

# **PROPOSAL FOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO 20 VULNERABLE SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS IN AGBOGUGU COMMUNITY.**

## **INTRODUCTION/PROBLEM STATEMENT:**

Women and Girls Education and Arts Providing Opportunity Now (WEAPON) is a non governmental organization founded in the year ....., conceived out of a deep passion for the poorest of the poor and vulnerable girl child in developing African countries who are unable to access Western education due to abject poverty of parents and even close relations to help them go to secondary school after Primary School Education which is partially free in Enugu state in Nigeria. In most cases, the resultant effect of this ugly and helpless phenomenon is that such vulnerable girl children are painfully and unavoidably separated from their parents to serve as domestic child workers to strangers living in the urban cities with a false promise that they will be sent to school. Evidence of broken promises abound as such vulnerable girl children are found hawking in the street when their peers are busy inside the class rooms studying their books. In most cases, they fall victims of fatal car accidents, rape, resulting in HIV/AIDS infections and early child pregnancy.

## **Justification:**

There was an age long cultural and traditional beliefs and practices in Agbogugu community that postulated that giving a girl child opportunity to access Western Education was a waste of time and available scarce resources since every woman's career, whatsoever, ends in the kitchen. Instead a girl should be given away in marriage as soon as breasts appear on her chest, since she is the property of another man with little or nothing useful to contribute for the progress of her immediate family. This anti-progress cultural and traditional belief and practice has caused a lot of harm and setback to the educational development of women and girls in Agbogugu community. But with the passage of time, the negative attitude of most parents towards girl child educational development have tremendously changed following extensive sensitization and advocacy programmes by various interested groups and stakeholders as well as the success stories and contributions of few educated women in Agbogugu community, Enugu state and Nigeria in

general. At this juncture, a good percentage of parents in Agbogugu community have come to realize the value and importance of educational development of a girl child. They now live in bitter regret of their past mistake and ignorance and are now anxiously prepared to do everything in their power to ensure the educational development of their girl children at least at primary school level. Those who can afford it support their girl children with opportunities to go beyond Primary Education to Secondary Education, even to College and University levels.

But due to widespread poverty in the Nigerian society, a good number of parents in Agbogugu community are currently unable to provide their girl children with support to develop educationally beyond primary school level. Eventually, such vulnerable girls become victims of forced early child marriage by parents, domestic workers, rape, early child pregnancy outside marriage, HIV/AIDS infections. Some girls who are fortunate to find themselves in Secondary Schools out of parents determined dogged efforts have dropped out or are at risk of dropping out by reason of lack of funds to continue.

It is such vulnerable girl children in Agbogugu community that WEAPON is ingeniously established to target, identify, rescue and support through provision of scholarship grants to access quality Secondary Education for development.

### **Specific Objective:**

To support 20 vulnerable girl children in Agbogugu community through provision of scholarship grants to access quality Secondary School Education for development.

### **General Objectives:**

- To make input aimed at bridging the gap of inequality between the haves and the have-nots in Agbogugu community in relation to Girls Education for development.
- To contribute towards the promotion of girl child education for development in Agbogugu community.
- To encourage the education for development of every girl child at all levels in Agbogugu community.
- To eradicate or at least reduce the impact of female illiteracy in Agbogugu

community.

- To motivate girl children in Agbogugu community to aspire to pursue various career programmes in education for personal development.
- To challenge them to compete effectively with their male counterparts to acquire education for development.
- To identify with the challenges of poverty in my home community especially with regards to vulnerable girl children.

## **Target groups:**

### **Direct Beneficiaries:**

The intended direct beneficiaries of this project will be 20 girl children in Agbogugu community identified by a girl child education for development committee that will be set up. The 20 girl children will comprise those who are at risk of dropping out of school and those that have already dropped out due to lack of funds to continue.

### **Indirect Beneficiaries:**

The intended indirect beneficiaries of this project include families of the 20 girl children in particular and Agbogugu community in general.

### **Activities/Methodology:**

- Writing letters to the relevant stakeholders to inform them about the project.
- Courtesy call to the Traditional leader of Agbogugu community, School heads and CBOs.
- Needs assessment research to be conducted to identify and determine the most vulnerable girl children in Agbogugu community.
- A focus group discussion to be organized with various stakeholders.
- Consultation process with relevant stakeholders in the community.
- Conduct a tracing system for families of girl children that are in dire need of support.
- Produce and disseminate handbills to create awareness in the community about the project.
- Grants to the identified and determined vulnerable girl children.
- Quarterly report writing.
- Monitoring and evaluation.

## BUDGET FOR ONE YEAR.

S/N	Description	Amount	Total US Dollars
<b>1.</b>	<b>Office equipment</b>		
<b>a</b>	One lap-top computer, one desk-top computer, printer and accessories.	\$4000	
<b>b</b>	Stationeries.	\$1000	
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>\$5000</b>	<b>\$5000</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Administrative cost.</b>		
<b>a</b>	WEAPON project vehicle, (one fairly used Toyota product car).	\$10000	
<b>b</b>	Quarterly maintenance and fuelling of the project car @ \$500 x 3 quarters.	\$1500	
<b>c</b>	Printing and distribution of hand bills on the project @ 1000 copies x \$1 each.	\$1000	
<b>d</b>	Allowance for five project staff @ \$200 per month x 12 months.	\$2400	
<b>e</b>	Office space @ \$50 per month x 12 months.	600	
<b>f</b>	Allowance for the project director @ \$500 per month x 12 months.	6000	
	<b>Sub total.</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>21,500</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Grants to 20 children.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Tuition @ \$100 per quarter x 3 quarters x 20 girls.	\$6000	
<b>b</b>	Estimated cost of books per annum @ \$200 x 20 girls.	\$4000	
<b>c</b>	Five pairs of school uniform @150 x 20.	\$3000	
<b>d</b>	Maintenance/medical allowance while at school @ \$100 x 20 girls per quarter x 3 quarters.	\$6000	
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>\$19000</b>	<b>\$19,000</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$45,500.</b>

## BUDGET FOR SIX YEARS.

S/N	Description	Amount	Total US Dollars
<b>1.</b>	<b>Office equipment</b>		
<b>a</b>	One lap-top computer, one desk-top computer, printer and accessories.	\$4000	
<b>b</b>	Stationeries.	\$1000	
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>\$5000</b>	<b>\$5000</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Administrative cost.</b>		
<b>a</b>	WEAPON project vehicle, (one fairly used Toyota product car).	\$10000	
<b>b</b>	Quarterly maintenance and fuelling of the project car @ \$500 x 3 quarters x 6 years.	\$9000	
<b>c</b>	Printing and distribution of hand bills on the project @ 1000 copies x \$1 each.	\$1000	
<b>d</b>	Allowance for five project staff @ \$200 per month x 12 months x 6 years.	\$14400	
<b>e</b>	Office space @ \$50 per month x 12 months x 6 years.	3600	
<b>f</b>	Allowance for the project director @ \$500 per month x 12 months x 6 years.	36000	
	<b>Sub total.</b>	<b>\$74000</b>	<b>\$74000</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Grants to 20 children.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Tuition @ \$100 per quarter x 3 quarters x 20 girls x 6 years.	\$36000	
<b>b</b>	Estimated cost of books per annum @ \$200 x 20 girls x 6 years.	\$48000	
<b>c</b>	Five pairs of school uniform @150 x 20 x 6 years.	\$18000	
<b>d</b>	Maintenance/medical allowance while at school @ \$100 x 20 girls per quarter x 3 quarters x 6 years.	\$36000	
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>\$138,000</b>	<b>\$138,000</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$217,000.</b>

