The four investments are working to expand access to and success through work-based learning in health care, transportation and logistics, and technology, as well as to build a data infrastructure to measure career readiness.

Detroit has committed to a district-wide expansion of career pathways across the city’s 22 high schools, a goal that is embedded in the district’s strategic plan. The district is also making connections with city-wide efforts to expand work-based learning for youth.

South Bronx

CIE and MSC are bringing technical skills development and work-based learning directly to the Orange Farm community to enable low-income youth to become more employable. They have supported about 2,000 learners across four industries.

South Africa

YouthForce NOLA is coordinating a city-wide effort to build career pathways that result in meaningful credential attainment for all high school students. They are strengthening pathways across the 26 open enrollment high schools and have launched the New Orleans Career Center to provide centralized career preparation.

Greater Washington Region

The Greater Washington Partnership and Education Strategy Group are coordinating a region-wide effort to better align career pathways to employer demand, starting with Information Technology pathways. The initiative includes five school districts, multiple two- and four-year postsecondary institutions and a wide array of employers.

Detroit Promise

The Dallas County Promise provides free college tuition, success coaches and wraparound supports to remove barriers to college and in-demand careers for Dallas County youth. In just two years, the number of participating seniors has nearly doubled to 16,500 and 98 percent have signed the Promise pledge.

Greater Washington Region

CareerConnect is a district-wide initiative to redesign the K-12 experience to provide hands-on learning to students in both school-based and work-based settings. Over 12,000 middle and high school students participate in opportunities such as career-focused classes, mentorships, professional internships and a three-year youth apprenticeship.

India

Lend-a-Hand India is collaborating with the state Government to integrate and scale vocational education in Maharashtra, the second most populous state in India. To date, they have provided work-based learning to over 1,000 students, engaging over 200 employers.

ASEAN

EDC is partnering with secondary schools and technical colleges in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand to provide students with a hands-on bootcamp experience and work-based learning run by local information and communications technology industry partners. They have trained over 90 teachers and engaged over 400 employers.

ENGLAND

The Education Endowment Foundation is identifying and evaluating effective interventions to help youth ages 16 to 18 achieve a passing rate on the General Certificate of Secondary Education exams in English and mathematics, a current barrier to postsecondary school success.

CHINA

CDRF is designing and implementing interventions to ensure that the skill level of vocational students meets the demand of employers, while increasing achievement levels and improving the self-confidence of students. CDRF is also evaluating the interventions to inform policymakers on how to further strengthen China’s vocational education system.

The reach and impact of the New Skills for Youth innovation site investments is incredibly impressive in scale. IN TOTAL, THE INVESTMENTS ARE IMPACTING:

- 12 sites in 13 countries across 4 continents
- 205,000+ students across the globe
- Over 900 secondary schools, colleges & training centers
- Nearly 1,000 employer & industry partners