

June 2019 Featured Grantee Kakenya's Dream



Narok County, Kenya

Introducing Kakenya's Dream



Kakenya's Dream leverages education to empower girls and transform rural communities. They believe every girl, no matter where she is born, deserves a chance to dream, learn, and achieve her full potential.

About the Featured Grantee

- **Founded in 2008 by Dr. Kakenya Ntaiya**
- **Began as a primary boarding school for girls, the Kakenya Center for Excellence, with a single class of 4th graders**
- **Now three interconnected programs, including the school, the Network for Excellence, which supports KCE alumnae through secondary school and beyond, and the Health and Leadership Training program, which reaches youth across the community with crucial information and skills training**
- **Among many honors for Kakenya: Top Ten CNN Hero, 2010 National Geographic Emerging Explorer, one of Newsweek's 150 Women Who Shake the World in 2011, Women Deliver 100: The Most Inspiring People Delivering for Girls and Women, and featured in a Washington Post series, a National Geographic feature, a BBC documentary and many magazine articles. Watch her TED talk [here](#).**

Where in the world?

- Kenya's population is more than 48 million
- More than 40% of Kenyans are under the age of 15
- The literacy rate for the total population is 78%, with 81.1% males being literate and 74.9% of females
- Maasai girls continue to face many challenges in Kenya, particularly in remote areas, including a lack of agency within the family and community. FGM/C and early forced marriage are common.
- The median age in Kenya is 20 years, with a life expectancy of 64.6 years. The birthrate is 22.6 births/1,000 population



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Life Challenges of the Women Served



Girls in Kenya are often viewed as economic assets to help with chores and family economic activities, and their education is not a priority. In the organization's region, over 80% of girls undergo FGM/C when they reach puberty, after which they enter into an arranged marriage, ending their education before even completing primary school. In Narok County, 40% of girls between the ages of 15 and 19 have already given birth to at least one child, more than twice the national average.

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Only 17% of girls in the community attain a primary education. The challenges girls in the region face perpetuate cycles of poverty, low educational achievement, pervasiveness of HIV/AIDS, high teenage pregnancy rates, and high rates of infant and maternal mortality.

Budget

DFW's grant of \$45,000 for one year will be used for the following:

Item	Description	Total
Personnel Expenses	Includes 30 percent of the salary for the program manager, the salary for a program officer, trainer's fees, and counselor allowances.	\$18,040
Program Services and Supplies	Meals for trainings, transportation for participants, staff, and speakers, accommodation for speakers, trainers and staff, honoraria for speakers, training supplies, campers' gifts, and communication.	\$19,500
Other Activities	Peer to peer launch, monitoring and evaluation expenses.	\$7,460
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$45,000

What are we supporting?



The goals of the program are:

- **that more girls are aware of and can protect their rights, including bodily integrity and freedom from violence, and**
- **to see changes in social norms related to human rights of girls and young women, resulting in elimination of FGC, reduction in child marriages, and increased support for girls' education.**

Direct Impact: 3,500; Indirect Impact: 7,000

Share Your Thoughts

1. How does this project promote self-sufficiency for women and girls?
2. How do you think the inclusion of boys in the weekend trainings helps achieve the project's goals?
3. In what way will the peer-to-peer component affect the sustainability of the project?

 Changing the world one dinner at a time

June's Sustained Grantee: RIPPLE Africa Changu Changu Moto Project (Malawi)

- Brings the CCM cook stove to 5,743 households in Nkhotakota and Mzimba Districts of Malawi.
- This simple, low-tech, fuel-efficient stove is constructed from mud bricks made from locally-sourced materials that are free and readily available.
- Women receiving the cookstoves are also trained in its maintenance and upkeep. Since women are involved from beginning to end, it helps ensure a sense of pride and ownership of the stove and empowers them with the ability to maintain it.
- **Direct Impact: 14,358 women and girls; Indirect Impact: 14,358 family members**

