



Project Success Story

Girls' Equality Project

Millions of girls in the developing world suffer needlessly on reaching puberty. Why? They have no way to deal with menstruation. They miss a week of school every month. Soon, they are so far behind they drop out. *That is the moment when girls become second-class citizens*, because they will always thereafter have less education than boys.

Worse, at that point, when a girl may be only 13 years old, her choices are grim, or worse: she can work in the fields, become a domestic servant, be married off, or be sold into the sex trade. In all such cases, without caring adults around to protect her, she becomes the subject of relentless sexual predation that will scar her for life. *This does not have to be.*



A 13 year-old mother with child in Kenya

The Global Uplift Project's *Girls' Equality Project* provides thousands of girls in the developing world the means to stay in school and reach their educational potential. We do this by giving girls washable, reusable sanitary supplies, teaching them self-defense, and giving them feminine hygiene education, all at no cost to them. We have provided these kits and services to girls in Kenya, Nepal, Zambia, South Africa, and Ivory Coast.

A TGUP Girls' Equality Project kit consists of 2 waterproof panty shields, eight soft, absorbent, washable inner liners, and a discreet carrying bag. Taken care of, a GEP kit will last for three years. It is typically delivered in a school setting, by trained matrons, who also teach the girls about female biology, personal hygiene, and self-defense.

This might be the only time a girl ever receives expert, compassionate education about the profound life changes she is going through, and how she can deal with them.



GEP Kit components and carrying bags



These girls, in Tembisa, South Africa, have just learned they will be able to attend school every week of the year. They will each be the first person in their family to have ever completed high school. No wonder they are smiling!



Girls in Nepal are learning about feminine hygiene, a frequently taboo subject

With their GEP kits and newfound knowledge, these girls can look forward to the same opportunities as boys. This is something they could never have imagined before.



These girls in Mambwe, Zambia love their kits



Girls at Githwariga (left) and Sirima (right), Kenya are excited to receive GEP kits and education

We make GEP kits at our sewing centers in Kenya and Nepal and are planning to open new sewing centers in other countries as soon as it is safe to do so. The centers also sew TGUP's COVID 19 masks, providing good living wages and self-respect to the seamstresses doing the work. They have made and distributed almost 20,000 kits and more than 50,000 masks. In Nepal, we have 20 seamstresses who all escaped abusive relationships and are proud of the work they do helping thousands of girls.



Tailor and seamstress in Kenya



Seamstresses in Nepal



Giving out kits & masks in a Nyeri slum



Making masks & GEP kits in Nepal

Is it worth \$5 to help a girl avoid the degradation of relentless sexual predation? Is it worth \$5 so that a human potential can be realized? We think it is. A \$5 kit allows a girl to stay in school for three more years. Often, that is long enough for her to finish school. **Three years of schooling for \$5. This might very well be the most cost-effective liberations of human potential on the planet!**

Donate at TGUP.org. Sponsor just one kit. Help just one girl. Ask your friends to do the same. They, like you, can *literally* change the world. But we do have to act. EVERY DOLLAR DONATED goes to the GEP project.

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