

## Education is Key for Our Future

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Happy new year Vizo Financial team! International Day of Education is recognized on January 24 and this year, I encourage you to purposefully learn more about the issues that impact the people living in our communities. Access to quality education provides knowledge and resources that can truly improve people's lives. Education is at the center of how we understand the world around us and relate to one another. By learning more about various societal and development issues, we can cultivate a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities impacting our communities.

January is also Poverty Awareness in America Month and educating ourselves on all of the nuanced situations that cause people to live in poverty helps us develop empathetic and lasting solutions to help manage the difficult situations individuals find themselves in.



Education is a fundamental right and it is key to innovation and identifying solutions to future issues that impact us all. Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Whether it be crossing the political aisles to legislate equitable change; caring for our environment and natural resources; combatting food scarcity and homelessness in our communities; overcoming the stigma of mental health, suicide or addiction; or addressing fair access to employment, transportation and technology – education is fundamental to all of these matters that affect us and generations to come.

Click on the image below to view a video from the Global Education First Initiative that showcases how global sustainable development begins with education.

