

Change Our World, Educate a Girl

Nurturing Minds, Inc. is a U.S.-based non-profit organization seeking to make a difference by educating Tanzanian girls who are poor, marginalized and at-risk of becoming involved in exploitative forms of child labor.

Working with its Tanzanian partner, **SEGA (Secondary Education for Girls Advancement)**, **Nurturing Minds** raises funds and provides support for the construction and development of the **Sega Girls School and its businesses**.



The **Sega Girls School** is a residential secondary school in Tanzania that educates vulnerable girls who are unable to attend school due to extreme poverty.

The School aims to be a center of excellence for teaching, learning and leadership development in both academic and life skills.

School businesses teach practical business and entrepreneurship skills and generate income to ensure long-term sustainability.

The Sega students will graduate with skills that empower them to make changes in their own lives, in their families and in their communities.

You Can Make A Difference!

- **Sponsor** a student - a great option for families, book clubs and school groups wanting a more meaningful experience
- Start a **Sega Club** in your school or community
- Ask friends/family to make a **donation** in lieu of gifts at special occasions
- **Volunteer** your time at the School

There are so many ways to be involved. Please contact us for ideas!



Donate

Please send your tax-deductible gift to:

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Nurturing Minds and the Sega Girls School



Educating
and Empowering
Tanzanian Girls

The importance of Educating Girls in Tanzania

Tanzania, one of the poorest countries in the world, has one of the lowest secondary school enrolment rates, and one of the highest dropout rates of girls - only one in four girls continues past 7th grade to secondary school.

(Global Development, Guardian.co.uk, 2011)

Education = A Better Life

The most effective way to assist vulnerable and disadvantaged girls in Tanzania is to provide a quality education. Research has shown that educating girls at secondary level results in:

- higher wages and better jobs
- delayed marriage and lower birth rate
- better health, nutrition, sanitation, immunization and education levels for their own children.

(Women Hold Up Half the Sky, Global Economics Weekly, March 2008)

Moreover, there is an emerging consensus that empowering women to realize their full potential can break the cycle of poverty, create prosperity and generate other transformative outcomes.

When 10% more girls go to secondary school, a country's economy grows by 3%.

(High-impact giving to women and girls, Bank of America Corporation, 2011)



Building a Brighter Future for Tanzanian Girls

The **Sega Girls School** offers an education that will prepare disadvantaged girls for success and fulfilment after school:

Quality academic education in a safe setting, emphasizing

- leadership skills
- social responsibility
- environmental care



Participatory learning environment using a Tanzanian curriculum with US- based components, including

- life skills to strengthen self-esteem and decision-making
- civic responsibility and democracy
- financial management for self-reliance
- organic agriculture/food production
- computer literacy

School businesses

- teach practical business skills for improved employability
- generate income to ensure long-term self-sustainability of the School

An ongoing Success Story

Accomplishments to date 2008 - 2012

- The **Sega Girls School** is a rapidly growing residential campus supporting a remedial class and Forms I - III (8th - 10th grade), totaling 150 students
- The 30 acre campus has 10 solar-powered buildings including a computer lab*
- There is a strong team of 12 admin and teaching staff, and 11 support staff
- The first Sega Business, a poultry farm, is up and running, with 2 coops and 2,000 chicks

Next Steps

- Complete construction of the campus
- Install a rainwater harvesting system to supply the campus with a renewable source of water
- Appoint an English as a Second Language Coordinator

Our aim is that by 2015 the Sega Girls School educates 200 girls and is

- A Leader in Education - in experiential learning and use of information communication technology
- A Model for Environmental Stewardship - with sustainable technologies
- Financially self-sufficient through development of school businesses

*Dorms and classrooms funded by USAID



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