



Together, we empower

The clock is ticking on the children in marginalized communities to catch up on education with the rest of the world. The Global Partnership for Education (an arm of the World Bank) and Rotary International have formed a strategic alliance for lasting change in and through education.



We seek your District participation in this noble cause by making contributions through your District Designated Funds (DDF). It is envisaged that the 6 Districts contributing **\$10,000** each will kickstart the model project in Turkana, Kenya, that is budgeted at **\$140,000**.

Through a strategic partnership which involves both direct support to schools and engaging Ministries of Education at a national level, Rotary and GPE will bring together their respective work in a way that enhances and adds unique value to the field of basic education and literacy.

Seeking Academic Solace

The COVID-19 Pandemic exacerbated the lack of quality education among children in marginalized communities. Schools in these communities lacked facilities and resources to sustain education for the children. For many families, they relied on school to feed and care of their children, some forming safe havens to protect them from domestic and societal challenges.

Resuming school is still a hopeful blur on how regular education will look like. The Ministry of Education in Kenya has and continues to prepare adequately, the academic community re-learning the life and death value of wearing masks, enforcing social distancing and observing the basic hygiene measures that would keep the deadly virus at bay.



As the resumption of schools takes place in phases, Turkana County, the cradle of mankind, is cradling a likelihood that girls are 1.3 times more likely to be absent from school than their male counterparts, with 72% of high-need children less likely to complete their lower secondary education. The Government of Kenya remains cautiously optimistic, the bigger picture being the unwavering promise of quality education.

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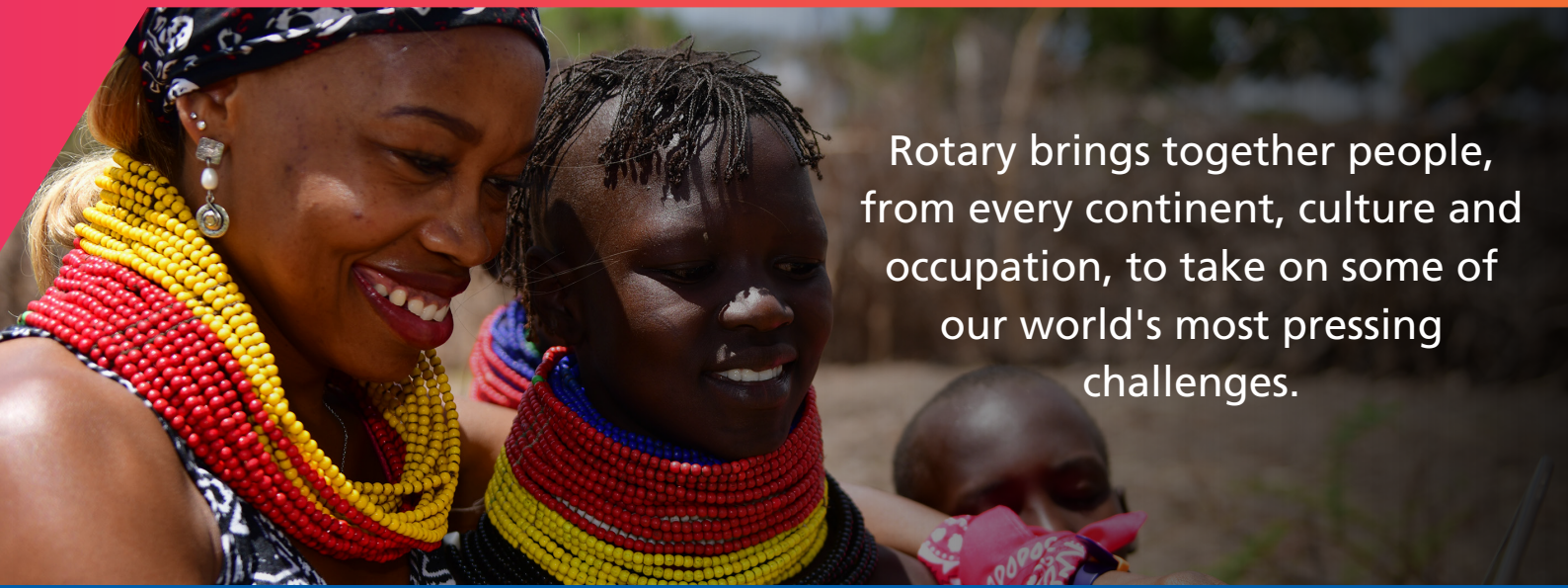
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Leveraging technology, Turkana County holds the curious model of what concerted efforts can birth. The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is exclusively dedicated to giving children in the poorest countries, especially girls, the education they need to unlock their full potential. GPE mobilizes global and national efforts to contribute to the achievement of equitable, quality education and learning for all.

GPE includes and supports close to 70 developing countries to help them develop and implement quality education sector plans and build strong education. Rotary International and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) are working together to ensure that children everywhere have equal access to quality education. This strategic alliance will launch its efforts in the County.

Make Your Mark

On 10th April 2020, John Hewko, General Secretary of Rotary International, and Alice Albright, CEO of GPE shared the following:



Rotary brings together people, from every continent, culture and occupation, to take on some of our world's most pressing challenges.

Your District can support Rotary International by allocating **USD 10,000** or so to the programme. We would like to include your contribution in the Global Grant application that we are submitting (**GG 2120048**).

Where Your Investment is Being Channelled

- Ensure continued learning through online content and provide offline resources to children not accessing online learning.
- Build the capacity of county Master Trainers and Training of Trainers on Public Health Protocols and changes.
- Develop training manuals to build capacity of various stakeholders.
- Develop and disseminate messages and psychosocial support to teachers, non-teaching staff, learners and parents.
- Build the capacity of head teachers, teachers and non teaching staff and learners on COVID 19 management.
- Build the capacity of teachers on alternative mode of curriculum delivery and on ICT to support e-education and distance learning.
- Identify opportunities and establish Rotary Community Corps (RCC) for sustainability.
- Conduct back to school campaigns to ensure all learners return to school upon opening.
- Facilitate national media coverage of project

The Long Game:

Working with the Global Partnership for Education and ministries, Rotary clubs and districts can expand their impact by better understanding national education sector plans, how to engage with the national and local government around those plans and how to advocate for equitable education within their own countries. Initially, activities will begin in Kenya through Rotary Kenya in partnership with Ministry of Education Kenya, with the intention to expand to 3-5 countries during the duration of the **3-year agreement**, effective immediately, through **31st December 2022**.

Getting Started Now

Making an impact today for a stronger community!

Take action and help improve the quality of education for children in Kenya's remote regions and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.



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