Rise Up Launches Kenya Leadership and Advocacy Program Focused on Girls’ Education

OVERVIEW

Global nonprofit Rise Up will select a group of visionary local leaders from Nairobi County, Kenya to participate in our intensive Leadership and Advocacy Accelerator training program to strengthen gender equity and justice in 2023. Through Rise Up’s program, these local leaders will advance transformational change in their organizations and communities, and champion improved national and local laws, programs, and funding for women and girls.

With support from Echidna Giving, Rise Up will select, train, and invest in 25 local civil society leaders to make progress on gender equity by advancing girls’ education in Nairobi County. The newly selected leaders in Kenya will become part of Rise Up’s global network of leaders in Africa, South Asia, Latin America, and the United States who are creating a future where all people can thrive. Since 2009, Rise Up’s powerful network of 800 leaders has successfully advocated for over 185 new and improved laws and policies, positively impacting more than 160 million people around the world. Rise Up’s new program builds on the success of previous work in Kenya, including our Champions for Change Initiative and Rise Up’s partnership with the Centre for the Study of Adolescence (CSA) to implement our Girls Voices Initiative.

STRATEGIES

Rise Up partners with women, girls, and their allies 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 fellow leaders within their communities and countries, and apply their new knowledge to launch their own strategies to advance gender equity and justice and improve the lives of girls, women, and all people in their communities.

- **Strengthen Leaders:** Following a rigorous selection process, Rise Up Leaders will participate in a week-long Leadership and Advocacy Accelerator. During this intensive training, participants learn how to strengthen the following skills: leadership, team building, resilience, goal setting, strategic planning, messaging, proposal and budget development, political mapping, policy change, and more to improve the lives of girls in their communities by expanding access to education.

- **Invest in Local Solutions:** Following the Leadership and Advocacy Accelerator, Rise Up Leaders can apply for competitive grant funding to launch their advocacy strategies to advance girls’ education in Kenya.

- **Build Movements with Women, Girls, and Allies:** Rise Up helps leaders foster relationships with peers, funders, decisionmakers, and partner organizations. Expanding their networks with partners and funders is essential for Rise Up Leaders’ ability to grow and create change – and is integral for the movement we are building together. Rise Up also provides access to speaking opportunities, conferences, and ongoing coaching to amplify leaders’ voices.

Call for Applications

For more information, email Naomi Monda, Kenya Program Coordinator, at KenyaRep@riseuptogether.org

To learn more about Rise Up and apply, visit our website: www.riseuptogether.org

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