OVERVIEW
Rise Up is looking for 18 local visionary leaders in Nigeria from Lagos and Kaduna states to participate in our Gender Equity Initiative to strengthen their organizations, lead change in their communities, and advance national-level impact through improved laws, programs, and funding for women and girls. Rise Up is launching this initiative as part of our global partnership with Cummins Powers Women which advances social justice, education, equity, and opportunity for girls and women in India, Nigeria, Mexico, the United States, South Africa and Brazil.

Building on the successes of Rise Up’s Champions for Change program, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation between 2013-2017, the Gender Equity Initiative has already enabled 20 visionary leaders to strengthen their individual and organizational advocacy capacity to improve the lives of girls and women in Lagos State and Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory.

Rise Up advances health, education, and equity by enabling girls, youth, and women to transform their own lives, communities, and countries. Rise Up invests in visionary leaders, local organizations, and innovative solutions to achieve large-scale change through leadership development, advocacy capacity building, innovative grantmaking, and storytelling. Since 2009, Rise Up’s powerful network of almost 500 leaders has directly reached 7 million girls, youth, and women, and advocated for over 100 laws and policies impacting 115 million people in Africa, Latin America, South Asia, and the US.

STRATEGIES
Rise Up’s ripple methodology empowers leaders to advance social justice, education, and opportunities for girls and women. This methodology includes the following core strategies:

- **Leadership and Advocacy Accelerator**: Rise up will select 18 leaders in Nigeria to participate in a week-long Accelerator workshop. This intensive workshop will enable participants to strengthen their leadership, learn new skills, and develop strategies that improve the lives of girls and women in their communities.

- **Social Justice Fund**: Following the Leadership and Advocacy Accelerator, Rise Up participants will have the opportunity to apply for competitive seed funding to launch their strategies that advance education, equity, opportunity and social justice for women and girls in their countries.

- **Girls’ Empowerment Pipeline**: Rise Up will empower girls (ages 12-18) to realize their own potential and speak out as leaders in their communities and countries.

- **Amplify Women’s & Girls’ Voices**: Rise Up will create tools and resources that support participants’ strategies, including case studies, videos, and curricula that leaders can use to advance social justice for girls and women.

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