



**GIRLS EDUCATION  
INTERNATIONAL**



Girls Education International works to expand and support educational opportunities for under-served women and girls in remote and developing regions of the world.



“Educate a woman, you educate a nation.”

**Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**  
Former South African Deputy President

We envision a world where educational opportunities for women and girls are equal to those typically afforded boys and men, and thus provide the foundation for healthier and prosperous societies that reflect their unique cultural differences.

Since 2008 our program in Liberia has educated 47 girls in Bong and Margibi Counties. Ten of these students graduate high school this year. We're honored to be a part of these bright girls' lives.

Our newest program in Pakistan started in 2010 and rose from a dream of cofounders and climbers Heidi Wirtz and Lizzy Scully after an expedition to Pakistan where they visited the local schools. We send 30 girls in the villages of Sar Kalan and Laphi to school.

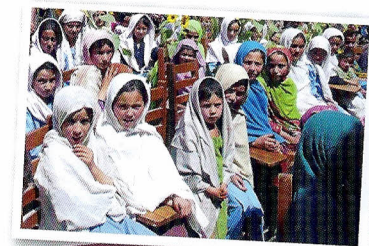
**THE COST TO EDUCATE A GIRL FOR 1 YEAR:**

**In Pakistan: \$167 to send a girl to secondary school:**

- \$12 for books, notebooks and bags
- \$25 for school uniforms and shoes
- \$95 for transportation
- \$35 for operational expenditures

**In Liberia: \$275 to send a girl to middle or high school:**

- \$140 for tuition
- \$27 for National Exam fees
- \$50 for books, pens and a backpack
- \$25 for one uniform, shoes and stockings
- \$33 for operational expenditures



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“Investment in girls' education may well be the highest-return investment available in the developing world.”

**Larry Summers,**  
Former Chief Economist of the World Bank

**Girls' education is an essential starting point for growth and opportunity, not only for the girls themselves, but also for a nation.**

Research has shown that educating girls yields numerous social benefits. The United Nations has provided findings showing that educated girls:

- Have an increased knowledge of HIV and AIDS and the use of contraceptives to prevent the spread of AIDS.
- Are less likely to marry before the age of 18.
- Are less likely to fall victim to oppression or exploitation.
- Are more likely to participate in the political process.
- Are more likely to engage in family planning.
- Have more nourished and better-educated children.
- Possess a greater earning potential outside of the home.
- Assume a more active role in social, economic and political decision-making throughout her life.

\* (UN Millennium Development Goals Report, 2010)

**One Girl's Story:**

**Gulzar, 16,** is the youngest of seven children, none of whom have received secondary level education. Gulzar completed primary schooling three years ago and wanted to continue her studies, but couldn't because her family could not afford it. With support from Girls Ed, she now attends secondary school.



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