



# Women's Global Education Project



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2005*



*The Women's Global Education Project mission is to provide access to education and develop training programs that empower women and girls to build better lives for themselves and foster equitable and sustainable communities.*

*We work in two interconnected program areas in developing countries. These program areas consist of: providing tutoring programs and scholarship programs for girls and building the capacity of local organizations whose core values align with the mission of Women's Global.*

*Dear Friends,*

*Women's Global Education Project is having a positive impact on women and girls in Africa. We are proud to announce that 2005 was our best year yet. In 2005, we increased the number of women and girls in our programs and expanded the services we provide to support women and girls education.*

*Through our Sisters to School Program we have accomplished significant changes for women and girls in rural S n gal. We:*

- Tripled the number of scholarships we provided from 2004, providing scholarships for 35 girls who otherwise would not have the opportunity to go to school.*
- Assisted more than 65 girls to stay in school and continue their education through providing critical after-school tutoring and secondary school scholarships.*
- Trained the leadership commission members of Union D mocratique Des Enseignantes (UDEN), our local S n galese partner organization, in computers and internet use.*
- Worked in 15 rural villages and communities to increase awareness on the importance of girls' education. Through presentations and discussions with village leaders and parents, we have encouraged more girls to go to school.*

*We are also excited to announce that in 2005, we expanded our Sisters to School Program to Kenya.*

- Working with a local partner organization in the Meru region of Kenya, we implemented a community awareness program on the importance of girls' education.*

*As you can see, our project has had much success and we have been working hard so that girls in Africa get the chance at an education. However, there is still much work to be done.*

*In the almost six years since the United Nations set the goal of universal primary education for all children, there are still 65 million girls out of school worldwide. Twenty-four million girls in Africa are out of school and in Africa only 20 percent of girls go on to secondary school. At the current rate of progress, sub-Saharan Africa is in real trouble of reaching the U.N. goal of universal primary and secondary education anytime soon.*

*This is why Women's Global is focusing our efforts in Africa and on the issue of girls' education. Although these figures seem daunting, Women's Global and projects like ours are helping to change the situation for many girls in Africa. These programs are not only important for individual girls so that they can have the chance to build better lives for themselves, but it is important for the advancement of global development. We know that if you educate a girl, the effects are felt in the entire family, community and country. The true impact of our work will be seen for many years to come.*

*I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for your partnership and for making a long-term positive impact on the lives of women and girls around the world.*

*Warm regards,*

*Amy Maglio  
Executive Director*

# Programs

## **Women's Global programs increase the number of girls receiving an education...**

Our activities include providing scholarships for girls from rural communities to enter primary school for the first time; community advocacy in rural villages on the importance of sending girls to school; providing secondary school scholarships, mentoring and after-school programs to keep girls in school and performing at high levels. To implement our project, we partner with local community organizations. With our support and assistance, these local groups are able to further their own organizational goals. By partnering with local community leaders, our projects are sustainable and have a significant impact on targeted communities, while increasing local capacity to respond to their needs. We currently have programs in Sénégal and Kenya.

## *Program Accomplishments, 2004-2005*

In the past two years, our program efforts have made significant changes for women and girls in rural Senegal:



35 girls from rural villages and towns are receiving elementary and secondary school scholarships, after-school tutoring, and are taking part in our summer school programs. Our scholarship recipients are girls who otherwise would not be able to go to school.



Women's Global has also helped more girls already in school *stay in school* through its after-school tutoring program. Students in Sénégal must take exams in order to move on to the next grade. We provided 80 girls with tutoring to help them pass these exams.



Women's Global worked in 25 rural villages and communities to increase awareness on the importance of girls' education. Through discussions with village leaders and parents, UDEN, our partner organization, works to encourage more girls to go to school.



Women's Global provided technical support and training for the leadership commission of UDEN. Their commission members received computer training to help them access computer and internet resources to enhance their education efforts.

## *Aminata Dème: Story of a Women's Global Scholarship Recipient*

Doing well enough to stay in school in Africa is a challenge for any child. Doing well enough to place 7<sup>th</sup> in a class of 39 is exceptional. Something that once seemed so exceptional to Aminata Dème has now become second nature.

Aminata is in the second grade at a Sénégalaise elementary school. She is also in her second year of a Women's Global scholarship and tutoring program, and she is thriving. At school she likes reading the best, and says that there simply is nothing she doesn't like about any of her school work.

Aminata is from a small fishing village named N dofane. She is the daughter of a local religious leader who runs the village school where children can learn the Koran. Aminata has six siblings. Because of her father's responsibility as a religious leader, many boys who study at the Koranic school live with the family in addition to Aminata and her siblings. Her father is not able to afford to pay the entrance fees to send his own children to a secular school where they would learn reading, writing, mathematics and science. When our education programs were introduced in Aminata's village, her father was at first reluctant to let Aminata participate in the scholarship and tutoring programs provided free to school-bound girls. Her father had reasoned that his family had only traditionally attended Koranic school, and this would be sufficient for his children. Through a series of discussions with Sénégalaise educators who work for U DEN, Aminata's father decided to allow her to take advantage of a scholarship and attend her first year at primary school.

Aminata has become a role model in her village and inspired other girls to ask if they too can go to school. Because of her experience, this year there are many more children from N dofane in school than ever before.



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## *A Women's Global Milestone: First Women's Global Scholar Graduates*



Pictured above, Khady Ndiaye, 18, is Women's Global first scholar and first primary school graduate.

*I am completing the 8th grade in Junior High school in Sokone, Sénégal. My favorite subject is natural science because it helps me to understand how people live together with animals and plants as part of the whole environment. I am very happy to be in the school. I did not think of having this chance because I was older than most of the other students when I started school. Now I can read and write and speak French. I am the first in my family to go to school. After my studies, I would like to return to my village of Sadioga to work and help my family.*

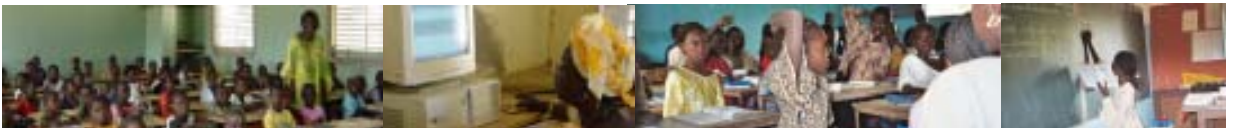
*- Khady*

## *In-Country Partners Organizations*

***Women's Global works to enhance the efforts and strengthen the capacity of local organizations...***



One such organization is **Union Démocratique Des Enseignantes de Sénégal (UDEN)**. UDEN is a national organization for primary and secondary school teachers. The organization is 17 years old and the mission is to help teachers with various problems related to teaching. The UDEN group working with Women's Global is in the geographic Department of Foundgioune (along the west coast of Sénégal). The organization also has another subgroup called the Commission Permanente des Femmes, and this group focuses on women's issues in education and teaching. Its mission is to: (1) help to enroll new girls in school, (2) help to keep girls from dropping out of school, and (3) find vocational education opportunities for girls who do not pass the exams and can not continue in school.



Women's Global also partners in Kenya with **Ntanira Na Mugambo Tharake Women's Welfare Project (Women's Welfare)**. This group was founded in 1995, and its main goal is to improve the living status and condition of women and girls in the Tharaka/Meru region. It works to empower women and girls to advocate for their rights and take active roles in the development of their community. Women's Welfare believes that it is only through education that equal rights and goals can be achieved. Since its founding, the group has made major progress toward the eradication of female genital cutting in the community.

# Financial Overview



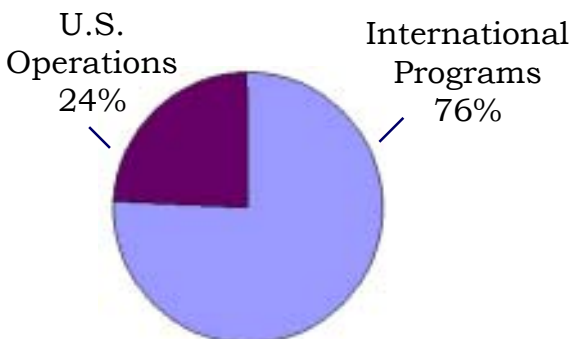
## Revenue

	2005	2004
Corporations and Foundations	10,500.00	7,680.00
Individuals	13,423.95	15,064.89
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>23,923.95</b>	<b>22,744.89</b>

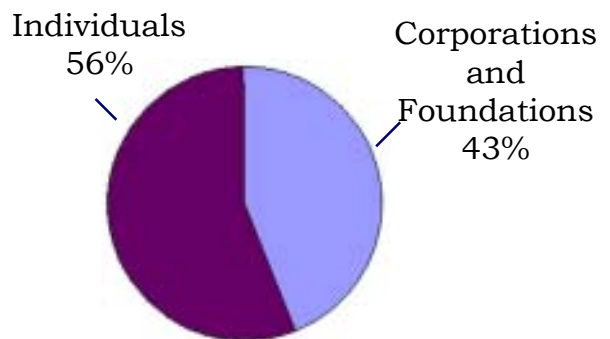
## Expenses

International programs		
Senegal		
Scholarships	7,576.00	1,465.00
Other (afterschool tutoring, vocational training, partner training, community awareness)	6,312.00	2,975.14
Kenya (partner training)	902.00	0
U.S. operations (printing, mailing, etc.)	4,785.00	2,023.31
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>19,975.00</b>	<b>6,574.72</b>
Cash reserves	15,000.00	15,000.00
Operating Surplus	3,949.95	1,170.17
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	4,555.17	3,385.00
ENDING FUND BALANCE	8,505.12	1,170.17

### 2005 Expense Ratio



### 2005 Revenue



## *A Women's Global Milestone: Women's Global Announces New Class Sponsorship Giving Program*

Many of Women's Global program supporters wish to have the opportunity to follow the progress of the students they assist through their generous donations. We always keep in touch with our donors through our regular publications, and we encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or would like to hear about the latest progress of our programs.

We also have a unique giving program that was established in 2004 to formally create a progress reporting process for a special level of committed support. This is our Class Sponsorship giving program.

Through a Class Sponsorship gift of \$300 annually for a given period of time\*, our supporters enable 10-12 girls in one class to attend primary, middle or secondary school in rural Africa. One year's gift of \$300 through Class Sponsorship provides an array of support for these students, including: scholarships that cover school fees, books & supplies, clothes and mosquito nets, and room and board, as needed.

Upon receipt of the initial year's gift, Women's Global sends each supporter a profile of the class and the region where that class is located. In one year, each donor will also receive an update on the highlights of the year of learning that you made possible.

We are always interested in helping our supporters make commitments that work well for them. We are working with groups who are creating a giving circle among friends, co-workers, or other team to provide class sponsorship for 2006 - 2007. Contact us if you would like to learn more.

*\*Sponsor commitments range from three to seven years.*



## *Public Radio Interviews Generate Interest...*

For two consecutive years, 2004 and 2005, Women's Global Executive Director Amy Maglio gave interviews on Chicago Public Radio's news analysis program "Worldview," hosted by Jerome McDonnell.



*Jerome McDonnell*

The shows have garnered the interest of new donors, many of whom contribute to Women's Global on an ongoing basis by making direct donations, attending annual fundraisers and volunteering.

Women's Global would like to especially thank Jerome McDonnell for all the work he is doing.

To hear the interviews visit the Chicago Public Radio website at:

[www.chicagopublicradio.org/  
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