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Impact Summary 2022

In March of each year, CofS accepts applications for funding from organizations working on the ground around the world to remove barriers to education for girls and women. The CofS Grants Team reviews and evaluates each application and convenes to determine which organizations will be awarded up to $10,000 in grant funds.

During the 2022 grant cycle, $110,000 was awarded to eleven deserving organizations thanks to our generous donors. Grant dollars have:

- Funded the establishment and operation of four community-based educational centers/classrooms for approximately 120 children, primarily girls, from northern Afghanistan who are currently out of school.
- Supported a youth development program in Guatemala that is keeping students in school through a holistic mix of academic support, individualized follow-up, and personal development opportunities. The CofS grant is providing full support for 10 girls in the program.
- Supported a program equipping 100 vulnerable, out-of-school girls and young women in Uganda with life skills programming and entrepreneurship and vocational training in tailoring and design.
- Supported a community-based response in Mali to support women and children pushed further into poverty by COVID-19. The project reconnects women to vocational education and health services while immediately returning 421 girls to school. The CofS grant will provide the tuition, fees, uniforms, school supplies and materials for these students.
- Funded the costs for the education of 20 young Nepalese women, providing them with the training and start-up support needed to launch a scalable, sustainable, lucrative vegetable business—giving each the opportunity to establish her financial freedom, nourish her family, and contribute powerfully within her community.
- Supported approximately 50 at-risk Tanzanian girls through their participation in a program empowering them, their families, and their communities with knowledge about girls' rights, health, entrepreneurship, and girls' incredible capacity to become leaders in their own lives and communities.
- Supported 69 rural and nomadic girls at Agadez Learning Center in Niger, providing room and board, social and academic support, and a safe and inclusive community while they attend public middle school.
- Supported the inaugural class of 20 female Teacher Training program students at Afghanistan's Razia Jan Institute, who will in turn educate 700 out-of-school Afghan girls, supplementing program costs including transportation, student supplies/materials, facilities costs, and instructor salaries.
- Supported teacher salaries for an Early Childhood Development (ECD) program, providing a holistic ECD education to 54 impoverished girls ages 3-5 living in rural South Africa.
- Supported the expansion and development of instructional staff at Kenyan girls' secondary school experiencing 50% growth. Funds will help staff adapt and develop curriculum, as well as deepen community and partner programming potentially reaching upwards of 20,000 community members.
- Empowered 50 adolescent girls in rural Senegal by providing comprehensive middle school scholarships, mentoring, and health education workshops, and mobilizing community members in favor of girls' education and gender equality.

Additionally, in 2022, our school build program will fund the construction of three schools in three countries – Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Senegal.