



# Women's Global Education Project

Learning Together for a Sustainable Future

## About Women's Global

The mission of Women's Global Education Project is to provide access to education and to develop training programs to empower women and girls in developing nations to build better lives for themselves, foster equitable communities, and fight poverty in an effective and sustainable way. Through investing in education, focusing on women and girls and building the capacity of local organizations, our programs emphasize sustainability and encourage self-sufficiency and self-reliance.



## Our Impact



Our programs are focused on **sub-Saharan Africa** where rates of poverty are among the highest in the world and, conversely, literacy and school attendance rates for girls--especially those from rural communities--are among the lowest. We work in:

### Sine-Saloum, Senegal

2/3 of women age 15 and up in Senegal cannot read or write; only 16% of girls go to secondary school (UNICEF)

### Tharaka, Kenya

One of the poorest regions in Kenya because of its isolated location, lack of resources including electricity and running water, and low market prices for agricultural products

**"Enabling girls to attend school is literally a matter of life and death. Education, especially for girls and women, is the best way to break the cycle of ill health, hunger and poverty."**

**--Global Campaign for Education**

**Girls who receive an education have been shown to:**

**Earn a better living for themselves and their families**

**Have improved health outcomes for life, including prevention of HIV/AIDS**

**Be less likely to marry as teenagers and start a family too early**

**Be better equipped to protect themselves against violence, abuse and trafficking**

**Have lower rates of maternal and infant mortality, and have fewer but healthier children**

**Be more likely to educate their own children and be more active in their community**

**--World Bank, UNICEF, et al.**

**Women's Global programs** tackle the problem of poverty by addressing root causes. Our programs work closely with local partner organizations to identify the socioeconomic and cultural barriers that keep girls from receiving an education in the communities where we work. Our work impacts **more than 3,000 individuals** through:

- **240 full and partial scholarships**, covering tuition, school fees, supplies, tutoring, mentoring, and room and board if necessary
- **Adult literacy classes for 250 women** to help them support their daughters in school
- **Health education for nearly 400 scholars and family members** to address illness prevention and prevent health-related absences from school
- **Educators' training for 180 educators** to strengthen classroom and mentoring skills and to help them affect education policy issues on a broader level
- **Community Awareness for 2,500 boys and girls, parents, village leaders and community members** around the importance of education for girls and women's rights
- **A comprehensive program to combat female genital mutilation (FGM) in Kenya that has helped 260 girls and their families** say "No!" to FGM and to continue their education without the pressure of premature adulthood and early marriage

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