

ENHANCE WORLDWIDE

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PARTNERING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

This fall we are teaming up with the **Kapadia Education Foundation (KEF)** to support **10 young higher education students**. By coupling tuition scholarships with a mentorship program, we are helping these young women chart out a new future through higher education and intentional guiding relationships. These students all live in and around Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia and city where all of our programs operate. They are all **first generation** university, college, or technical school students and some are the **first to graduate high school** in their families. Many are orphans, some have moved to Addis Ababa to continue their education and others are taking care of their young siblings. They are studying a range of fields from nursing to accounting and all have dreams of creating **safer, healthier and happier communities**.

The Kapadia Education Foundation (KEF) provides direct **financial assistance** and **guidance** to needy

college students seeking to make a **difference** in their communities. For more information on KEF's important and inspiring work, please visit their [website](#).

—*Dr. Ashley Lackovich-Van Gorp*, Founding Executive Director ■

“You can never leave footprints that last if you are always walking on tiptoe.”

Leymah Gbowee, Liberian Peace Activist & Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT

Enhance Worldwide is a proud member of **Girls Not Brides!** Co-founded by **Archbishop Desmond Tutu**, this global partnership of more than 600 civil society organizations is committed to **ending child marriage** and enabling girls to fulfill their potential.

Participating organizations are based throughout **Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe** and the **Americas**, bringing global attention to child marriage and working on behalf of millions of girls. To learn more about Girls Not Brides and current initiatives, please visit our [member page](#). ■





EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

This fall we welcome **three new girls** into our **Kinship Care** program. Two girls are twelve years old and the other is ten years old. They all live in the same community as the other girls in our program and attend the same elementary school.

Kinship Care is a program that keeps orphaned girls off of the streets by enabling them to live with relatives and attend school in their **home communities** in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Expanding learning into the community, we facilitate community conversations on topics that impact the wellbeing of the girls and young women we serve, such as HIV/AIDS and reproductive health, child marriage and gender based violence.

Let's send girls to school! To learn more about our programs and to sponsor a girl's education, visit our [website](#). ■

“I love school. I love the books and the numbers. I love writing and history. I love my uniform and backpack. I just love it all so much.”

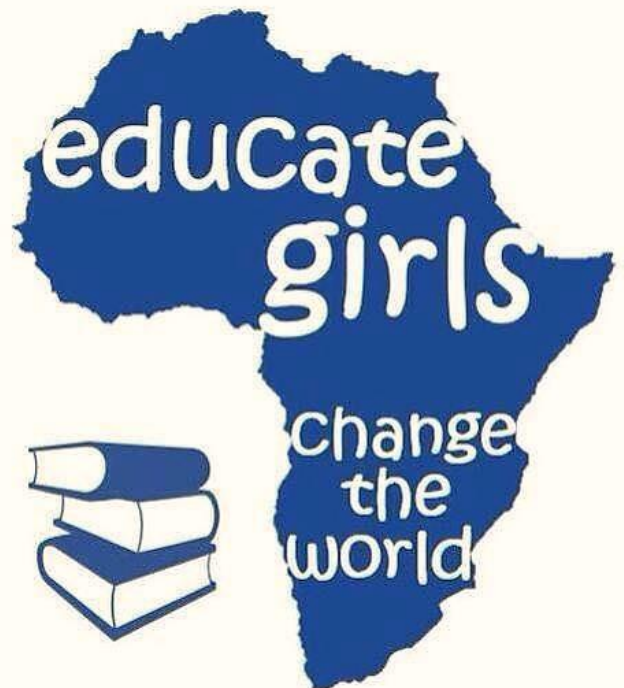
Participant who started school for the first time in January 2015

STANDING UP FOR GIRLS

Girls in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia are more likely to be **out of school** if they come from poor households because they often have to work or care for younger siblings. Additionally, public education is **not free** in Ethiopia. The majority of participants in our programs have lost one or both parents and some are living with HIV/AIDS. They are also at high risk for child marriage, trafficking, child labor, and street violence. This kind of poverty makes education an **impossible dream** for many.

Enhance Worldwide works every day to make education a reality for over **150 girls and young women** in Addis Ababa. Our **Kinship Care** and **Rising Autonomy** programs ensure that girls and young women living in poverty can attend school and have the resources and skills they need to **succeed**. The girls in our programs are not only learning to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty – they are **empowered** to fight against gender inequality by ensuring their own financial independence.

Join us! Let's **stand up for girls!** For the latest updates on our projects and to **support** our critical work, please visit our GlobalGiving [project page](#). ■



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22 MONTHS IN ETHIOPIA

Together we have accomplished so much over the past **22 months** in Ethiopia: **implementing** and **growing** programs, **partnering** with the communities we serve, establishing new organizational partnerships and, most recently, completing our **second summer school** program. Today we continue operating amid an uncertain political situation and significant drought, advocating for educational access, social mobility, financial literacy, and gender equality.

Last month, the Ethiopian government declared a six-month nationwide state of emergency amid protests and violence. Ensuring **educational access**, healthy **mentoring relationships**, **life skills**, and **supplemental nutrition** are all the more critical during this state of emergency and ongoing drought in Ethiopia.

Amidst this challenging time, there is **hope** and much to **celebrate**. In September, our **first** Rising Autonomy participant **graduated from college!** We ask you to join us in sending her our heartfelt congratulations.

—**Heather Mahardy**, Founding President ■



“For 3 years, the money that you have been sending every month made it possible for me to go to school and receive this diploma. I would like to say thank you very much and give my sincerest gratitude to your organization.”

Rising Autonomy participant & college graduate

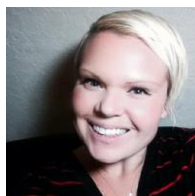
COMMITTED ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE

Our committed and passionate **Board of Directors** works to create communities where girls and women have the skills to lead meaningful, dignified lives and where each individual has agency, autonomy and aspirations. Learn more about their work on our [board page](#). ■

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



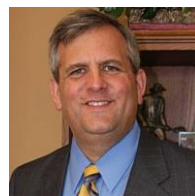
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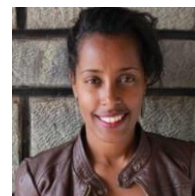
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