

There is an urgent need to prevent Gender-Based Violence (GBV) against girls in Kenya and provide safety for girls who have been assaulted. Covid-19 has dramatically increased the number of assaulted girls in Kenya who are more likely to become pregnant, drop out of school, and be forced into early marriage (1). Social empowerment and health education programs are proven to prevent GBV by helping girls stay in school (2). QFE has provided safe housing, education, and support to girls who are survivors of GBV since 2019. Sadly, in 2020 we had to turn away over 100 vulnerable girls because we are at capacity with 12 girls.

**MISSION** | *To increase Quilts for Empowerment's capacity to prevent GBV and empower girls who are survivors of GBV.*

**GOAL 1** | *Build a Girls' Home to house and empower girls who are survivors of GBV*

**GOAL 2** | *Provide an afterschool program for vulnerable girls in the community to prevent GBV*

**PHASE 1 (COMPLETED!)** | *Land owned by Kenya QFE in Luanda, Kenya will be developed with all necessary infrastructure and two houses built to accommodate our current Girls' Program.* Oct 2020 – Oct 2021  
Cost: \$116,184 USD  
Needed: \$0

**PHASE 2** | *Build a Community Resource Center on the developed property to house 30 assault survivors and host our afterschool program.* Oct 2021 – Oct 2022  
Cost: \$228,343 USD  
Needed: \$160,000

### **MEASURING GOAL ACHIEVEMENT**

**A)** *Increasing the number of at-risk girls enrolled in our afterschool program, and assessing the percentage of those girls who graduate high school and experience lower rates of GBV.*

**B)** *Increasing the number of GBV survivors who have permanent housing with full access to educational support and professional therapy.*

Join us in meeting our goals and change the lives of vulnerable and assaulted girls by helping us build our Community Resource Center and complete Phase 2 of our project.

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