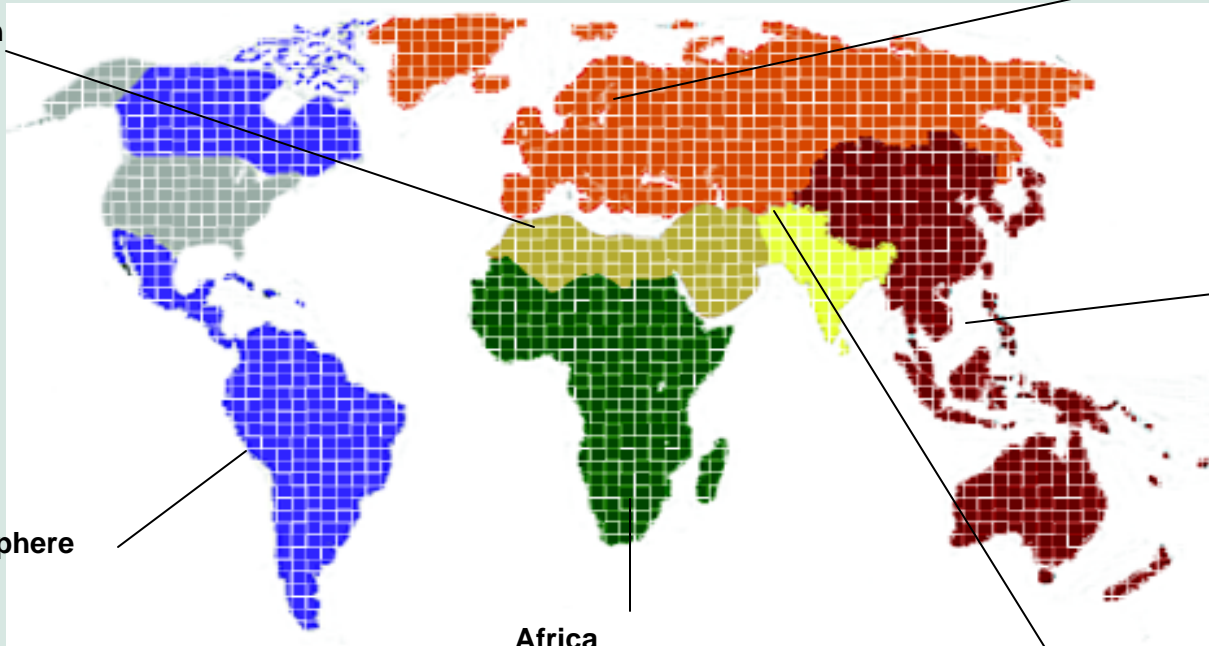
## One-third with African Higher Education

Near East & North  
Africa

Europe & Eurasia

Western Hemisphere

Southeast Asia  
& Pacific



Africa

South & Central Asia

Angola - Benin - Botswana - Congo (DRC) Eritrea -  
Ethiopia- Ghana - Kenya - Lesotho Malawi - Mali -  
Mozambique Namibia Nigeria - Rwanda - Senegal -  
Somalia South Africa - Tanzania - Uganda - Zambia



# Key Components of Successful Partnerships

1. Collaboratively designed and implemented
  - local context
  - ownership in host country
2. Relationships built on trust
3. Equitable distribution of funds





## Key Components of Successful Partnerships

### 4- Adaptable

- Political, civil unrest
- Environmental & public health challenges

### 5- High levels of institutional support



## Example of Adapting to Changing Realities

University of Southern California/Daystar University/Moi University



Assisted orphans and vulnerable children coordinating with NGOs after post-election violence in Kenya, 2008.

Thousands of displaced persons assisted in Eldoret.



## Evidence of Impact

1. Influence national policy
2. Effects beyond the university campuses into the communities
3. Disciplines strengthened through joint academic research, updated, more relevant curricula and classes



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4. Enhanced prestige and reputation of host-country institutions
5. Improved teaching methods and curricula design result in increased learning
6. Improved human and institutional capacity helps address global development issues.



# Cost Efficient Higher Education Partnerships

1. Access to the best U.S. academics, researchers, technical experts through their universities
2. Substantial contributions through cost share
3. Ongoing, long-term, low cost, or free academic commitments frequently endure after the formal funding agreement ends.



## Cost Efficient Higher Education Partnerships

4- Senior faculty in host countries gain skills and develop relationships for policy advising and engaging the private sector.

5- U.S. and overseas institutions are enriched through cross-cultural opportunities, global perspectives on classroom discussions, and internationally focused research related to development.



# Summary from a Decade of U.S. Africa Partnerships

## **African higher education requires:**

1. Continuing institutional and faculty strengthening
2. Quality monitoring and accreditation standards
3. A focus on extension and public service, and
4. Viable plans to fund institutional growth.

These requirements must also be addressed within a context that includes a rapidly growing university segment.



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