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Over 950 students from Kwale County in high school, colleges, and university have benefited from mining company Base Titanium's scholarship and bursary program.

The scholarship program is part of a negotiated Community Development Management Plan (CDMP) between Base Titanium, the community and Kwale County Government, which has been aligned with the Kwale County Integrated Development Plan and culminated in the signing of a MoU with the Kwale County Government highlighting areas of cooperation.

The CDMP is now known as a Community Development Agreement (CDA) in the recently enacted Mining Act 2016 and is now a regulation requirement by mining license holders.

Mr. Pius Kassim, the Community Affairs Manager at Base Titanium said that they have seen great impact in the three years since they began the programme, and they have currently grown to support 253 students in colleges and universities as well as another 558 students in high schools. A further 150 students have been supported on a

Mr.Kassim added that investing in Kwale youth is one of the key pillars in Base's community programs. He said that "We want to have an empowered Kwale youth that will have a cutting edge to compete fairly in the national and international labor market.

Since 2014, the program has seen over 150 million shillings in funds disbursed to support the beneficiaries of the program.

The company has now set aside close to 75 million shillings in its 2017-2018 budget to support the scholarship program that will cut across all the four sub-counties in Kwale County and Likoni Sub-County in Mombasa County.

The company runs other youth programs tailor-made for Kwale county that include: A three-year apprentice program run in partnership with the Technical University of Mombasa and a three-month internship program both which the youth are embedded at the mining firm.



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