



FUNDING REQUEST: LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES FOR 30 GIRLS IN GHANA

THE CHALLENGE

Every day, girls in Ghana overcome myriad barriers to be able to attend and stay in school. This is especially true for girls living in rural areas. Providing the access and ability to persist in their education is one of the most effective ways to ensure that all girls are able to gain the skills and knowledge to continue to pursue their goals, increase their earning potential, and avoid child marriage or early pregnancy. The Teen Girls Club program exists to ensure girls are able to capitalize on the education they are being provided and overcome the barriers they may face in accessing and staying in school. In addition, the Teen Girls Club program focuses on the social and emotional health of the young women in the program, growing leadership and confidence in participants so they are ready to face life's challenges and continue to pursue their goals.



OUR SOLUTION

As part of this effort to develop leadership skills in young girls, final year Junior High School students in the Teen Girls Club program are coordinating service projects in their communities. The girls are responsible for identifying a challenge their community is facing and potential solutions and then work with their peers and community leaders to carry out a community service project to address the challenge.

THE GOAL

Self-Help International Teen Girls Club is providing support to these young female leaders to help them carry out their projects. Learn more about what young leaders in each community have identified as challenges and solutions to local issues.

KUKUBUSO & BEPOSO: Many of the floors at the school compounds in both communities are unfinished, leaving the dirt floor exposed. The Junior High School girls noticed that this meant some of the younger students who sat and played on the floor were covered in dust and dirt by the end of the day. They are working with the teachers and community to resurface the floor of the kindergarten classrooms so that the younger students are more comfortable during the day. Students in Kukubuso are also calling on local and regional leaders to come together to complete a school structure that was started, but never completed.



BEDAABOUR: Inclement weather can often disrupt the school day. JHS students in Bedaabour are determined to fix part of the roof on the school compound to help mitigate these disruptions to their school day and improve the learning conditions for students.

NKONTOMIRE: Students in the Teen Girls Club in Nkontomire have also decided to focus on their school buildings. The Junior High School buildings have chipping paint and exposed cement. They are leading an effort to white-wash the building to create a new façade and brighten up the school grounds.



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Self-Help International is providing financial support to the girls to help them complete their projects. \$1500 will fund all community service projects and support the final year students in sharing the lessons and skills gained through this process with their peers and their community. For \$45/young leader you can help girls gain valuable leadership experience while giving back to their community.