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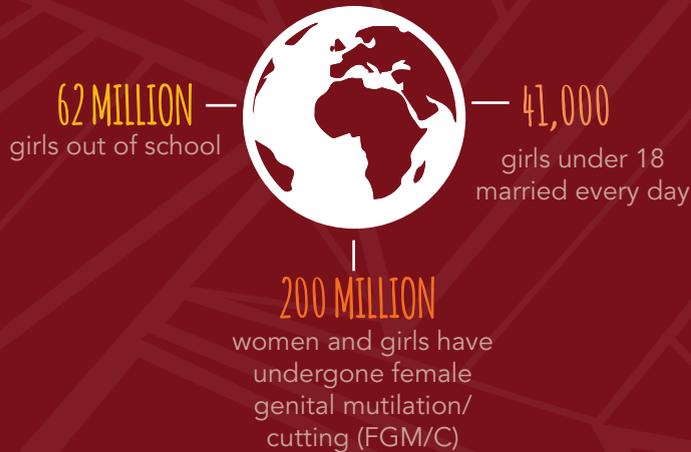
# Kakenya's Dream

Annual Report 2016

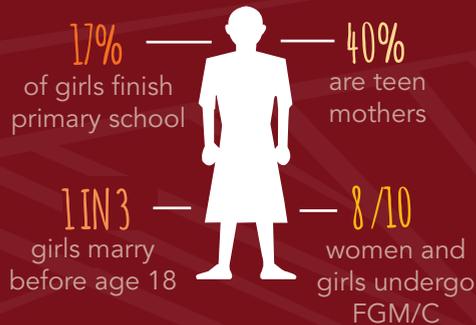


# WHAT WE KNOW:

## WORLDWIDE:



## IN OUR COMMUNITY:



## WE ALSO KNOW:



Girls who stay in school are less likely to live in poverty, marry early, and undergo FGM/C. They also tend to have higher self-esteem and greater influence in their households and communities.

## KAKENYA'S DREAM WHICH IS WHY:

WE PROVIDE LIFE-CHANGING EDUCATION TO EMPOWER GIRLS, END HARMFUL TRADITIONAL PRACTICES, AND UPLIFT RURAL COMMUNITIES IN KENYA. WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY GIRL, NO MATTER WHERE SHE IS BORN, DESERVES A CHANCE TO DREAM AND ACHIEVE HER FULL POTENTIAL. WHEN A GIRL IS EMPOWERED TO LEARN, GROW, AND LEAD, THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT. THIS IS KAKENYA'S DREAM.

## A Letter from our Founder and President

# DR. KAKENYA NTAIYA

Dear Friends,

2016 was a big year for Kakenya's Dream. We completed the infrastructure for our Kakenya Center for Excellence campus, made new friends around the globe, and provided life-changing education to more girls and their communities than any previous year. With 2017 already underway, it is my pleasure to share our first Annual Report with you.

As you explore our learnings, updates, and vision for the future in the following pages, I hope you'll join me in celebrating the incredible accomplishments of 2016 and the past 9 years. Together, we've made dreams come true for hundreds of girls and their families. But, as I am reminded each year at enrollment, countless other girls still need our support. We continue to dream and look ahead, working towards a future where every girl is empowered to achieve her full potential.

I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for the vital part you play in empowering each of our girls to learn, grow, and lead. We are so grateful to have you dreaming big with us.

With gratitude,



Kakenya Ntaiya, PhD



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# OUR PROGRAMS:

BY EMPOWERING GIRLS TO LEARN, GROW, AND LEAD, OUR THREE HOLISTIC PROGRAMS ALLOW US TO MAKE REAL AND LASTING IMPACT IN THE RURAL COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

## LEARN

### Kakenya Center for Excellence

The Kakenya Center for Excellence (KCE) is a holistic and empowering all-girls boarding school for grades 4-8. When a girl enters, her parents sign a pledge not to perform FGM/C on her. She receives uniforms, school supplies, a high-quality education, and a safe home on campus.



186

girls safe, nurtured and educated in 2016 with a 15 to 1 student to teacher ratio.

98%

girls average score on national exam.



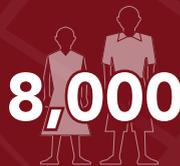
100%

100% ARE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION FREE FROM FGM/C AND CHILD MARRIAGE.

## GROW

### Health and Leadership Trainings

Youth in rural communities face serious obstacles in their day-to-day life. Our Health and Leadership Trainings give boys and girls the knowledge and skills they need to grow and thrive, from self-defense to personal hygiene.



8,000

boys and girls have attended our trainings to date.



52

local schools represented in our trainings in 2016.

## LEAD

### Network for Excellence

The Network for Excellence programs provides our alumnae the support they need to become leaders. The Network has five key components to success: mentorship, scholarships, academic support, leadership training, and college and career counseling.



132 girls in the Network.

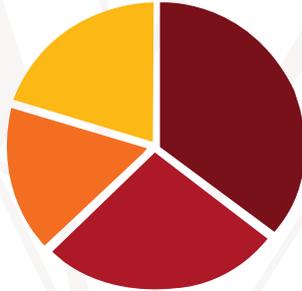
125 volunteer mentors.

25 girls graduating highschool in 2017 and entering universities worldwide in 2018.

# FINANCIALS:

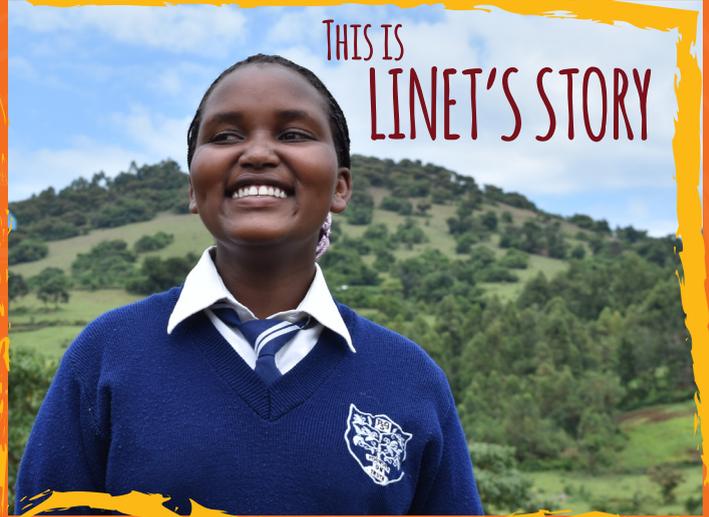
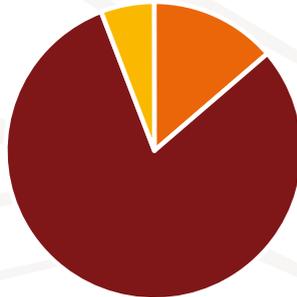
REVENUE BY SOURCE: \$951,708

- ▶ **\$340,353**  
FOUNDATIONS
- ▶ **\$254,172**  
CORPORATIONS
- ▶ **\$191,090**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- ▶ **\$166,093**  
INDIVIDUALS & OTHER  
COMMUNITY GIVING



EXPENSES: \$452,683

- ▶ **\$364,457**  
PROGRAM
- ▶ **\$26,342**  
GENERAL/ADMIN
- ▶ **\$62,064**  
FUNDRAISING



Linet (18) is from KCE's first class. Like many of our students, her family could not support her education and she was at high risk of leaving school, undergoing FGM/C, and marrying early. Today, Linet thrives. Not only is she a top student at one of the best high schools in Kenya, she was one of a handful of students across Kenya selected to meet U.S. President Barack Obama during his 2015 state visit. She told him that without Kakenya's Dream supporting her education, she would be married and unable to fulfill her dreams. In 2018, Linet will attend a world-class university to study medicine and plans to return to help her community when she finishes her studies.

## DREAMING BIG FOR THE FUTURE

Demand for our programs far exceeds our current capacity. During KCE's 2016 enrollment period, more than 200 girls applied for just 40 available positions. We are launching an ambitious campaign to build a new, K-12 school. This model campus will triple the number of girls we serve each year. It will have resources unheard of in most rural African communities, including science laboratories, a computer lab, a large library, and a youth-friendly health clinic.

This new campus, as well as expansions of our Network for Excellence and Health and Leadership Training program will allow us to bring life-changing and transformative educational programming to those who need it most.

To learn more, visit  
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to empower myself



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to uplift my village

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