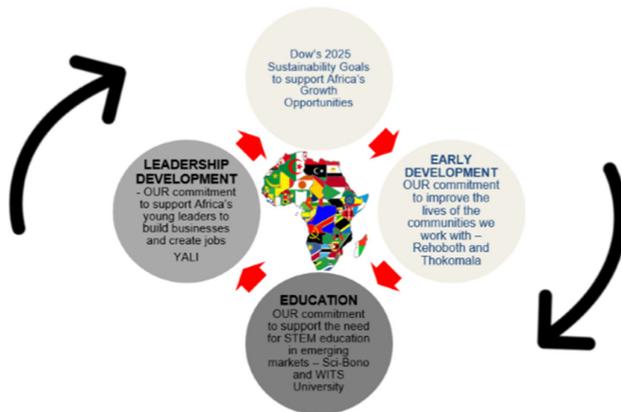




Dow is a significant player in key sectors of the Sub-Saharan Africa economy including infrastructure, water, agriculture, energy, coatings, packaging, transportation, furniture, appliances, textile and personal care. To complement its base in **South Africa**, Dow opened offices in **Kenya, Ghana, Ethiopia and Nigeria**

Dow's Community Development Strategy



Africa's youth is Africa's success. Dow supports 'full circle'; from early childhood development, tertiary education and developing talent that is ready to start a business and create jobs.

Thokomala

Thokomala which means 'warmth' or 'care' in isiZulu aims to provide a holistic child care solution to positively impact the lives of vulnerable children so that they have hope for a BRIGHTER FUTURE.

Thokomala provides opportunities for young people to receive job skill training, obtain internships, or other types of work-related, hands-on experience.

The Dow Difference

Dow developed the Dow Education Fund for Thokomala. This fund enables these children to pursue tertiary studies and reach their full potential. Dow continues to contribute annually, to the operation costs of Thokomala as well as the Education fund.

Stats/Infographic

Dow's fund supports approximately 120 children in 20 Thokomala homes and another 3000 through community outreach

Dow's education Fund is currently supporting 3 young people at university.

Placed as a rebellious 14-year-old teenager together with her two younger brothers at Umlazi (pilot home) in 2003, she is now a role model for all Thokomala kids. Nombuso graduated as a Social Worker in April 2014 and was promptly employed by Durban Children’s Society.

Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI)

President Obama first launched YALI in 2010 to support an emerging generation of African leaders. In July 2014, he announced the creation of four Regional Leadership Centres (RLC) in Ghana, Kenya, Senegal and South Africa. The purpose of the centres is to improve the availability and quality of leadership training programs and professional development opportunities for young African leaders through USAID.

YALI RLCs select Young African leaders between the ages of 18-35 who are already contributors to positive change in their communities or countries through their involvement in entrepreneurship, business, public administration, civil society and other socio- economic development initiatives.

The Dow Difference

The objective of YALI RLC is to provide transformational learning and enhance their leadership skills through access to education, workforce training and skills development. Dow provides direct financial and in kind contributions to YALI RLCs to enable them to deliver on their primary goals.



YALI RLC	Intended Use of Funds
1. West Africa (Accra)	Alternative Energy - Additional power solution to mitigate against frequent power interruptions at the RLC.

YALI RLC	Intended Use of Funds
2. Southern Africa	Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) - Platform for online training and alumni activities. Platform is required to reach an estimated 7000 students over 4 years.
3. West Africa (Dakar)	Alternative Energy - RLC facility is currently being built and solar energy solution is proposed to provide power for the lighting and air conditioning of 4 classrooms, 1 amphitheater and office spaces.
4. East Africa	RLC Channel – This channel, would be developed and produced by Africa 24 Media . It would take the good news story of YALI’s impact in terms of leadership and human capacity development around the world.

Rehoboth Children’s Village

Rehoboth Children’s Village is situated in Kwa-Zulu Natal and cares for children that are either abandoned or orphaned and affected or infected by HIV/AIDS. Children are raised in a safe and loving home environment where their health is stabilized and controlled.

The Dow Difference

In 1997 Dow committed to supporting initiatives aimed at reducing HIV related deaths. Dow realised that a number of their valued employees were losing their lives to HIV and therefore made the decision to support initiatives that addressed the effects of this dreadful disease.

Through intense research conducted they realised that the disease had robbed many Dow families of both parents, leaving behind a number of orphans. It was predicted that due to lack of care and access to food, shelter and the necessary medical care, the orphans infected with HIV generally did not live past 12 years of age. Dow made it their business to embrace these orphans and support them through initiatives that would guarantee that they receive a fair chance at life and to provide them with the necessary care and facilities to ensure they live longer, more fruitful lives.

Statistics/infographic

Dow built two houses of the 15 houses in the village and continues to contribute towards the operating and educational costs.

Since its inception, Rehoboth has looked after 80 children and kept them in school

Rehoboth has created self- sustainable projects, recruiting young people from the local community.

Community projects include:

- Water bottling Plant
- Macadamia Tree project over 750 trees planted and farmed
- Vegetable garden: which supplies the village with fresh vegetables

WITS University School of Chemistry

The project involves financial support for needy and deserving students in the Chemistry Honours class at the University of the Witwatersrand. Many South African families cannot support their children financially beyond an undergraduate degree, and this project offers talented students in financial difficulty the opportunity to pursue a postgraduate degree in Chemistry. As there is an acute shortage of scientists in South Africa, this project is aimed at increasing the numbers of skilled personnel in the area of Science and Technology. It is an essential industry-academia partnership, as it provides the graduates with a link to the chemical industry in South Africa, in addition to the financial support. Through this project, the School of Chemistry at the University of the Witwatersrand has been able to significantly increase the size of the Honours class over the last five years.

Sci-Bono Discovery Centre

The Sci-Bono Discovery Centre is South Africa's flagship science centre. It is a strategic partner of the Gauteng Department of Education. Besides its science centre programmes, Sci-Bono runs a range of educational programmes that seek to improve teaching and learning in these subjects in Gauteng schools. One of the programmes that Sci-Bono runs is the Emasondosondo Mobile Science and Maths Programme. The main aim of this project is to assist the learners and teachers in selected schools to master difficult topics in Mathematics and Science, and to do science investigations and experiments.

The programme uses specially trained teachers, innovative teaching methods and resources including a mobile science laboratory, mobile interactive science exhibits, printed materials, and audio-visual technology. The programme includes experiments, science shows & demonstrations to the learners and provides support and training for science teachers in aspects such as laboratory management, cleaning equipment, etc. The programme serves township, rural and farm schools. where there are no qualified educators in these key subjects.