



EMPOWERED TO EDUCATE ANNUAL REPORT

2020 OVERVIEW & REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Fueled by the belief that educated and empowered women and girls have the power to change the world, Empowered to Educate was born. Who are these educated and empowered leaders? Why do they make a difference? Does the world know of them? Are they celebrated? Mentored? Supported? Often, they are not. Enter Empowered to Educate.

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"When we invest in women and girls, we are investing in the people who invest in everyone else."
~Graça Machel
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What is Empowered to Educate?

It is a Fellowship program which recognizes, supports, inspires and trains young female educators through mentoring, peer to peer support, networking and leadership development.

Our Mission is to empower the next generation of global women educators to positively impact the rise of girls' and women's education around the world. This mission is founded on the belief in the power of individuals as innovators and change makers and acknowledges the catalytic importance of women's education and women educators in the global change process. Empowered to Educate recognizes, inspires and mobilizes emerging female leaders who harness the power of education for global change.

What we envision: Empowered to Educate envisions a world where, through educated girls and empowered women educators, global conditions for all have improved.

Who are the Empowered to Educate Fellows?

Empowered to Educate Fellows are young female professionals with the passion and potential to change the world. As trained educators, they have turned their ideals into action at the grass roots level through innovative programs targeting girls' education and empowerment. While working locally, they aspire to replicate their programs nationally and internationally and are strategic in benefitting from mentors, peers, and networks in their professional and personal journeys.

Who are the Empowered to Educate Mentors?

Empowered to Educate Mentors are well established and recognized leaders and achievers in their fields. Each has been instrumental in advocating for and acting upon the importance of girls' education and women's empowerment. Further, they believe in the importance of using their knowledge, insights and connections to enhance the leadership journeys of our Fellows.

A GLOBAL HIGH FIVE

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Leadership Development -
our Fellows receive training in public speaking, problem-solving, strategic planning, and other leadership skills

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Mentoring -
we provide our Fellows with a variety of mentors to guide them in career advancement

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Micro-grants -
we support Fellows with small grants to expand and scale-up their programs to have a greater impact

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Recognition -
the Fellowship elevates the work of the fellows to local, regional, and national stages

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Exposure -
Fellows present their work at national and global conferences and gain access to new networks of strong professionals in their fields

2020 OVERVIEW

2020 was a seminal year for Empowered to Educate: we launched the program, hiring a Ghana Country Director and selecting 10 outstanding Ghanaian women as our initial class of Fellows. The start-up was strong with our first-ever keynote speaker describing her leadership journey. Then Covid 19 struck and we had to quickly shift our model to an online format. But thanks to our flexible staff and the Fellows' efforts, we were able to execute leadership trainings, host guest speakers, and bond as a group on-line. We matched our Fellows with marvelous Mentors and organized one carefully social distanced in person session where the Fellows and the Mentors were able to meet for the first time.

Our fundraising held steady this year: thanks to our generous donors we met our campaign goals and attracted funding from our first foundation. With this support we were able to deliver our program in the field and ensure funding for the upcoming micro-grants to be awarded to each Fellow. We also benefitted from the pro bono services of many of our trainers and experts.

We are proud to say that we fulfilled three pillars of our "Global High Five" model: leadership training, mentoring, and recognition. For 2021 we look forward to initiating the micro-grants and the professional participation components of Empowered to Educate. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in our mission!



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Despite the chaos and uncertainty of COVID-19, 2020 saw us successfully embarking on an exciting journey of co-creation, exploration, engagement, and development. I'm thrilled to be working with 10 amazing young women who are poised to change the world in incredible ways!
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~ Tawiah Agyarko-Kwarteng, Ghana Country Advisor

PROGRESS BY THE NUMBERS

Fellows' Impact Areas:

- Early Childhood Development
- Literacy
- STEM education
- Teenage Pregnancy and Motherhood
- Inclusive Education
- Distance Learning
- Motivation & Mentoring
- Adolescent Girls' Education

Mentors' Impact Areas:

- National Politics
- International Development
- Girls' Education
- Policy Analysis
- Female Entrepreneurship

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10 remarkable women across Ghana represent our first class of 2-year Fellows

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10 marvelous mentors have been paired with each of the Fellows

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Our Fellows have impacted the lives of 54,000 people, including infants, adolescents, adults, students, teachers and parents

Fellows in the Field



KEY PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Guest speakers:

we enlist a wide range of guest speakers to host leadership trainings for our Fellows

- non-profit founders
- leadership consultants
- strategic planning consultants
- social entrepreneurs
- fundraising experts
- authors
- political candidates
- mentoring experts
- inspirational speakers



Programs:

our training sessions cover a variety of themes and skills useful for women leaders

- goal-setting
- team building
- local, regional, & global fundraising
- reflecting on leadership journeys
- blog post (eg.) Girls' education policy index
- mentoring best practices



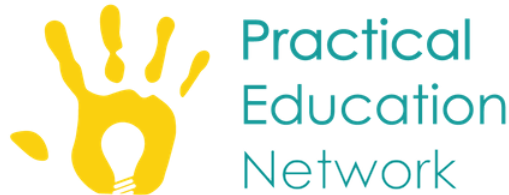


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Learning from the experiences of amazing mentors enables me to work towards the growth of my organization.
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~Saudatu Danladi Mohammed, Fellow

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