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Jessica Cheruyiot, a Global Give Back Circle scholar, completed a computer training course in West Pokot County through a partnership with USAID, Microsoft and Safaricom. Girls in this area are at risk of being subjected to female genital mutilation. Photo: USAID

KENYA

GLOBAL GIVE BACK CIRCLE

The Global Give Back Circle (GGBC) integrates mentoring, private sector investment and community support in a circle of empowerment that guides young disadvantaged teens to complete their educational journey, gain employable skills, and take on leadership roles as agents of change. Participants receive scholarships, life-skills training and a dedicated mentor. In return, the participants offer voluntary service to their communities while working with the next generation of scholarship awardees.

Launched in 2008 as a Clinton Global Initiative commitment, the Global Give Back Circle provides girls and boys from disadvantaged backgrounds—many of them orphans—with the skills, savvy and support they need to escape the cycle of poverty.

OUR WORK

GGBC matches young men and women with a mentor, either an American or a Kenyan professional woman, who maintains an open channel of communication with the student throughout the program. Mentors provide advice to the participants to facilitate thoughtful decision-making about social, academic, and professional choices. In addition to financial support for secondary school and university education, the GGBC provides special courses in managing personal finances, reproductive health, life skills, and information and communications technology (ICT).

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since 2011, the Global Give Back Circle has:

- Provided scholarships and mentorships to 840 girls and 28 boys to access tertiary and university education and complete their educational journey. Each of these beneficiaries is offered life skills workshops in tertiary education covering financial literacy, give back commitments, reproductive health and work readiness.
- Recruited and supported a total of 700 mentors from nine countries who are able to provide one-on-one-mentoring to the beneficiaries, enabling them to rediscover their talents and abilities while building self-confidence
- Partnered with 36 private sector organizations including Microsoft, Safaricom, MasterCard Foundation, Deloitte Kenya, KPMG Kenya, PWC Kenya, Barclays Bank Kenya, Ernst & Young USA, Zep-Re, Standard Chartered Bank, Equity Foundation, Surgipharm, Nestle, Hot-Point Appliances and General Motors to provide scholarships, internships and mentoring
- Offered life skills workshops to 700 beneficiaries in tertiary education covering financial literacy, give back commitments, reproductive health, and work readiness
- Gave over 250 beneficiaries internship and job placement opportunities with various private sector partners

BUDGET \$5.2 million

DURATION

2011-2019

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Nationwide

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Kenya Community Development Foundation

KEY PARTNERS

More than 36 Kenyan and international public and private sector partners

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