



# September 2024 Featured Grants

## Using Sports & Arts to Increase Girls' Agency

# About Featured Grants

Featured Grants fund:

- direct services
- new projects
- expansion of existing projects
- general operations
- capacity building



# The Global Issue

## Using Sports & Arts to Increase Girls' Agency

Girls who play sports:

- more likely to stay in school & delay pregnancy
- gain confidence and skills
- gain resilience & empowerment
- can have safe space to address sensitive or taboo subjects



# September Featured Grantee: MindLeaps

- Creates educational paths for at-risk children and youth through creative arts & skills built on data-driven metrics
- Attracts girls to safe spaces through interactive dance classes connected to social-emotional learning outcomes
- Exceeded goals for 2019 Together Women Rise grant



# Life Challenges of Women: Uganda

- Gender inequality
- Instability – houses 1.4 million refugees
- Gender-based violence, trafficking
- Limited formal schooling opportunities for girls



# How Our Grant Will Be Used

## \$50,000 Project Grant

- Funds Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) program for girls dropping out of school due to pregnancy and lack of social-emotional care
- Works with the girls' mothers in small-scale savings and loans programs



# Budget

Item	Description	Cost
SRH Program Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training specialist in SRH program</li> <li>• MindLeaps SRH Coach (leading 4 hours/week for 50 girls in Year 1)</li> <li>• MindLeaps SRH Coach (leading 8 hours/week for 100 girls in Year 2)</li> </ul>	\$20,116
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Coordinator (50% of time for 24 months)</li> <li>• Local Accountant for Financial Reporting (10% of time for 24 months)</li> <li>• Country Director (15% of Country Director's cost for 24 months)</li> </ul>	\$11,384
Supplies for SRH Sessions	Snacks and water – cost of \$1 per girl per session, two sessions per week	\$10,400
M&E Tracker	SEL (social-emotional learning) measurements, monthly self-assessments	\$4,000
Home/School Visits By Coaches	Monitoring girls' progress	\$2,500
Additional supplies	SRH materials, certificates of completion	\$1,600
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>

# September Featured Grantee: Moving the Goalposts

- Links gender-based violence, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, & economic empowerment within youth sports programming
- Engages girls in football (soccer)
- Offers leadership opportunities, peer education
- Resources for girls to continue education & find income-generating activities or employment





# Life Challenges of Women: Kenya

- Patriarchal society
- Early marriage
- Adolescent pregnancy rate among highest in the world
- Gender Inequality
- FGM/C still continues



# How Our Grant Will Be Used

\$50,000 Project Grant

- Funds **Binti Breaking Barriers Project**
- Tackles systemic barriers to gender equality
- Psychosocial support for teen moms through football
- Safe spaces for education: sexual and reproductive health and rights, FGM/C, women's rights, & economic empowerment



# Budget

Item	Description	Cost
Teen Mothers' Support Groups	Monthly meetings at the nearest health facility; participants receive information on SRHR, infant nutrition, back-to-school opportunities, and entrepreneurial skills; psychosocial support. Facilitated by MTG staff and qualified health care provider	\$17,143
Staff	Staff and administrative costs	\$13,613
Scholarships	Supporting 100 girls with education scholarships	\$13,179
Peer Program Training	Training of youth peer providers and peer educator	\$2,393
Community Savings Groups	Implementation through quarterly sessions, including savings and business skills	\$2,186
Duty Bearer Sensitization	Quarterly duty bearers' meetings facilitated by MTG staff to discuss progress, challenges, and support requirements	\$1,486
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>



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