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Rise Up Launches Leadership and Advocacy Program in South Africa

OVERVIEW

Global nonprofit Rise Up will select a group of visionary local leaders from South Africa to participate in our intensive Leadership and Advocacy Accelerator training to strengthen gender equity and justice from May 5–10, 2025. 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, girls, and gender-nonconforming people.

Rise Up will select, train, and invest in local civil society leaders to make progress on gender equity by advancing education, health, and economic opportunity in Gauteng and KwaZulu Natal provinces. The newly selected leaders in South Africa will become part of Rise Up's global network of leaders in Africa, Latin America, South Asia, and the United States who are creating a future where all people can thrive. Rise Up builds power with women, girls, and their allies by providing training, funding, and connection to a global network to help them achieve meaningful, lasting change. Since 2009, Rise Up's powerful network of over 800 leaders has successfully advocated for 218 new and improved laws and policies, positively impacting more than 172 million people around the world.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 4, 2025.

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

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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 systems-change advocacy at local, state, and national levels. Rise Up Leaders go on to train fellow leaders within their communities and apply their new knowledge to launch their own strategies to advance gender equity and justice.

Our core strategies include:

■ Leadership and Advocacy Accelerator

Following a rigorous selection process, Rise Up Leaders will participate in a week-long, in-person Leadership and Advocacy Accelerator training between May 5–10, 2025. 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 women, girls, and gender-nonconforming people in their communities by expanding access to education, health, and economic opportunity.

■ Invest in Local Solutions

Following the Accelerator, Rise Up Leaders have the opportunity to apply for competitive seed funding to launch their strategies to advance gender equity in education, health, and economic opportunity.

■ Build Movements with Women, Girls, and Allies

Rise Up helps leaders foster relationships with peers, funders, decision-makers, 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, funders, grants, and ongoing coaching to amplify leaders' voices.

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