

Tomorrow Now: Education for Refugee Girl's from South Sudan

Program Key Points

- It's been four-years since the outbreak of major conflict in South Sudan – four-years of lost education for so many girls;
- South Sudan has the highest rate of children missing out on education in the world – 72% according to UNICEF in 2017;
- Girls are 2X more likely to not have access to education than boys;
- Education receives less than 2% of humanitarian aid;
- Less than 1% of girls in South Sudan will complete secondary education;
- Displacement, conflict, and famine have created massive upheaval in the lives of many, especially young girls, from South Sudan. Accessing quality education is next to impossible;
- HDC operates in East Africa as a national NGO, and has recognized that building a scholarship program at the grass-roots in South Sudan will help girls access the education they need, on a regional basis;
- Tomorrow Now supports girls financially, socially and logistically to access quality boarding schools in East Africa, removing them from conflict, and enabling them to focus on education;



Our Mission

To help the vulnerable people of South Sudan attain dignified and prosperous lives by building community resilience, supporting populations affected by crisis, and promoting sustainable livelihoods, social networks, and gender development.

Our Vision

An empowered community full of individuals living dignified and prosperous lives, and possessing the capacity to influence decisions that affect their lives.

Our Values

Impartiality, accountability and integrity, coupled with professionalism and a commitment to learning and innovation.

About HDC

For ten-years, Humanitarian and Development Consortium has operated in South Sudan as a national NGO, in partnership with leading organizations such as UNHCR, UNDP, Danish Church Aid, and the Government of the Netherlands.

Working across 5 states, on the very front-lines of conflict, displacement and hunger, HDC has been a proven and capable organization, growing to a budget of over \$3 million USD annually, and a team of close to 160 national and international staff.

The organization focuses its interventions into four-core areas of: food security & livelihoods; protection & gender development; education development; peacebuilding and good governance.

In 2017, HDC helped over 32,000 people access shelter, food, education and protection, with an emphasis on helping those impacted by conflict and sexual or gender based violence.

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About Tomorrow Now

Tomorrow Now is HDC's program to provide ongoing scholarships to girls from South Sudan who are impacted by the ongoing conflict to obtain a quality education. The scholarships are multi-year, providing the girls with ongoing access to learning, supporting them for however long they are willing and able to continue their studies. HDC's commitment to each girl is ongoing, rather than annualized, providing stability and helping to build a strong and vibrant group of girls and women for the future of South Sudan.



Accessing education in the middle of a war is a challenge, even more so for girls who are displaced by conflict, at risk for sexual exploitation, and unable to access shelter or food. For many, the odds of getting any education are low, and the chances of completing a basic education credential are non-existent.

According to UNICEF in 2017, 72% of children are out of school in South Sudan, the highest numbers in the world. Of these, typically its is twice as many girls as boys who are locked out of educational opportunities.

For every year of education a girl receives, future infant mortality rates drop by 5% (UNICEF / India). Girls who are able to stay in school marry later, reducing the risk of child marriage, and enabling her to access more opportunities, including a productive career and economic empowerment. Even just one extra year of learning for a woman increases her lifelong earnings by 15%.

HDC is focused on providing girls from South Sudan with access to learning. Not only within the country, as part of our work in building schools, training teachers and empowering communities, but also regionally.

"Tomorrow Now", takes a select group of girls, and provides them with full scholarships to attend boarding schools in Kenya, paying for accommodation, learning aids, tuition, travel and social supports, including access to counseling. The scholarships are multiyear, providing the girls with stability and the ability to focus beyond only a few months into their futures.

Recipients are required to attend classes, maintain a good quality academic average, and be active within their school environment – basically, participate fully and develop both their academic and social personalities in tandem.

Removing the girls from the conflict zone provides them with an opportunity to apply themselves to their educational pursuits. It is a release from the pressures of conflict, displacement and famine that plague South Sudan at present. It enables the girls to focus on being a child, and on developing themselves as human beings.





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HDC has operated the program on an interim basis, to test impacts and results, helping 10 girls in the first few years to access educational pursuits and social supports in Kenya. After several years of operations, the program is producing stability and quality academic results for the girls participating, as well as supporting their social development. Following an ongoing monitoring process, the program is now ready to expand in 2018 to a full cohort of participants.

Program Costs

Per year HDC invests approximately \$2,000 USD per girl to participate in Tomorrow Now.

The average costs per recipient are:

Tuition & Boarding:	\$750
Learning Supports:	\$450
Mentorship:	\$300
Return travel to Refugee Camps:	\$350



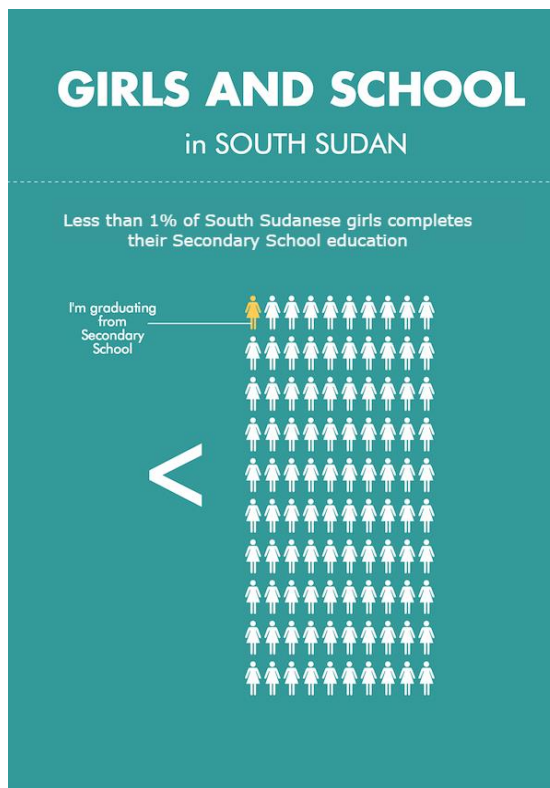
HDC is aiming to raise approximately \$40,000 USD annually to support an expanded group, and to begin a program of saving for university scholarship support for several girls.

Selection Criteria

Given the focus of the scholarship fund, HDC uses multiple lenses to select recipients, including:

- The recipient is classified as an Internally Displaced Person;
- The recipient is female;
- The recipient has demonstrated a commitment to learning, either through attendance at a school, participation in camp education activities, or efforts at individual learning;
- The recipient is willing to participate in an informal interview with HDC, completing a basic academic assessment, and to assess their stability for attending a boarding school environment;

Selection is based less on academic grades, instead the focus is on potential for the recipient to benefit in a holistic manner from attendance at the school, and participation in not only academic but extra-curricular activities.





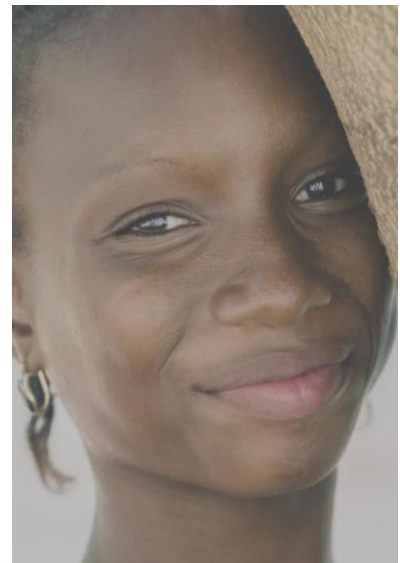
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Program Management & Operation

Tomorrow Now is a program of HDC, which is managed by a Program Coordinator in Nairobi, and supported from HDC's management team in Juba, South Sudan. Selection is completed in-country (South Sudan). HDC's development team in North America supports the program through the raising of funds and engagement of mentors for the program. While the program has initiated with a Kenya-South Sudan focus, as it grows over the next 5-years, HDC intends to duplicate these efforts for the significant number of displaced girls who are receiving education in Ethiopia, Uganda and Sudan. On a longer-term basis, with the return of peace in South Sudan, the scholarships will be devoted to in-country academic pursuits.

Supports to Recipients

HDC provides a fully supported process for each girl in the program, from facilitating travel from their home village in South Sudan, to supporting their integration at the boarding school in Kenya. Social and mental health supports are made available throughout the year, as are access to learning aids, clothing and toiletries. Mentorship initiatives are included throughout the year, providing access to



How You Can Help

Through HDC's online giving program www.hdcafrica.networkforgood.com you can support the success of these girls by becoming a one-time, monthly or annual donor.

Donors are linked to the program, enabling their contributions to flow well beyond only monetary support. We need strong mentors and support networks to help the girls stabilize, grow and thrive. We are looking at their secondary school needs, as well as future post-secondary preparations. Guidance on life skills, academic options, and global realities all help to inform the girls of the options they have in life. A strong and supportive shoulder to lean on from our mentors and network is essential.

Your help is needed to enable more girls to access education. Please consider donating or volunteering.

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