



Fighting poverty  
by educating girls

Women's Global  
Education Project

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Educating a girl has a multiplier effect that positively influences the earning potential, health, and life opportunities, not just for herself, but for her family and community for generations to come.

# Women's Global Education Project



Women's Global Education Project (WGEP) believes that universal education, gender equality, and the empowerment of girls and women are critical to a society's development.

**Our mission is to empower young people in rural areas of sub-Saharan Africa, particularly women and girls, through education to build better lives and foster equitable communities.**

Since 2004 WGEP girls' education and literacy programs have impacted over 10,000 people in 65 of the most impoverished communities in Kenya and Senegal.

We believe that every child should have the opportunity to attend school and obtain a quality education.

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# Women's Global Education Project Programs and Impact



Literacy is the foundation of all learning. Children who have strong reading and writing skills are more likely to succeed throughout their education, break the cycle of poverty, and be equipped to realize their full potential.

## Our Sisters Read

*In partnership with USAID in Senegal and with private funding in Kenya, this program promotes early grade literacy for elementary school students focusing particularly on girls.*

- Weekly school visits led by well-trained, dynamic staff and teachers create lifetime learners through engaging, age appropriate, and innovative reading and writing activities
- Mobile libraries and computer labs provide access to high-quality learning materials and resources
- Community education programs train adults in literacy skills to increase their life chances and provide the opportunity to serve as role models for their children

## Sisters to School

*Acknowledged by the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI) as an innovative model of best practice in promoting gender equality in schools*

- 4,800 elementary and secondary school scholarships to girls in rural Kenya and Senegal
- 90% retention rate and fewer health absences over the past six years
- 1,900 girls have refused Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) through our Alternative Rite of Passage program in Kenya
- Measurable change in attitude and support towards girls' education and women's rights in over 60 villages in Kenya and Senegal

