



INJINI

Partnering for Impact:
Transforming African Education
Together



About Injini

Injini is a **non-profit** company based in Cape Town with a **pan-African** reach.

Our **mission** is to increase the quality, accessibility, and relevance of education in the region.

We are founded on the belief that innovation and technology - developed **by Africa, for Africa** - can help solve the continent's most pressing education challenges.



The state of education in Africa



An overview of essential data highlighting the current state of education across the continent.

9 out of 10 African children are unable to read or solve basic maths problems by age 10.

(UNICEF, 2022)

Literacy Crisis

Over half of the 251 million out-of-school children and adolescents globally are in sub-Saharan Africa.

(UNESCO, 2024)

School Dropout Rates

The education-employment gap is widening every year.

Children in sub-Saharan Africa will only achieve 40% of their potential productivity due to education deficiencies.

(World Bank HCI, 2020)

Skills Gap

Challenges faced by EdTech startups

An overview of key obstacles hindering the growth and impact of African EdTech companies.

In 2023, Africa's venture capital equity funding dropped by 54% to \$2.3 billion, **with EdTech being particularly affected**, receiving only 1% of the total investments.

(Injini Insights Report, 2024)

Funding

Many African countries lack cohesive regulatory frameworks. Only a few, like Ethiopia and Rwanda, have formal EdTech policies in place, while others, such as Ghana, are still in early development stages.

(CNBC Africa, 2024)

Policy Barriers

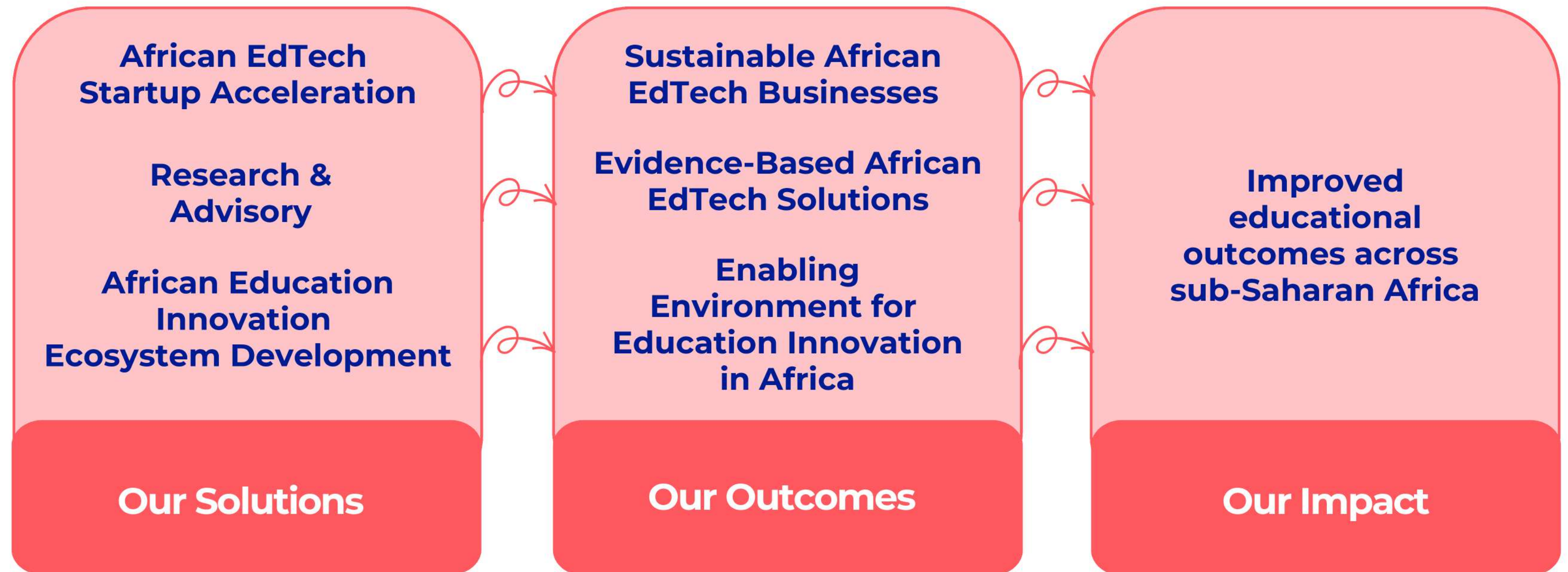
In sub-Saharan Africa, **89% of learners lack access to a computer at home**, and 82% are without an internet connection at home. These significant gaps in digital access present substantial challenges for EdTech adoption across the continent.

(The UNESCO Courier, 2023)

Adoption

Our Unique Approach

A summarised representation of Injini's approach to creating impact in the African education sector.



Our Unique Approach

African EdTech Startup Acceleration

We support high-impact EdTech business founders and leaders to improve learning outcomes throughout sub-Saharan Africa - with a key focus on increasing their impact and sustainability.

African Education Innovation Ecosystem Development

We do our part to increase the quantity of viable, evidence-driven innovations, adoption rates by prospective EdTech implementers, investment by EdTech enablers and collaboration between all stakeholders.

Research & Advisory

The Injini Think Tank conducts industry research and provides market insights for EdTech entrepreneurs and other ecosystem members. We aim to influence decision-making to create a supportive environment for EdTech in Africa.



Injini's Impact



**2.6M+
learners &
430K+**

teachers reached
since April 2023—
40.6% in
underserved areas

**\$1.4M in
funding**

secured for
portfolio
companies, despite
African EdTech
raising just \$34.6M
total

**65% of
new jobs**

went to women—
driving youth &
gender equity in
employment

**16.86%
revenue
growth**

for participants of
18-months or more,
compared to 9.27%
for newer cohort

**Hundreds
engaged**

in our events—
building key
partnerships, with
many returning
year after year

Testimonials from our Ecosystem



"The EdTech Fellowship programme has been nothing short of amazing. There is no programme with a bespoke and tailored approach like this programme. The support is relevant and real in a way that really aids your entity to grow. The programme is also not exhaustive in its requirements in a way that derails you from focusing on running your business which is also great."

Nhlanhla Mposula, 2024 EdTech Fellow

"Africa Tikkun Bambanani has achieved significant success in securing funding this year, and the programme has played a key role in this outcome. Several elements contributed to this, including the feedback on the pitch deck, input from all other Fellows, the Theory of Change framework and discussions in different programme workshops with stakeholders about their preferences and priorities. By leveraging 1% from every aspect that the programme offered across the two years, it culminated in a substantial collective impact."

Theresa Michael, 2023 EdTech Fellow



Our Footprint

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African EdTech Startups

supported through intensive incubation and acceleration programmes

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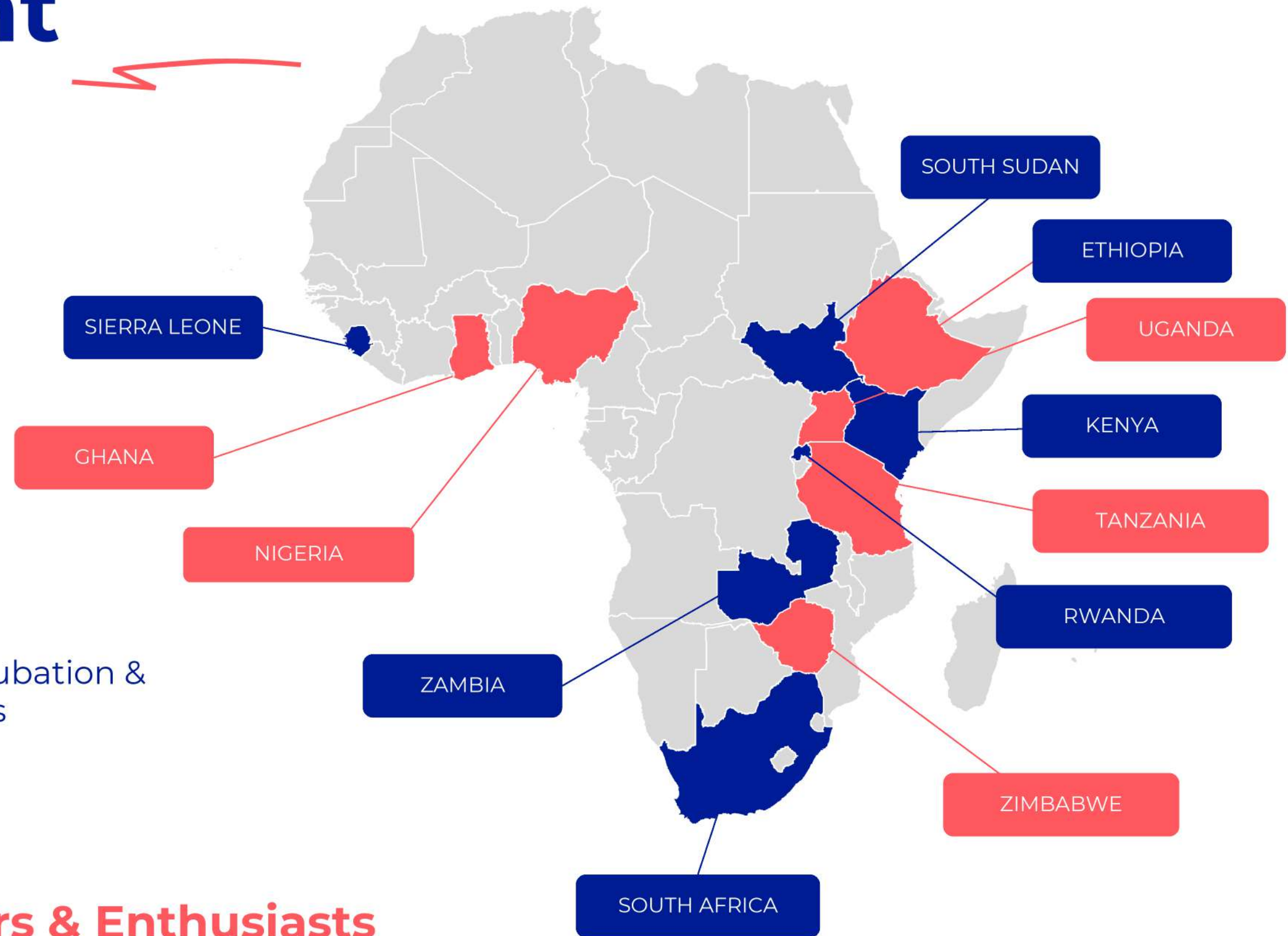
African Countries

represented in Injini's portfolio of incubation & acceleration programme participants

4,000+

African EdTech Innovators & Enthusiasts

reached and engaged with via Injini's EdTech ecosystem development initiatives, including 700+ trained



Our Recent Acceleration Programmes

Mastercard Foundation EdTech Fellowship

The Mastercard Foundation EdTech Fellowship is a six-month, equity-free acceleration program designed for high-growth and high-impact companies that use technology and innovation to address challenges in South African education.

Injini Acceleration Partnership Programme

Injini has partnered with the UBS Optimus Foundation and other partners to deliver a pan-African EdTech-specialised venture development programme.

Evidence for EdTech Entrepreneurs Course

Injini partnered with EdTech Hub to support 44 entrepreneurs across two cohorts, providing peer mentorship and workshops on user experiments, product roadmaps, fundraising, and investment readiness. Each cohort's top founder received a £10,000 micro-grant.



Our Events and Ecosystem Engagement

South African EdTech Week offers a unique opportunity to explore investment prospects in innovative educational technologies, connect with emerging EdTech ventures, and collaborate with other stakeholders committed to transforming education across the continent.

South African EdTech Week

Our ecosystem events unite our alumni to exchange insights, ideas, and expertise. These gatherings provide a platform for EdTech companies to connect on a deeper level, fostering meaningful relationships and partnerships that drive impact and support scalable growth.

Ecosystem Events

Injini hosts startup showcases, roundtables, and panel discussions to spotlight the potential of EdTech. By creating a platform for engagement and exposure, Injini helps EdTech startups gain visibility, attract investment, and scale impactful solutions.

Stakeholder Events

Our Team

Injini's team and board members embody our organisation's values: inclusion, transparency, agility and people-centricity.

Injini's Board of Directors

Brendan Hughes
Board Chairperson

Krista Davidson
Executive Director

Jamie Martin
Injini Co-Founder &
EdTech Business Owner

Fabian Whate
VC and Angel Investor

Fiona Tabraham
Umuzi.org Executive
Director Experience Lab

Suraya Hamdulay
Corporate Relations
Executive

Joshin Raghubar
Venture Builder and
Impact Entrepreneur



Krista Davidson
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Head



Kelly Fisher
Marketing &
Comms Head



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Comms Associate



Phemelo Mabuse
Research Analyst



Nonku Nyathi
Senior Partnerships &
Ecosystem Lead



Nosiphelo Nikani
Programmes Associate



Katherine Tredinnick
Research Lead

Our Partners in Impact

Our work has only been possible with close collaboration and support by aligned partners.



UBS Optimus
Foundation



Why Partner with Us?

Investing in Injini's work enables sustainable, scalable impact in education across Africa. By supporting high-potential EdTech ventures, driving research, and fostering collaboration, funders play a vital role in shaping the future of learning. This partnership offers several key benefits:



High visibility & thought leadership



Direct engagement with top African EdTech startups



Contribution to systemic change in education

Ways to Get Involved

Programme Funding

Support a cohort, research, or policy initiative

Event Sponsorship

Fund an event and gain visibility & engagement

Strategic Partnerships

Collaborate on ecosystem development, advocacy, or knowledge sharing

Non-financial Support

Support a cohort, research, or policy initiative





Let's Collaborate



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