

A portrait of Lesego S. Masethe, a woman with brown skin and long, curly hair, wearing a leopard-print headwrap and a white lab coat over a dark grey polo shirt. She is smiling and holding a white folder. The background is a dark wall with three rectangular light fixtures.

FOR GENDER JUSTICE EVERYWHERE

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Lesego S. Masethe, Rise Up Leader since 2020, South Africa



The Rise Up Team, November 2022

Rise Up is working for gender justice everywhere by amplifying the power and vision of women, girls, and allies.

Dear Friends,

In 2022, Rise Up positively impacted the lives of **3.3 million people** around the world. Rise Up Leaders and their organizations accelerated the global movement for gender equity and justice by successfully advocating for **18 new laws, policies, and programs** in India, Mexico, Nigeria, Guatemala, and the United States. These incredible wins will help people live healthy lives, gain access to education, and achieve greater economic mobility.

With your unwavering support, Rise Up championed leaders as they implemented transformative advocacy projects in their communities and countries. We held intensive training for **81 Rise Up Leaders** in our global network and awarded **\$553,000 in grant funding** to support leaders' advocacy. At every step in the process, Rise Up provided invaluable one-on-one coaching to help leaders achieve their ambitious goals.

We made significant progress on Rise Up's **strategic goals** in 2022 and expanded our organizational capacity—continuing to advance our commitment to racial justice, developing our learning agenda to share lessons with the field, and growing **our team**.

As you read through our 2022 Annual Report, I hope you see how you are an integral part of this movement to create a future where everyone can thrive. Thanks to your generosity, we will overcome growing challenges together and make progress toward our vision of an equitable world.

With gratitude,



Denise Raquel Dunning, PhD

RISE UP AT A GLANCE

OUR MISSION

Rise Up partners with women, girls, and allies who are transforming their communities and countries as part of a global movement for justice and equity. We build power with these local leaders as they work for equity in education, health, and economic opportunity to create a better future for all.

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RISE UP LEADERS' KEY IMPACTS IN 2022:

Increased access to sexual and reproductive health care for **550,000 young people** in India.

Defended the rights of over **1 million young people** in Mexico by guaranteeing clear policy commitments and a budget to promote gender equality across the state of Chihuahua.

Protected more than **211,000 women and girls** from gender-based violence in Nigeria.

Safeguarded **226,500 children** from human trafficking, child marriage, and school dropouts through improved implementation of child protection laws in India.

Increased security for over **10,000 teens and children** in rural Guatemala through a new legal framework to prevent family violence.

TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE IN ACTION

SPOTLIGHT: Expanding Sexual and Reproductive Health Care for 550,000 People in India

Riya Thakur joined the Rise Up network with a decade of experience and a vision to combat a lack of sexual and reproductive health services in underserved parts of Delhi. She focused on Mohalla Clinics—public, primary health centers that serve almost 80% of the local population. Riya worked to increase young people's access to sexual and reproductive health services in eight Mohalla Clinics across Delhi to prevent unwanted pregnancies and improve school enrollment outcomes. With the critical training and funding she received from Rise Up, Riya and the Population Foundation of India achieved the support of the Delhi government and ensured that **550,000 young people** have the ability to make their own decisions about their bodies.



Riya, Rise Up Leader since 2020, India

"The unique design of the Rise Up leadership initiative helps advocates and leaders to implement their ideas through the provision of financial support. This further helps create a ripple of change—one leader to many."

— Riya Thakur

Silvia, Rise Up Leader since 2020, Mexico



SPOTLIGHT: Strengthening Gender Equity Policies for 1 Million Women and Young People in Mexico

Silvia Alejandra Holguin Cinco is passionate about amplifying the voices of women and young people. Although young people are the largest age demographic in Mexico, they are largely underrepresented in decision-making bodies. Young women, in particular, face great barriers to engage politically on issues that directly affect their lives and wellbeing. With training and support from Rise Up, Silvia and her organization, Mukira, Justicia, Género y Buenas Practicas A.C., fostered a collaborative dialogue between young women and political candidates to achieve clear policy commitments and a budget to promote gender equality, non-violence, and political representation for **more than one million women and young people** in Mexico.

SPOTLIGHT: Protecting Girls From Gender-Based Violence in Nigeria

Journalist, author, and activist **Betty Abah** grew up in a small town in North Central Nigeria where she was denied access to an education until the age of nine because she was a girl. She strives to use her lived experience and personal triumphs as fuel for fighting gender discrimination in her country. After a year of mobilizing cross-sector leaders, and with training and funding from Rise Up, Betty and her organization, the Centre for Children's Health, Education, Orientation and Protection (CEE-HOPE), won the endorsement of Lagos State to form official committees to stop gender-based violence across three Lagos communities. By creating a monitoring system to enforce gender-based violence laws, Betty enhanced a critical community system and **safeguarded thousands of children and teenage girls** in Nigeria from sexual abuse and assault.



Betty, Rise Up Leader since 2018, Nigeria

"[Rise Up's training] was also a major opportunity to forge friendship and partnership with a great network of like-minded advocates who are doing fantastic work across several realms of advocacy in Nigeria."

— Betty Abah

SPECIAL FEATURE: Transforming Girls' Education in Nigeria

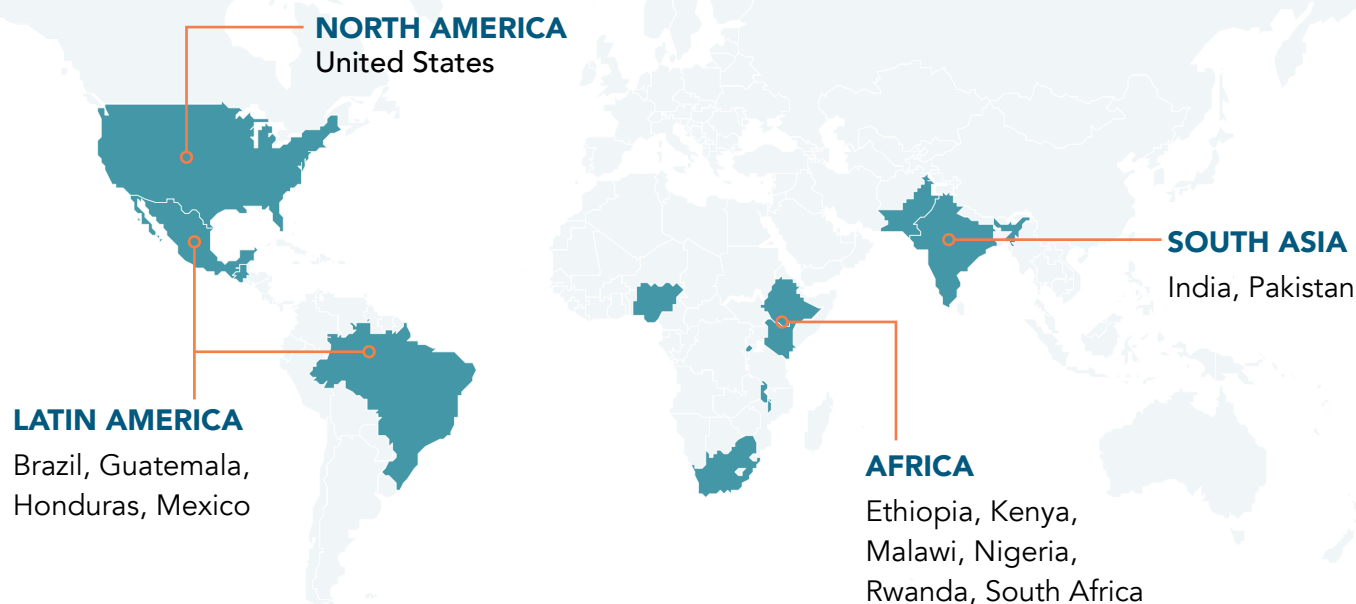
Nigeria has more girls out of school than any other country in the world. In 2022, Rise Up trained **24 civil society leaders** to address this disparity by improving educational opportunities for girls throughout the country. With funding and support from Rise Up, Nigeria leaders are focusing their efforts on a diverse set of girls' education outcomes, including increasing safety and security in schools, increasing STEM education funding for girls, and removing traditional and family barriers to improve girls' school attendance rates.

Rise Up Nigeria Cohort, March 2022



INVESTING IN GENDER JUSTICE AROUND THE WORLD

In 2022, Rise Up provided **\$553,000 in grant funding** to leaders and partner organizations to advance the rights of women, girls, and gender-nonconforming people around the world.



CENTERING GIRL LEADERS

Rise Up believes in the power of girls to best understand their lived realities and develop their own solutions to the problems they face. In 2022, Rise Up supported hundreds of girls, youth, and adolescents to strengthen their leadership skills and amplify their voices in Africa, Latin America, South Asia, and the United States.



Rise Up girl leaders in Honduras

For example, Rise Up and our partner EMpower formed a governing council composed of girl leaders and Rise Up Leaders to serve as important advisors to our program in Rajasthan, India. Girl leaders on the council selected which advocacy projects in Rajasthan received grant funding and technical support from Rise Up. **This work is part of our \$1 million United Nations Generation Equality Forum Commitment.**



Governing council of girl leaders
and Rise Up Leaders in India

AMPLIFYING RISE UP LEADERS

Rise Up Leaders across the world often receive recognition for their innovative vision and leadership to create change. **Here are a few Rise Up Leader highlights from 2022.**



Rise Up Leader **Amrita Gupta** received training and grant funding to advance economic opportunity for women in Delhi by increasing the number of women drivers employed in the city's bus service. **Her work was recognized in the Hindustan Times.**



Rise Up Leader **Kevin Anthony Nnadi** and his organization, International Center for Accelerated Development (ICAD), were featured in the local publication *Nasarawa Newsline* for their work to advocate for girls' improved access to education in Nigeria.



Three Rise Up Leaders from South Asia and Africa were awarded the **Youth Trailblazer Award** by the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP): **Saro Imran** from Pakistan, **Lulit Yonas Mengesha** from Ethiopia, **Yidnekachew Mogessie** from Ethiopia.



Rise Up Leader **Tanzila Khan** from Pakistan received the **Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award** during the Prince's Trust International Awards Ceremony in the United Kingdom for her advocacy work around menstrual health.



Rise Up Leader **Rethabile Mosese** was featured as one of the **Mail and Guardian's 200 Young South Africans** list for working to strengthen the justice system's response to gender-based violence.

EMBARKING ON A LEARNING JOURNEY

In 2022, Rise Up embarked on a Learning Journey by partnering with Dalberg Advisors to conduct an external evaluation of our work between 2017-2022. This research explored what types of support are most useful in helping local leaders enact change in their communities and countries. The Learning Agenda will help us build a strategic and consistent learning environment to inform our work and the broader gender equity field.

We formed an Advisory Council of experts and influencers in the gender equity sector to leverage their deep expertise to guide Rise Up in this learning process.

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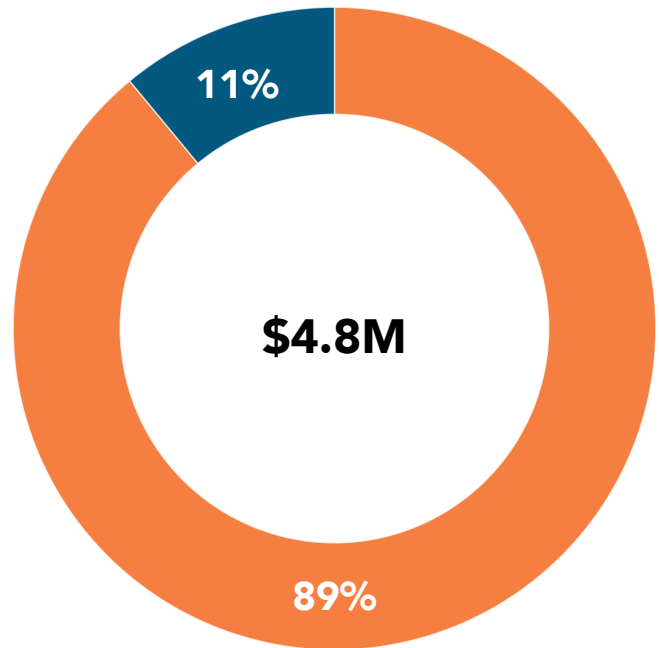
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FINANCIALS

Total Revenue \$4.8M

Strategic Partners 89%

Individual & Institutional Donors 11%



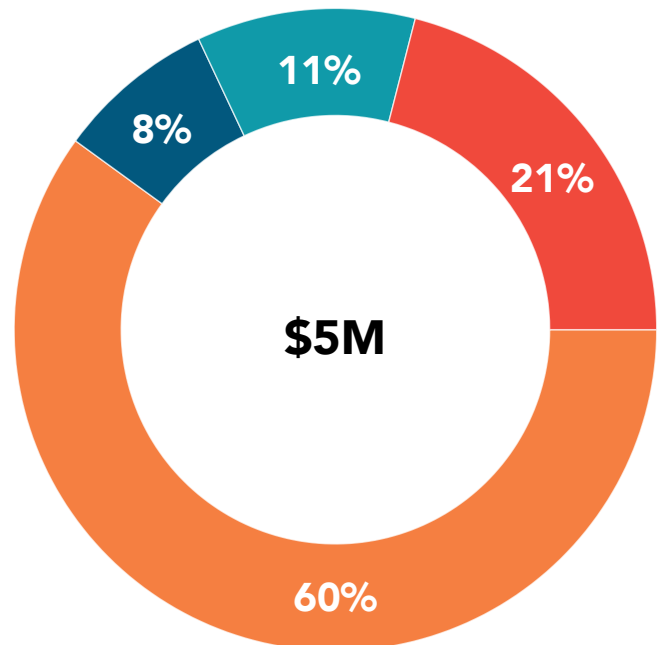
Total Expenses \$5M

Programs & Communications 60%

Grantmaking 21%

Operating 8%

Fundraising 11%



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RISE UP MEMBER COMMUNITIES

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Rise Up Leadership Council is a collaborative network of gender justice champions who share our vision of an equitable world.

The Leadership Council serves as an active learning community that provides opportunities for its 31 members to connect with global leaders and build meaningful relationships. Members provide strategic guidance to Rise Up and raise critical funds to support our work.

In 2022, our Leadership Council members generously contributed **\$261,400** and rallied their networks to give an additional **\$68,000**. We are grateful for the Leadership Council's partnership and commitment to global gender equity.

Leadership Council Members

Kathy Anderson
Annelise Bauer
April Benavidez
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Nancy Wolfberg

** Leadership Council Chair*

Rise Up Leadership Council members
meet with girl leaders in Guatemala

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Rise Up's Ambassador program is made up of new supporters who want to make an impact, engage meaningfully with our organization, and learn more about gender equity. We launched this program in 2021 and look forward to growing this community. Learn more [here](#).





Rise Up girl leaders in South Africa

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Rise Up works to advance gender equity and justice in education, health, and economic opportunity by partnering with visionary local leaders around the world. Rise Up builds power with women, girls, and their allies by providing training, funding, and connection to a global network to help them create meaningful, lasting change. Rise Up works with leaders in Africa, South Asia, Latin America, and the United States to create a future where all people can thrive.

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