

EKKLESIA FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION



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SHORT HISTORICAL BACKGROUND.

Ekklesia Foundation for Gender Education (EFOGE) is a registered, non-governmental organization in Kenya working with faith community, women groups, and learning institutions on gender justice and women empowerment in Kenya and across Africa since 2013. EFOGE exist to challenge patriarchal power structures and worldviews in the African context that are deeply entrenched in cultural and religious traditions, and continue to influence governments, churches, and other social institutions, perpetuating gender injustice especially against women and girls.

OUR VISION.

Our vision is to harness the potential impact churches and faith community can have in addressing the root causes of sexual and gender based violence in the church, home, and society in order to secure a world where women and men are equal and free from violence and gender injustices.

MISSION STATEMENT.

To Advocate for Gender Justice and Women Empowerment within faith community.



EFOGE PROGRAMS.

1. Annual International Faith Leaders Events: Every year we mobilize, create awareness and build capacity of faith leaders across Africa on gender justice and equality through annual conferences. Our main aim to mobilize, challenge and equip over 5,000 faith leaders for gender justice by 2022.
2. Gender Reconciliation Mentorship Program. We train and equip influential community and faith leaders as change agents on gender justice through training of trainers (ToTs) initiative. This program also identifies, empowers, and mentors male champions as agents of change for gender justice.
3. Girl-Child Educational Support Program: We rescue and support young girls and women who are victims/survivors of sexual and gender based violence, i.e rape, female genital cutting, and forced child marriages, among others through psycho-social support and provision of scholarships/school fees to continue with their basic education.
4. Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters. Due to high rate of underage pregnancy, HIV and Aids among young girls and boys, and early marriages of young girls, we initiate awareness creation and empowerment to faith leaders, youths, women and community in general to understand and respond to sexual and reproductive health matters in the context of faith and religious community.

CURRENT/2019 PROJECTIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

a). Supporting young vulnerable female students in schools;

In Kenya and other countries in sub Sahara Africa, many young girls especially orphans faces great challenges in order to achieve basic education, get food and even find where to call home. Many young girls in these contexts passes through difficult situations including sexual violence/rape, threats for early/child marriages, and female genital cutting/FGM, among others.

Ekklesia Foundation has been supporting some of such vulnerable young girls to go back to school. Since 2013 we have supported about 280 girls of such background to go back to school and get safe space to reconstruct their lives through achieving basic education and psycho-social support.

Currently, we have 15 such vulnerable girls both in primary schools, high schools, and colleges/universities we are supporting through their education. We need **\$10,000** to pay school fees, accommodation and clothing. Will you stand with us and support these girls education?

b). 2019 Faith Leaders International Conference in Kigali, Rwanda.

In our new strategic plan 2018 - 2022, we pray to mobilize and mentor **5,000** faith leaders across Africa for gender justice and equality, through annual conference and training. In 2019, we plan to host this event in Kigali Rwanda on the date, August 22-24. Main objectives are as follows;

1. To create awareness and advocate for gender justice and equality from a faith perspective.
2. To Call an end to Sexual and Gender Based Violence (**SGBV**) that is common in African churches and society.
3. For Church leadership to advocate for correct interpretation and application of the Bible/sacred text for justice, peace, and mutual co-existence between women and men.
4. For Faith and Community leadership to advocate for just structures and policies both in the church and society.

This conference needs a total of **\$25,000**. We need your prayers.

c) Research Study & Awareness Creation on Sexuality & Reproductive Health Education.

Rising cases of teenage pregnancies among young women and underage female students are on the rise and worrying in Kenya. In December 20th, 2018, we conducted public lectures event with women leaders, pastors, and community leaders to discuss how to respond and help end this worsening situation.

Based on the finding during this event, Ekklesia Foundation seeks to to conduct Research Study on Sexuality and Reproductive Health Rights for women in order to engage the Church and Society, through awareness creation and training in the coming years.

This project needs a total of **\$23,000**. We need your prayers.