



EMPOWERING NIGERIAN GIRLS THROUGH EDUCATION, SKILLS & OPPORTUNITY

A 3,000-Girl Education and Empowerment Initiative

Project at a Glance

Implementing Organization: HopeShield Humanitarian Foundation

Project Duration: 24 months

Target Beneficiaries: 3,000 vulnerable girls

Funding Requested: US\$300,000

Average Project Investment: US\$100 per targeted girl

Priority: underserved, low-income, rural, displaced and vulnerable communities in Nigeria

Investment Proposition

HopeShield will combine education access and retention support with digital literacy, STEM exposure, mentorship, leadership, life skills, menstrual health, child protection, vocational skills and economic empowerment.

The project is designed to help girls not only enter or remain in education, but also develop the confidence, knowledge and practical capabilities needed to build safer and more economically productive futures.

US\$300,000 • 3,000 GIRLS • 24 MONTHS

WHY GIRLS' EDUCATION CANNOT WAIT

The Challenge

Nigeria continues to face a major education-access challenge. UNICEF reports that approximately 10.5 million Nigerian children aged 5–14 are out of school, with gender, poverty and geography contributing to educational marginalization.

For girls in underserved communities, barriers often overlap: household poverty, insecurity, gender inequality, unpaid care work, menstrual health challenges, early marriage, child labour, limited digital access and weak support for school retention.

The Education Journey Is Unequal

Educational exclusion is not only about getting a child into school. Girls may enter primary school but face increasing barriers as they progress into secondary education.

When a girl leaves school early, she can lose access to learning, skills, social networks and future economic opportunities. Early school leaving can also increase vulnerability to harmful practices and exploitation.

Why Investment Matters

Evidence from the World Bank and other development partners shows that girls' education can improve economic opportunity and that reducing financial and non-financial barriers can strengthen school retention and reduce early marriage.

HopeShield therefore proposes an integrated response that treats education, protection, health, digital inclusion and economic empowerment as connected priorities.

A CLEAR GOAL. A MEASURABLE AMBITION.

Overall Goal

To improve access to quality education, strengthen school retention and empower 3,000 vulnerable girls in Nigeria with the knowledge, skills, confidence and opportunities needed to build safer, healthier and economically productive futures.

Specific Objectives

1. Improve access to education through enrollment, re-enrollment and targeted school-retention support.
2. Improve learning through educational materials, mentoring and practical support.
3. Build digital literacy, STEM awareness and technology confidence.
4. Strengthen life skills, leadership, communication, decision-making and goal setting.
5. Promote menstrual health, dignity, child protection and gender equality.
6. Provide older adolescent girls and young women with vocational, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and career guidance opportunities.
7. Strengthen family and community support for girls' education and protection.

Who We Will Prioritize

Out-of-school girls; girls at risk of dropout; adolescent girls; girls from low-income households; rural girls; displaced or humanitarian-affected girls; girls with limited digital access; girls at risk of early marriage; and girls facing menstrual-health or protection barriers.

SIX PILLARS OF GIRL-CHILD EMPOWERMENT

01 • Education Access & School Retention

Community outreach, beneficiary assessment, school enrollment/re-enrollment support, learning materials, targeted education assistance, attendance monitoring, referrals and parent engagement.

02 • Digital Literacy & STEM

Foundational computer and digital skills, internet safety, online research, technology awareness, STEM activities, computational thinking and digital entrepreneurship awareness.

03 • Life Skills, Leadership & Mentorship

Confidence building, communication, decision-making, goal setting, critical thinking, negotiation, leadership, peer support and career aspiration development.

04 • Menstrual Health & Dignity

Menstrual health education, hygiene information, appropriate supplies where needed, stigma reduction and safe referral information to support girls' dignity and school participation.

05 • Child Protection & Gender Equality

Age-appropriate education on safety, rights, reporting and referral pathways, gender equality, prevention of exploitation and violence, and safeguarding.

06 • Vocational Skills & Economic Empowerment

Vocational skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, employability preparation, career guidance, business awareness and opportunity linkages.

FROM PREPARATION TO SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

Phase 1 • Months 1–3 | Prepare & Mobilize

Project launch, stakeholder engagement, community entry, target-community selection, baseline assessment, beneficiary identification, safeguarding preparation, staff/volunteer training and school/community mapping.

Phase 2 • Months 4–9 | Enroll, Retain & Mentor

Education support, learning materials, girls' groups, life-skills sessions, menstrual-health education, parent engagement, attendance monitoring and community sensitization.

Phase 3 • Months 10–15 | Digital, STEM & Leadership

Digital literacy, STEM activities, leadership development, career guidance, mentorship, peer learning and digital safety education.

Phase 4 • Months 16–20 | Skills & Economic Empowerment

Vocational skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, employability preparation, career mentorship and opportunity linkages.

Phase 5 • Months 21–24 | Consolidate & Learn

Endline assessment, beneficiary feedback, outcome measurement, success stories, sustainability planning, donor reporting, partnership development and scale-up planning.

Geographic Approach

Locations will be selected using transparent needs criteria: educational deprivation, out-of-school girls, poverty, rural/hard-to-reach conditions, displacement or humanitarian vulnerability, gender disparities, digital exclusion and community readiness.

MEASURING WHAT MATTERS

Expected Results

3,000 vulnerable girls directly reached; improved education access and retention; increased digital and STEM exposure; stronger life and leadership skills; improved menstrual-health knowledge; increased child-protection awareness; and improved economic preparedness among older girls and young women.

Proposed Key Performance Indicators

Girls directly reached: 3,000

Girls receiving education support: 2,000+

Girls participating in mentorship/life skills: 2,500+

Girls receiving digital/STEM exposure: 1,500+

Girls receiving menstrual-health education: 2,500+

Girls receiving child-protection/gender-equality education: 3,000

Girls receiving vocational/entrepreneurship support: 750+

Parents/caregivers engaged: 2,000+

Teachers/community stakeholders engaged: 300+

Community sensitization activities: 50+

Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning

A baseline will establish education status, attendance, retention, digital literacy, life skills, menstrual-health knowledge, protection awareness and career aspirations. Routine monitoring will track participation, attendance, materials, sessions, mentorship, community activities, referrals and feedback. A midterm review will enable adaptation, followed by an endline assessment.

Accountability & Safeguarding

HopeShield will maintain appropriate documentation of beneficiaries, activities, expenditure, outputs and outcomes, while applying consent, safeguarding and responsible communications practices when documenting beneficiary stories or images.

US\$300,000 TO REACH 3,000 GIRLS

Proposed Budget

Education access, learning materials & retention support — US\$90,000 (30.0%)

Digital literacy & STEM — US\$35,000 (11.7%)

Life skills, leadership & mentorship — US\$30,000 (10.0%)

Menstrual health & hygiene — US\$25,000 (8.3%)

Vocational skills, entrepreneurship & economic empowerment — US\$40,000 (13.3%)

Child protection, safeguarding & community engagement — US\$20,000 (6.7%)

Training, facilitators & implementation personnel — US\$25,000 (8.3%)

Monitoring, evaluation, learning & accountability — US\$12,000 (4.0%)

Communications, documentation & donor reporting — US\$8,000 (2.7%)

Administration, logistics & operational support — US\$15,000 (5.0%)

Value for Money

US\$300,000 ÷ 3,000 girls = US\$100 average total project investment per targeted girl. This is an average programme investment—not a cash entitlement per beneficiary.

Why Now?

Educational exclusion can compound over time. A timely investment can help a girl remain connected to learning, gain practical skills, build confidence and access pathways to further education or economic opportunity. The model complements larger public and development-sector efforts by directing additional resources toward vulnerable girls and communities.

THE TIME TO INVEST IN GIRLS IS NOW

Sustainability Strategy

Community ownership: parents, teachers, community leaders and stakeholders participate in planning, implementation and monitoring.

Local capacity: facilitators, volunteers, mentors and community stakeholders are trained so knowledge remains in communities.

Partnerships: HopeShield will collaborate with schools, education authorities, community organizations, women's and youth groups, technology partners, training providers, health/protection services, private-sector actors and philanthropic organizations.

Girls' peer networks: trained girls can become peer champions who encourage positive educational and community participation.

Resource mobilization and scale: evidence, monitoring data and documented outcomes will support future fundraising and responsible expansion.

Why HopeShield Humanitarian Foundation?

HopeShield is committed to improving the lives and opportunities of vulnerable people and communities in Nigeria. This initiative reflects a practical, integrated approach connecting education, poverty reduction, gender equality, health, protection, digital inclusion and economic empowerment.

The Donor Invitation

We invite foundations, corporations, philanthropic organizations, international partners, individual donors and GlobalGiving supporters to invest in this initiative. A girl who receives educational support today can become tomorrow's teacher, entrepreneur, professional, technology worker, community leader, skilled worker or role model. Nigeria does not lack talented girls; too many girls simply lack the opportunity to develop that talent. HopeShield is ready to act as additional resources become available.

Project Snapshot

FUNDING TARGET: US\$300,000 | GIRLS TARGET: 3,000 | DURATION: 24 MONTHS

SDG ALIGNMENT: SDG 4 • Quality Education | SDG 5 • Gender Equality | SDG 1 • No Poverty | SDG 8 • Decent Work | SDG 10 • Reduced Inequalities | SDG 17 • Partnerships

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