



About us

We believe that empowering women through education fuels thriving societies, spurring productivity and growth. **We therefore provide educational scholarships to bright young women in the developing world, especially areas of conflict, to break the cycle of poverty.**

Our focus is young women who can become tomorrow's leaders, but lack the financial means to afford a quality university-level education. With this education, they will go on to make huge family and community impact, often impacting thousands of lives as doctors, engineers, journalists, lawyers, managers, scientists and teachers. Above all, they will advocate for change.

We offer three programmes:

1. co-funding with universities with whom we have formal agreements;
2. as a funder of last resort; and
3. mentoring to gain admission and scholarships to prestigious universities.

Our approach means donations are multiplied 6 X!

What differentiates us is that we also provide university preparation support; support during university years; and post-university support.

Our growth

In just over two years, we support **75 women** (52 current students and 23 alumnae), often from areas of turmoil. Countries include Argentina, Cameroon, Iran, Jamaica, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon (refugee camps), Liberia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Palestine, Pakistan, Syria, Tajikistan, and Uganda.

They attend programs at the Bachelor, Masters', Professional and PhD levels at the Aga Khan University, Pakistan; Allama Iqbal Medical College, Pakistan; American University of Beirut; American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan; Asian University for Women (Bangladesh); Carleton University, Canada; Coventry University, UK; Fatima Jinnah Medical College, Pakistan, KIMEP, Kazakhstan; Lebanese American University (Beirut); London School of Economics; Nepal Engineering College; Rawalpindi Medical College, Pakistan; Sorbonne (Paris); University of British Columbia, Canada; UCAN Managua; UITM, Poland; UNAN Managua; University of Antwerp; University of Bern; University of Birmingham; University of Calgary; University of Geneva; Université Laval; UWC Maastricht, Netherlands; Wartburg University, USA; York University, Canada, and three universities in Liberia.

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Looking ahead

Our goals for 2016/17 are:

- to create awareness about the need to fund education at the post-secondary level for bright young women from the developing world to create a new generation of women leaders;
- to create long term sustainable funding to support our ambitious growth plans; and
- to increase the number of university and partner collaborations.

From January 2017

We would like to support 1,500 young women leaders over the next 10 years to help them achieve their dreams and make a transformational impact in the world.

The approximate cost in today's dollars of supporting these women leaders is **C\$150 million**.

Of this amount, we need to raise **\$30 million**, which will trigger **co-funding commitments of C\$120 million or 83%**.



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