



Rise Up's Global Leaders at Women Deliver

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A delegation of powerful Rise Up Leaders from Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Guatemala will participate in Women Deliver, the largest global conference on gender equality. Rise Up Leaders are creating a world where women, girls, and all people have equitable access to education, health care, and economic opportunity.



MARGARET BOLAJI Rise Up Leader | Nigeria
Executive Director, Stand With A Girl (SWAG) Initiative

Margaret Bolaji-Adegbola is an international development professional and an articulate voice on adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health in Nigeria. She is the founder and executive director of Stand With A Girl (SWAG) Initiative, a registered youth-led organization dedicated to ensuring that every girl in Nigeria, no matter where she is born, is empowered to fulfill her maximum potential. She has a bachelor's degree in English language and a master's in policy and development studies from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and completed a Global Health Leadership Accelerator Program at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA, in 2019.



AMRITA GUPTA Rise Up Leader | India
Data and Accountability Lead, Generation Equality Forum at Global Fund for Women

Amrita is a social science researcher with over ten years of experience in qualitative and quantitative research, project management, and advocacy. Her research focuses include vulnerable communities, gender issues, and women's and young people's health across India. She has extensive experience using ethnography, focus group discussions, in-depth and key informant interviews and analytical tools. Amrita has Master's degrees in Sociology and Public Health. She is also the national coordinator of a non-traditional livelihood network.



SARO IMRAN Rise Up Leader | Pakistan
Founder, PINK Skills & Training Center

Saro Imran is a young transgender activist and social entrepreneur working for the socioeconomic development of transgender people in Pakistan and around the world. She is passionate about working to advance diversity and the inclusion of transgender people in social, political, and economic spaces. Saro has a Master's degree in philosophy and entrepreneurship from Bahauddin Zakariya University.



TANZILA KHAN Rise Up Leader | Pakistan

Development Fellow, The Asia Foundation

Tanzila's life experiences have uniquely shaped her course as an advocate and leader in the health field. She is passionate about working with people with disabilities on sexual and reproductive health, preventing unsafe abortions, openly discussing these issues, and using theater as a problem-solving technique. Tanzila is a women's rights advocate, motivational speaker, and writer who has published two young adult novels.



NEHA MANKANI Rise Up Leader | Pakistan

Regional Coordinator Southeast Asia, PUSH Campaign

Neha is dedicated to improving maternal health outcomes in Pakistan. She was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to complete her Master's in public health at Columbia University. Neha then returned to work at Aahung where she had worked prior to graduate school. She also is a trained doula.



DR. JEAN BERCHMANS UWIMANA (BERKY) Rise Up Leader | Rwanda

Founder, Flavours of Family Planning

Berky is a medical doctor and public health advocate who is passionate about abortion education and access and sexual and reproductive health and rights, particularly for rural youth in Rwanda. With support from Rise Up, Berky launched the SAVE project, a series of short informational videos aimed at increasing future physicians' knowledge and capacity to perform safe abortions. Berky is also the creator behind Flavours of Family Planning, a series of videos using kitchen materials and an "edutainment" approach to engage more men in family planning. His life experiences have shaped his approach to this work.



DR. DAGMAWIT WORKAGEGNEHU Rise Up Leader | Ethiopia

Founder, Safer-SRHR

Dagmawit is a Women Deliver Young Leader and youth sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) advocate. She obtained her Doctor of Medicine Degree from Hawassa University. She believes in the power of youth to drive change and make a positive impact in society. She is the founder of Safer-SRHR, an initiative dedicated to enable young people access to sexual and reproductive health education in Ethiopia where she strives for improved reproductive health outcomes. With her background, she continues to use her influence to ensure a healthier future for generations to come.



MELODY YELENY JUÁREZ BUCH & MAYERLI YOMARA MONTUFAR MENDOZA Rise Up Girl Leaders | Guatemala

Let Girls Lead Network

Melody and Mayerli are leaders within the Let Girls Lead network in Guatemala, where their main focus lies in girl-led advocacy, particularly in addressing challenges related to girls' education and entrepreneurship. Melody has also advocated for girls' rights and priorities in prominent global convenings such as the UN Women's Generation Equality Forum and the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Rise Up Global Team



KAITLIN CHANDLER BROOKS United States

Associate Director of Development and External Affairs, Rise Up

Kaitlin has over 15 years of experience working in the non-profit sector and brings her fundraising knowledge to Rise Up from her previous development roles at a consultant firm in Australia and Save the Bay in Oakland. She holds a Bachelor's in Social Sciences with a concentration in Cross Cultural Studies and International Development from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and has a passion for advancing social justice globally. Kaitlin joined Rise Up in 2017 and leads Rise Up's fundraising and communications. In her role as the Associate Director of Development and External Affairs, she builds partnerships to expand Rise Up's impact and strategically positions the organization to strengthen the global movement for gender equity and justice.



VIDHU PRABHA India

India Country Lead, Rise Up

Vidhu manages Rise Up's Gender Equity Initiative in India. Prior to joining Rise Up, she worked at Population Services International, Oxfam India, Room to Read, and other women's rights organizations. She has developed results-oriented programs and designed advocacy strategies to advance gender justice and promote leadership, education, and access to water and sanitation services for women and girls. Additionally, she researched and co-authored the book *Withering Flowers, a Criminal Tradition in India*, about caste-based prostitution. Vidhu has a Master's of Science with a specialization in Microbiology, a Diploma in NGO Management, and she is a graduate of the Leadership Institute on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

ABOUT RISE UP

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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