LET EVERY GIRL DECIDE HER OWN FUTURE

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela

Women's Global Education Project

An education is more than gaining knowledge and expanding the boundaries outside of your immediate surroundings. It also builds individual confidence and self-determination. That is why the United Nations deems education a basic human right. When all people are finally given an opportunity to gain both knowledge and self-determination, our world will be a healthier, safer, more environmentally sound and prosperous place.

We have an incredible opportunity to radically advance human society, and it lies in educating women and girls. When girls are educated, they marry later, have fewer children, their families are healthier, and they have more opportunities to generate income. This ripple effect cannot be overstated, and it is why UN agencies, NGOs, and governments have focused so much time and attention to girls' education as the solution for alleviating poverty and advancing global development.

We are asking that you join us in a movement for change, one girl at a time. It is time for every girl to decide, for herself, her own future.

WGEP THEORY OF CHANGE

+ focus on girls' education
+ partner with local activists
+ employ a 360° approach

Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment

Despite recent progress in girls' education, women still make up two thirds of the world's illiterate population, and girls are still less likely than boys to go to school. The situation is even more extreme for girls in rural Africa, with only 39% of girls attending secondary school, and fewer than 15% graduating from high school (UN Women Watch).

WGEP focuses on the most hard-to-reach girls who would otherwise have little chance at going to and succeeding in school.

Our work directly contributes to two of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals: #4 Quality Education and #5 Gender Equality. But because girls' education is the foundation of development, without it, none of the other goals could succeed.

We work hand-in-hand with respected local leaders to ensure projects are tailored to, and driven by, the communities that we serve.

"What makes our program unique is our close partnerships with local leaders and the range of services we are able to provide. The combination has resulted in more girls succeeding in school, but also changes in community perception of gender roles and stereotypes."

- Amy Maglio, Founder & Executive Director

OUR 360° APPROACH

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

HEALTH WORKSHOPS

COUNSELING

ALTERNATIVE TO FGM/C

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

LEADERSHIP

READING

ACCESS TO BOOKS

COMPUTER CLASSES

TEACHER TRAINING

WOMEN'S LITERACY

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Access & Retention

Build Skills

Family Engagement

MEASURABLE IMPACT

5,500 scholarships

2,500 women attended literacy classes

2,200 girls accepted an alternative to FGM

10,000 students accessed lending libraries & computer labs

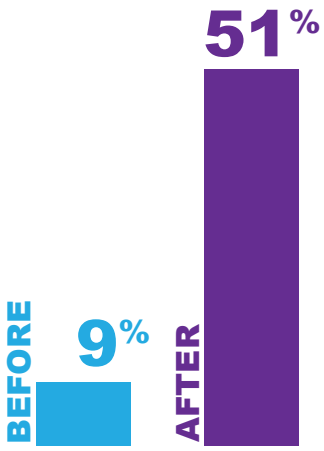
1,400 learned about reproductive health

10,000 community members engaged

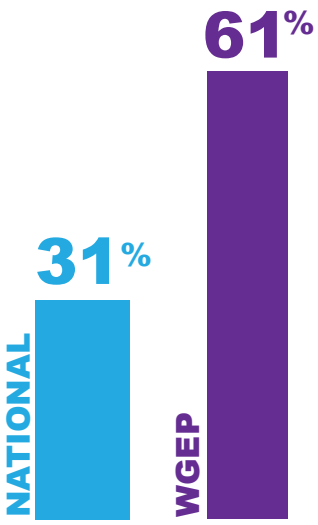
*numbers are all-time

100% scholar retention (2016 & 2017)

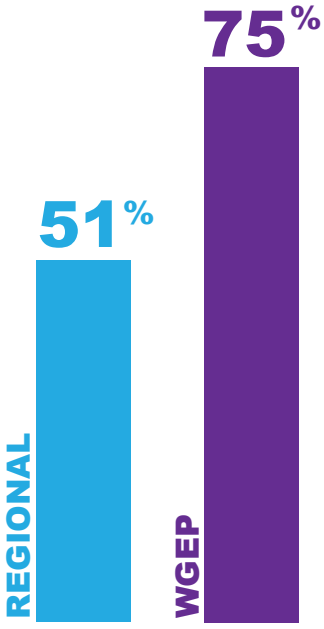
40% increase in reading test scores (2015-2017)



students reading 30 minutes a day for fun (Kenya)



critical national exam passing rate (Senegal)



scholars qualifying for university (Kenya)

IN HER OWN WORDS

Meet Aliana!

“Being in the program changed my life. I’ve really been empowered. Now I want to interact with people in the community and encourage those that are discouraged. I can give people hope. I can help lift people out of poverty. I can face the world with a lot of confidence and do great things.”

“I was a WGEP scholar for six years, starting my first year of high school through getting my diploma in community development. I am now pursuing a university degree in social work! I currently work for a children’s rights NGO serving Kenya’s most impoverished communities.

I’ve learned a lot and gotten a lot of experience. I love sharing my knowledge with others in order to help improve their lives. Because of my education, I am now living my dreams of giving back to the community.”

Meet Khady!

“The program changed the trajectory of my life. I received tutoring classes, but even more importantly, the program provided me with workshops on health, violence prevention, and how to avoid early marriage and early pregnancy. This is how I succeeded in graduating high school and getting my university degree.

After university, I returned to my hometown and was hired by WGEP as a reading outreach officer. I feel like a true leader. The students I work with call me "AUNTY KHADY!" and it brings me such joy.

I love helping students learn to read. I also see how important it is to get families involved in our work. WGEP’s projects are so valuable, and must continue for the welfare of the children in our community.”

“I am proud to say that I have become a woman leader deeply committed to promoting the development of my community. I thank WGEP for giving me my start.”

HERE'S WHAT'S NEXT

Reach an Unprecedented 20,000 Women & Girls

Scaling our effective holistic model, we will reach 20,000 women and girls and expand programming to a total of 150 villages, including:

+ Academic Support for 2,200 Girls
+ Alternative to Female Genital Mutilation for 2,700 Girls
+ Leadership Skills & Health Education for 1,200 Girls
+ Books and Reading Support for 10,500 Girls
+ Literacy for 1,200 Women
+ Outreach & Support for 12,500 Community Members

Strengthen & **Promote** Our Evidence-Based Model

Increased programming will require developing customized tools for rigorous monitoring and evaluation. To achieve this, WGEP will work with monitoring and evaluation specialists and our partners on the ground to strengthen our data collection.

We will produce studies and present findings to the development community at large. WGEP can emerge as a leader in the field, encouraging replication of our proven approach in other regions and informing the sector in best practices.

Elevate the Conversation & **Build** a Movement

Reaching 20,000 women and girls and strengthening our evidence-based model will propel WGEP to the forefront as a groundbreaking leader of inspiring conversations among activists, NGOs, and governments seeking to promote gender equality.

We must build a broad base of diverse partners, current and new, to ensure that this incredible growth is sustainable and continues for generations to come. For every girl to succeed, it will take expansive support and increased collaboration.

Building on the success of the past 14 years, Women's Global Education Project is well positioned to scale our model and help even more girls realize their full potential.

BECOME A

MOVEMENT MAKER

Movements are built by dreamers, doers and makers.

Thanks to your generous partnership, our program has accomplished what many thought was impossible. Together, we have helped the world's most marginalized girls realize their full potential. All of our meaningful work over the past 14 years has led to this pivotal moment.

We are raising $1,000,000 and we would love for you to be a part of it. Become a Movement Maker. This is your opportunity to do something amazing.

As a Movement Maker, you will make a significant commitment to this exciting campaign that is meaningful for you and game-changing for our field. You will embark on an exclusive insider's journey of our growth efforts, culminating with a global celebration in Kenya in the spring of 2021.

If you are inspired by our exceptional vision and impact, and are encouraged by a growing movement of philanthropists placing gender equity at the forefront of their giving, we invite you to join us.

A movement begins one girl at a time.

"Although there is much work still to be done, circumstances are better now for women and girls because of WGEP. More girls are in school and are performing well. There has also been a change in attitudes regarding girls' abilities and potential. Girls dream of becoming pilots, doctors and lawyers, and they are supported because more people now understand that it is one's dedication and effort that determines their success, rather than their gender."

- Aniceta Kiriga, Kenya Project Director

Our Partners