

# SKIES RAPID TECH SKILLS INITIATIVE

*Transforming Lives Through the Rapid Tech Skills Program:*

The Rapid Tech Skills Program, a collaborative effort between the **Kenya Industry and Entrepreneurship Project (KIEP)** and **eight universities**, is poised to revolutionize Kenya's tech landscape. With a focus on empowering individuals through tech education, the program is equipping participants with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in today's digital age. In the words of Darryl Oloo, a beneficiary of the KIEP-SKIES program at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, "Embarking on this journey has been a game-changer for me. The opportunity to acquire cutting-edge tech skills and contribute to innovation has been truly transformative."

**World Bank** in collaboration with **The Ministry of Investments, Trade & Industry**, is Implementing Sub-component 1a of the Kenya Industry Entrepreneurship Programme dubbed **SKIES - Strengthening Kenya's Innovation**



**Ecosystem** through The Management firm - A JV between E4Impact and Spineberg Limited. SKIES focuses on strengthening the support ecosystem (e.g. incubators, accelerators and rapid technology skills providers such as boot camps) through financial grants based on individual improvement plans. In addition, KIEP-SKIES will also fund technology boot camp providers

through subsidizing the cost of tuition for students, and through supporting boot camps through grant funding for scaling.

In a dynamic collaboration that exemplifies innovation in education, the **eight universities** strategically selected for the SKIES Job Readiness Program (**Mama Ngina University College, Kibabii University, Open University, Technical University of Mombasa, Kenyatta University, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture, Kenyatta University and**

**Moi University**) embarked on a journey of co-creation. Together, they curated a tailored curriculum for comprehensive tech coverage, ensuring that the educational content remains cutting-edge and relevant in today's rapidly evolving tech landscape. Additionally, these universities are committed to finding internship or work opportunities for the students after graduation, ensuring they gain practical experience in their field of study. The selection of universities for the SKIES Rapid Tech Skills Program was strategically planned to ensure effective implementation of the rapid tech skills training across different regions of



Kenya, ensuring inclusivity for all. It is worth noting that a total of **267 students** are being sponsored in these institutions, illustrating the program's significant impact on individuals' aspirations for career advancement. Moreover, there is a notable demand from other students and alumni to "self-sponsor" for the program, showcasing the market demand for the skills and knowledge imparted through the KIEP-SKIES Rapid Tech Skills program.

For many participants, enrolling in the KIEP-SKIES program represents a significant step towards career advancement and financial stability. With the tech industry



experiencing exponential growth, individuals recognize the importance of staying ahead of the curve by acquiring in-demand skills such as software engineering, data science, and cyber-security. The opportunity to delve into these areas presents a pathway to lucrative job opportunities and entrepreneurial ventures.

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