



Impact Summary 2024

In March of each year, the Circle of Sisterhood (CofS) accepts applications for funding from organizations working around the world to remove barriers to education for girls and women. The CofS Grants Review Team evaluates each application and convenes to determine which organizations will be awarded up to \$10,000.

During the 2024 grant cycle, \$120,000 was awarded to thirteen deserving organizations thanks to our generous donors. Donations to CofS in 2024 will:

- Fund 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.
- Support construction of a vocational training center and the establishment of four, women-owned small businesses to provide educational and vocational training for twenty girls ages 12-15. The goal is to create local economic opportunities that reduce child marriage and risky urban migration in Ghana.
- Support 260 girls aged 6-18 from rural, marginalized communities who are attending the Kaliyachak Girls' Learning Centre in India, empowering them through education, vocational training and opportunities for artisan enterprises and employment.
- Provide six months of vocational education and holistic support services to fifty survivors of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence as well as high-risk women and girls in India.
- Support a Child Centered Network Center where 26 girls will receive academic support (tuition, uniforms, supplies) and have their most vital needs met (medical, dental, mental health support, counseling support, meals) breaking the cycle of poverty for the girls, their families, and their communities and opening the path for safer and more gender-equal communities in Ethiopia.
- Support a professional development program for fifteen local, indigenous secondary school teachers who provide holistic education and a safe, empowering school environment for 100 girls in Guatemala.
- Empower three hundred girls and their families from forty-two rural communities in Guatemala through socioemotional education, vocal empowerment training, individual mentorship, leadership training, and health and nutrition services, increasing school retention and ensuring their education and future success is a family commitment.
- Provide tuition, textbooks, and all vocational training materials for one year for seventy-five girls aged 12-21 who have survived human trafficking and sexual abuse, empowering them to re-enter mainstream society with dignity & hope in India.
- Fund teacher salaries and supplies for an after-school program providing 150 girls living in extreme poverty with academic support and holistic, wrap-around services, including essential physical and mental health services in Nepal.
- Provide 5,000 girls the education and products needed to safely and confidently manage their menstrual cycles – breaking down barriers to education and helping them reach their full potential in Uganda.
- Protect seventy vulnerable Afghan girls from child marriage and provide livelihoods for five female teachers denied the right to work by supporting the operation of covert schools and the dissemination of materials for home-based learning.
- Fund a twelve-month program in Sierra Leone that covers seventy-five girls' school expenses and provides holistic support, life skills training and social enterprise education for most of these students.

Additionally in 2024, three school builds were funded in Nicaragua and Senegal by CofS campus partners.