GIRL UP AFRICA: SUPPORTING GIRLS’ EDUCATION, HEALTH & EMPOWERMENT

WHO WE ARE

Girl Up Africa is a movement of over 256 clubs in more than 25 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, with the mission to empower and advocate for the rights of adolescent girls. Our dedicated club leaders are committed to ensuring that girls in Africa reach their full potential.

How We’re Making a Difference

Our focus areas include Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health, menstrual hygiene, climate change, gender-based violence, Female Genital Mutilation, ending early marriage, career guidance, education, financial literacy workshops and STEM-related projects. Our clubs have the opportunity to apply for up to $500 to support their Girl Up projects and activities throughout the year.

Support & Resources

Additionally, we provide project grants to club leaders to support diverse projects, such as girl-led regional summits, tech mentorship programs, community "Discover Your Gift" activities, and girls’ STEM education events. We have also hosted four Women in Science camps in Africa, training 370 girl leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Design, and Mathematics, to build their skills and leadership abilities and motivate them to pursue STEM fields.

Milestones

We also carry out events and programs to raise awareness of gender-based violence. We launched our Regional Leader Self-Defense connect programs to share tips and discuss ways girls and women can be self-aware of their environments and defend themselves when exposed to uncomfortable situations.

Impact

We have organized impactful campaigns, including the "End Period Poverty campaign" in which Girl Up clubs in Malawi, Kenya, Liberia, Zambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Namibia conducted training on making reusable pads, set up pad drive collections points in communities, and raised funds to buy pads for girls from underserved communities.

Why Get Involved?

• Joining Girl Up is an opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of adolescent girls in sub-Saharan Africa.
• Volunteers can help empower and advocate for girls’ rights, raise awareness on critical issues, and support girls’ education and career opportunities.
• Through club activities, events, and projects, volunteers can develop leadership skills, gain valuable experience, and be part of a diverse community.