## NESEI's Girls Rising Program: Secondary School Scholarships and Enrichment Programs for 200 Sudanese Girls





### What is the Goal? Program Objectives

- A. Build upon NESEI best practices in identifying/recruiting girl leaders.
- B. Prioritize primary-to-secondary "transitions" program for girls.
- C. Sponsor 200 girl leaders for 4 years of secondary school in Yei, Wau, and possibly other areas. (approximately 170 day and 30 boarding students)
- D. Reduce student truancy in NESEI supported schools by 25% with health, pregnancy, marriage, and hygiene programming: 90%+ year-to-year retention rates for girls.
- E. Ensure leadership, enrichment, and vocational skills training opportunities for all NESEI-sponsored girls.
- F. Expand upon family involvement and community support for girls education.

## Who Is Affected? Target Population for 2010

200 girls from areas of South Sudan such as: Yei/Wau/Twic/Abyei/Aweil/Juba/Jonglei

#### What's Involved? Activities

- A. Recruit displaced and local Sudanese girls from primary schools for secondary school sponsorship, focusing on academic/leadership potential.
- B. Work with families of girls to prepare them for the transition of their girls to secondary education.
- C. Operate enrichment programs at participating NESEI secondary schools, focused on instruction quality.
- D. Create basic primary health access for girls via partnerships at all NESEI sponsored schools.
- E. Run health programs that increase retention, focused on pregnancy and early marriage.
- F. Run feminine hygiene courses and provide access to feminine hygiene materials.
- G. Integrate vocational skills activities in agriculture and micro-enterprise; provide access to micro-loans.

## The Outlook? Long-term Activity Possibilities

- A. Establish and standardize a transitional school curriculum and associated program.
- B. Girls Retention Program: health/sanitation/pregnancy/early marriage.
- C. Sanitary Pad Program: teach accounting, sewing, basic business skills.
- D. More micro-loan programs for high-performing graduates.
- E. University/Vocational Training scholarships for graduates.
- F. Increase number of beneficiaries to 1,000 plus girls.

# Project Needs? Staffing & Program Expenses

A. 1 Program Coordinator B. Education Officer C. Occupancy for staff D. Communications/Travel

## Funding Level?

\$50,000 minimum for 200 girls to cover 2010 costs.

\$300,000 - \$500,000 per year to scale up to 1,000 plus students and implement long-term activities.

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