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celebrating 20 years of
empowering girls and
transforming worlds



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FROM OUR LEADERS

Dear WGEP Community,

2024 marked a milestone year for WGEP as we celebrated 20 years of educating girls! What started as a scholarship program for 12 girls in Senegal around founder Amy Maglio's dining room table, has now grown to reach 11,238 girls and women reached in our 20th year alone.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your support made it possible for us to achieve our highest impact yet—reaching women, girls, and boys across rural Kenya and Senegal through scholarships, literacy programs, community education, and leadership development.

This year we honored this legacy at our largest-ever Ndajee celebration, where we heard from voices in our programs and honored longtime champions. In October, we opened a new Library and Computer Center in Kenya, which has already welcomed thousands of visitors, and hosted two inspiring Back-to-School events in Chicago.

When girls needed us most, you responded. During the FGM/C season in Kenya, your support helped us protect 845 girls through safe shelter, empowerment education, and alternatives rooted in dignity and respect.

As we look ahead, we are more committed than ever to ensuring every girl has the opportunity to learn, thrive, and lead. Thank you for helping us build a future filled with hope and possibility.

Sincerely,

Amy



Amy Maglio

Founder & Executive Director,
Women's Global Education
Project

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Program Director,
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OUR VISION & MISSION

Women's Global Education Project envisions a world where all women and girls have the power to lead healthy, happy, and safe lives within supportive communities, thereby creating a better world for all. To achieve this, we establish highly effective local partnerships that empower women and girls through programs focused on education, literacy, leadership, bodily rights protection, reproductive health, and supportive environments.

Since our founding in 2004, we have grown from a scholarship program assisting 12 needy girls in rural Senegal to attend school for the first time, to an internationally recognized and award-winning organization. Today, WGEP has helped over 50,000 girls, boys, and women in rural Senegal and Kenya graduate from high school and university, learn to read, and develop the leadership skills necessary to become the change-makers of tomorrow.



OUR PROGRAMS

Our Sisters Read



Our Sisters Read (OSR) promotes and expands foundational reading and literacy skills for primary school students with support from USAID. OSR provides tutoring and books to students struggling to read. The program further provides adult literacy classes and teacher training to complement school-based activities and sustain impact over time.



Sisters to School

Sisters to School is our flagship program in Kenya and Senegal that targets the barriers preventing girls from attending school. WGEP provides scholarships for primary school through university, school supplies, health education workshops on reproductive health, personal hygiene, and the dangers of female genital mutilation (FGM/C). The program also includes after school clubs for boys and girls promoting gender equality, and regular parent support and community engagement meetings.



Our Sisters Lead



Our Sisters Lead fosters and promotes key leadership skills of young emerging leaders through workshops on public speaking, conflict resolution, and advocacy. The program also supports these young leaders in designing their own community development projects to engage the greater community around topics of importance to them.



RECORD IMPACT THIS YEAR

11,238

women and girls
reached

845



girls in Kenya said “No!” to FGM/C and transition into their adolescence without dropping out of school or marrying early

1,713



adolescent girls in rural Senegal and Kenya completed a year of school aided by scholarship support, health education workshops, and leadership training

3,444

students learned valuable life skills, gender equality, and positive masculinity through workshops and after-school clubs



1,881

mothers improved their literacy skills and learn to better advocate for their daughter through adult literacy classes

3,355

students participated in remedial reading lessons, borrowed books, and used computers at our new library in Kenya



20 YEARS OF WOMEN'S GLOBAL

2024

Women's Global is 20 years old!

2023

The Movement Maker Campaign raises \$1M, enabling WGEP to reach a milestone of serving 20,000 women and girls



2021

WGEP expands in Kenya through a partnership with Hope for Girls @ VISA in Migori County and breaks ground on the WGEP Library in Tharaka-Nithi, Kenya



2018



WGEP joins Michelle Obama's [Girls Opportunity Alliance](#) and WGEP Senegal launches Our Sisters Lead in Senegal

2020

Jack Dorsey awards WGEP a transformative grant

2010

Amy presents at the 2010 UN Girls' Education Initiative Conference in Dakar, Senegal

2013

Women's Global opens an office in Oak Park, IL, and secures its first USAID grant to implement Our Sisters Read in Senegal

2016

WGEP celebrates the high school graduation of its first cohort of scholars in Senegal



2007

WGEP charters a new partnership with Tharaka Women's Welfare Program (TWWP), expanding our reach to Kenya



2004

Women's Global is founded, beginning with funding for 12 scholars in Senegal

NDAJEE 2024:

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF GIRLS' EDUCATION

On May 31st, WGEP commemorated 20 years of transformative impact in girls' education with a powerful celebration at Chicago's Bridgeport Art Center. The evening honored Catherine Cappel and Lily Messih with our 2024 Impact and Champion Awards, recognizing their deep commitment to our mission. A highlight of the night was a thought-provoking live podcast conversation led by journalist Jerome McDonnell, featuring insights from WGEP leaders Dorcas Kinyua, Julie Moller, and Khady Ndong on the lasting power of girls' education to drive change across communities.



\$253,271
raised

record breaking
250
attendees!





GATUNGA LIBRARY OPENING

On Tuesday, October 8th, WGEP's library in Tharaka-Nithi, Kenya, had its grand opening! We are so excited to share that this multi-year project in partnership with USAID is now complete and open to the public!

As the first and only publicly accessible library in the entire county, it provides 10,000 books and 25 computers, expanding access to reading materials and the internet in the whole community.



MEET ADAMA



“I hope my story inspires other young girls to believe in themselves and never give up on their dreams.”

Adama is a former Sisters to School scholar from Senegal and now serves in the Senegalese military as a midwife.

“My name is Adama, and I’m a Senegalese military midwife currently serving at the Samba Diéry Diallo barracks. I want to express my deep gratitude to Sisters to School, which has played a decisive role in my life and career. From elementary school through university, this organization has been like a big sister to us—present, caring, and always by our side. Thanks to their ongoing support, I was able to move confidently through my studies and achieve my goals. Today, being a midwife in the gendarmerie is a tremendous source of pride for me. But I owe this success in large part to Sisters to School, who believed in me and supported me every step of the way.

To the entire Sisters to School team, thank you—truly. ”

MEET DORCAS

“The Our Sisters Read program has built my capacity socially, financially, and morally.”



Dorcas Kinyua is a former WGEP scholar working for Women’s Global partner organization TWWP in Tharaka-Nithi, Kenya, through the Our Sister’s Read program and Sisters to School.

“I have been a scholar for 8 years from 2011-2019. Some girls don’t go to school because in our community of Tharaka, Kenya the level of poverty is very high, and our parents have many children, so educating them all is challenging. Paying my primary school levies was a problem and I used to go to school with tattered uniforms, and without shoes. Luckily, I secured scholarship with TWWP which gave me an opportunity to join a boarding school when I got decent pair of uniforms, a school bag a pair of shoes and schools. Later, I joined the program to work as an *Our Sister Read* assistant. I knew I had leadership quality in me and therefore I made sure I met the deadlines of my duties and do inquiries as much as possible where I find it challenging in my job. The program shaped me a lot to become the leader I am today by exposing me to the community people and work closely with them with confidence. Helping other boys and girls in my community makes me feel privileged, humbled and have the desire to work extra hard towards this program.”

THE WGEP TEAM



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REVENUE

Business Donations: \$8,293

Foundations: \$506,447

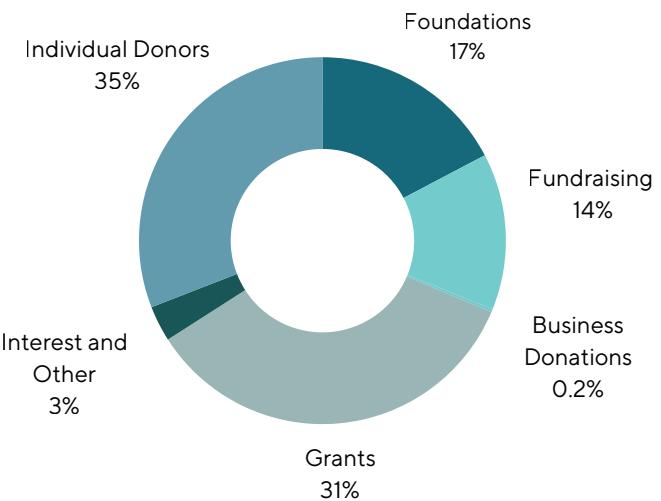
Individual Donations: \$1,012,433

Fundraising: \$404,101

Grants (includes govt. grants): \$905,352

Interest and Other: \$92,241

TOTAL REVENUE: \$2,928,868



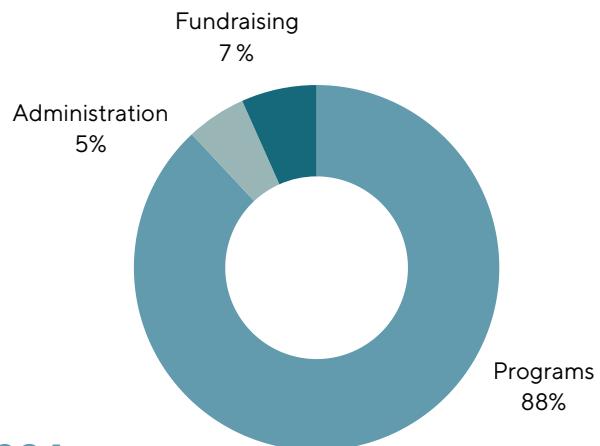
EXPENSES

Program Services: \$1,806,417

General and Administrative: \$108,643

Fundraising: \$136,944

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,052,004



TOTAL NET ASSETS BY THE END OF 2024:

\$2,458,348

Over 88% of our revenue went directly to supporting our programs on the ground in Senegal and Kenya in 2024!



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