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WGEP Senegal WGEP Hosts Birth Certificate Drive to Keep Students in School

In January, WGEP Senegal organized a special community forum to address a major but often overlooked barrier to education: the lack of birth certificates among children in rural areas. In Senegal, students are required to present a birth certificate in order to stay enrolled in school, especially during key exam years at the end of middle and high school. Yet in many rural communities, where most children are born at home rather than in clinics or hospitals, there's no formal process to register births.



To tackle this issue, WGEF Senegal staff coordinated with local authorities to bring a judge from the regional capital to Sokone. Together, they hosted a two-day event at the mayor's office to help families obtain this critical document. Outreach was conducted through both direct contact with parents of WGEF scholars and the neighborhood alert committees established by WGEF across the region.

The turnout was remarkable: over 1,000 people attended the event, and 414 birth certificate applications were submitted. All but one were successfully processed and approved—a powerful example of what's possible when community needs are met with coordinated action and resources. WGEF Senegal plans to repeat this event next year, aiming to reach even more families and ensure that no child is kept out of school for lack of paperwork.

Join us in congratulating Dorcas on her New Role!



Dorcas Kinyua and Amy Maglio at Ndajee 2024.

Many of our supporters may remember Dorcas Kinyua—former WGEF scholar, TWWP staff member, and a speaker on last year's Ndajee panel. We're thrilled to share that Dorcas has taken on a new role as a teacher in Tharaka, Kenya, where she is now teaching Grades 7 through 9!

Dorcas shared this exciting update with us:

“I loved everything about the school—the kids are very friendly and ready to learn. I’m happy that the skills I gained from TWWP through the USAID-funded remedial reading program will help me train other teachers, especially those working with younger learners.

I also plan to use these same methods to support struggling readers in Grades 7 to 9, finding time after school or during lunch to tutor them.

I’m so happy to now have a permanent teaching job. With this position, I can even access a good loan to support my parents and siblings, continue my studies, and start a small business during the school holidays.”



Dorcas presenting at a book distribution hosted by TWWP in 2022.

We’re so proud of Dorcas and can’t wait to see the incredible difference she’ll continue to make in her community. **Please join us in congratulating her!**



Ndajee 2025 is less than a month away! Join us for a Celebration of Community & Impact on **May 19, 2025**. This special evening will bring us together to celebrate the power of community, share inspiring stories, and make a lasting impact. Reserve your spot today by purchasing a ticket below or becoming an event sponsor for even greater impact!

Ndajee 2025: A Celebration of Community & Impact



Date: Monday, May 19, 2025



Location: The DalcY Event Hall at Aba



Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

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We can't wait to celebrate with you!



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