



Rise Up Launches Gender Equity Initiative in South Africa

OVERVIEW

Rise Up, a non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of girls and women around the world, will select 20 local visionary leaders in South Africa to participate in the Gender Equity Initiative to strengthen their organizations, lead change in their communities, and advance national, state, county, and local-level impact through improved laws, programs, and funding for women and girls. Rise Up is launching this new initiative with a focus on Gauteng Province and Durban 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.

Rise Up advances health, education, and equity by enabling girls, youth, and women to transform their 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, grantmaking, and storytelling. Since 2009, Rise Up's network of over 500 leaders has directly benefited 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 United States.



Rise Up is accepting applications from local nonprofit, civil society, and community-based organization leaders in Gauteng Province and Durban interested in advancing social justice and opportunities for girls and women.

STRATEGIES

Rise Up enables leaders to expand their impact by providing the training, funding, and resources they need to achieve large-scale change at local and national levels. Rise Up leaders go on to train other leaders within their communities and countries, and apply their new knowledge to launch their own strategies to advance social justice and improve the lives of girls and women in their communities. This methodology includes the following core strategies:

■ Advocacy and Leadership Accelerator

Rise Up will select 20 leaders from organizations, universities, or groups in Gauteng Province and Durban to participate in a week-long Advocacy and Leadership Accelerator workshop. Throughout this intensive workshop participants will strengthen their leadership, learn new advocacy skills, and develop strategies to improve the lives of girls and women in their communities.

■ Social Justice Fund

Following the Advocacy and Leadership Accelerator, Rise Up leaders have the opportunity to apply for competitive seed funding to launch their strategies to advance education, equity, opportunity, and social justice for women and girls.

■ Amplify Women's & Girls' Voices

Rise Up also offers leaders opportunities to share their work and their voices on global platforms to help them reach decision makers, influence policy, and ultimately shift norms.



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