

November 2017 Featured Grantee: Safe Hands for Girls



The Gambia, Africa

Introducing Safe Hands for Girls

The mission of Safe Hands for Girls is to help end the practice of Female Genital Cutting (FGC), as well as other forms of violence against girls and women and abuses of women's rights, through programs and activities that address the many factors that perpetuate these conditions.



Where in the world?



The Gambia is located in Western Africa, bordering the North Atlantic Ocean and Senegal. The GDP per capita is \$441.30. The school enrollment rate in urban areas is 97% but as low as 63% in some rural areas. The school completion rate for girls is 74%.

What are we supporting?

This project focuses on educating young people and on advocacy and awareness building for the general population. DFW's grant of \$50,000 includes School Outreach, Youth Peer Leadership, and Information Booth programs, and will help expand the project into an additional five regions of The Gambia.

Direct Impact: 1,000 girl students
Indirect Impact: 2,000 women and girls; 1,000 boys

Life Challenges of the Women Served

- **More than 76% of women and girls in The Gambia have undergone FGC and face a range of physical and mental health consequences.**
- **FGC is usually carried out on young girls sometime between infancy and adolescence.**



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- **FGC includes all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.**
- **FGC is an extreme violation of women's rights that is performed, almost exclusively, against a girl's will. It is delivered by force, with crude tools, without anesthesia and with no follow up medical care.**



Budget

How DFW's grant of \$50,000 will be used:

	Description	Cost
Project Personnel – The Gambia	Portions of salaries for the country coordinator, project manager, project officer, and finance officer	\$13,500
Volunteer Stipends	Stipends for project support	\$4,200
Contractors	Marketing and communications, project monitoring and evaluation	\$10,000
Project Expenses	Design/print flyers, fact sheets and survey instruments, design/print T-shirts, information booths and signage, lodging, audio/visual projector, photography and video documentation and editing, van rental and fuel	\$22,300
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$50,000

About the Featured Grantee



Safe Hands for Girls was established in 2013 by Jaha Dukureh, a young Gambian woman who had relocated to the United States and who is a survivor of FGC and early marriage, to provide emotional and practical support to refugee and immigrant women – FGC survivors – from The Gambia and other African countries.

About the Featured Grantee

Safe Hands for Girls quickly expanded its outreach to include adolescents and young women in their schools and to train physicians on sensitive care for FGC survivors.

In 2016 Jaha Dukureh was named to *Time* magazine's "Most Influential" list, a recognition which has brought significant new attention to FGC and Safe Hands for Girls.



Share Your Thoughts

1. How is this project addressing the deeply-rooted cultural tradition of FGC?
2. Besides being a violation of girls' human rights, how does FGC affect their future achievements and opportunities?
3. Safe Hands for Girls' goal is to end FGC by 2030. How do you think this project will help achieve that?



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November's Sustained Grantee: Emerge Global

Emerge Global enables girls in Sri Lanka who have survived abuse to become entrepreneurial jewelry designers through a comprehensive curriculum that emphasizes personal discovery, mentorship, and business knowledge, while simultaneously generating savings for their futures.

DFW's sustained funding of \$20,000 per year for three years brings the program to 60 teen survivors of rape per year across two shelters. Direct Impact: 180 girls

