



Graduate Women International  
Empowering women & girls through lifelong education



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Dear Graduate Women International Donors:

COVID-19 has exacerbated the female teacher challenges in rural Uganda where a significant number of girls remain out of school. Many were forced to drop out and may not return partly due to the lack of female teachers. Graduate Women International's (GWI) Teachers for Rural Futures programme is increasing the opportunity for young women in rural Uganda to gain their teaching degree with the aim to increase the number of female teachers in rural Uganda. With additional female teachers GWI will also be increasing the safe access to and the number of girls who remain in school in rural communities in Uganda.

To date, the Teachers for Rural Futures project has successfully sponsored five young women from rural Beyunde Uganda to complete their studies in the field of education. Despite COVID-19 challenges, the programme has onboarded a new student in 2021 to undertake her studies in this field. We continue to work closely with our Uganda Association of University Women as well as our newly enrolled student, to identify additional young women to join the programme.

As the COVID-19 pandemic raged on, schools in Uganda, alongside the world's education systems, suffered immeasurably with the greatest setbacks in women's and girls' education. School closures due to COVID-19 resulted in an increase in girls and young women's sexual and physical abuse which has led to a 22.5 per cent increase in pregnancy among girls aged 10-24 in Uganda. In addition, approximately two out of every 10 Ugandan children had less than a meal a day as they no longer had access to the meals provided at school. Your donation towards helping to flatten this curve is critical.

The GWI Board, staff and member affiliates globally will continue to work together through the use of our collective strength to make a positive impact on women's and girls' education. We need your help too. The generous donations to the GWI Teachers for Rural Futures contribute to support such as:

- Recurring donations of 25 dollars per month provided books for one student teacher
- Donations of 75 dollars provided tuition for one student teacher for one month
- Contributions of 150 dollars provided tuition for one student teacher for two months
- Donations of 900 dollars trained one student teacher for one year

Contributions of any amount have made meaningful, positive impacts on the lives of our teachers. Please reach out to anyone you know and invite them to donate as well. Your contributions matter, and we are sincerely grateful. GWI remains thankful for its sponsorship from the City of Geneva.

Donations to the Teachers for Rural Futures programme can be made [HERE](#).

Thank you – Graduate Women International

