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ASEC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Evaluation Report



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On the Cover: ASEC Scholarship recipients (27) at Bigwa Secondary School graduation in Morogoro, Tanzania. May 2022.

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ASEC Scholarship Program

2022 Program Evaluation Key Outcomes (January 2023)



3 OBJECTIVES



Provide opportunities for **Catholic sisters to obtain secondary and postsecondary education degrees.**

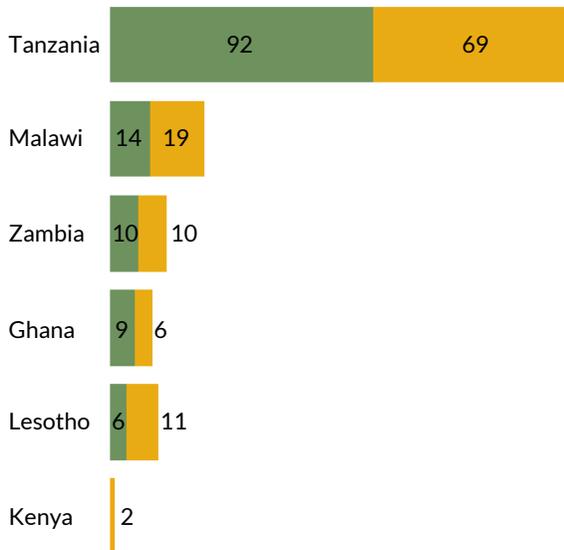


Increase sisters' competencies in their fields, toward **greater effectiveness in accomplishing their ministries.**



Ensure sisters qualify to **continue their education** after obtaining their secondary school or college diploma/certificate.

Recruitment for 2022 is not yet complete, but as of January 31, 2023 a total of **248 scholarships have been awarded** to **new** and **returning** recipients.



PROGRAM GROWTH



Cameroon

Expansion to Cameroon in 2023 to meet need for secondary and diploma/certificate level education.



Expanded Degree Offerings

Outside of the form/high school level, new scholarship recipients (2022) are studying in 93 distinct degree/certificate/ diploma programs. A total of 6 fields of study.

KEY OUTCOME FIGURES

721

Total Scholarships Awarded

Top Fields of Study:
1. Form Level
2. Education
3. Medical Sciences

112

Congregations Served

Faculty Stipends:
2 Distributed to the Bigwa Secondary School in Tanzania

451

Graduates

Credentials Earned:
222 Secondary
138 Diplomas
76 Certificates
14 Bachelors
1 Doctorate

PROGRAM SUCCESSES

Orientation Satisfaction

100%

of sisters (N = 46) in 2022 reported that Orientation met or exceeded their expectations.

Overall Retention Rate

97%

is the current overall retention rate of scholarship recipients (N = 706).

Continuing Education Qualification

96%

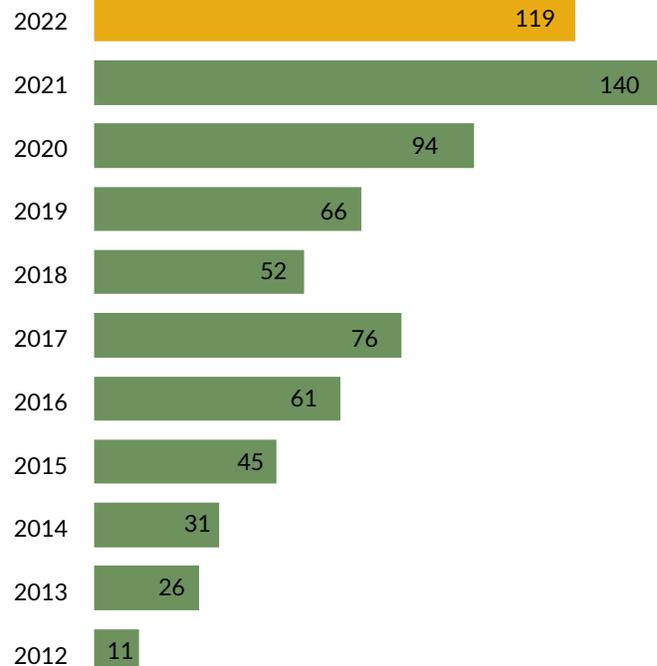
of sisters (N = 32) report qualifying to continue their education after completion of the Scholarship Program.

Use of Education in Ministry

100%

of sisters (N = 55) report being able to utilize the knowledge and skills they acquired from the program to benefit their ministry.

Even with recruitment not fully complete, **119** new scholarship recipients have already been selected in 2022.



ASEC Scholarship Program

2022 Evaluation Report- Executive Summary



Evaluation data collected throughout 2022 indicates that the ASEC Scholarship Program is **on track to meet all program objectives by the end of 2024**.

Although some program outcomes and outputs require continued monitoring, there is evidence that these will be met by 2024.

Since initiation of the program in 2012 (as of January 31, 2023), the ASEC Scholarship Program has grown to serve **706** unique sisters and women from **112** distinct congregations. Sisters and women served by the program have enrolled at a total of **163** educational institutions (schools, institutes, colleges, and universities) across the six countries served by the program.

As of January 31, 2023, the ASEC Scholarship Program has awarded **248** scholarships for the 2022 cycle. Of these awards, 131 were provided to newly enrolled students (including 2 lay women) and 117 were distributed to returning students (including 2 lay women). Ninety-six (96) awards were distributed to students studying at the secondary level, while 152 were distributed at the postsecondary level. New and returning awards in Ghana, Malawi, and Zambia are still pending due to later admission periods and will be complete in the Spring of 2023.

In 2022, a total of 55 scholarship recipients completed the Scholarship End of Experience Survey. In this survey, recipients are asked if they feel they will be able to utilize the knowledge and skills they acquired from their educational program to benefit their ministry. **All respondents (100%, N = 55) strongly or somewhat agreed with this statement**, surpassing the projected outcome (75%) by 25%.

ASEC Scholarship Program 2022 **successes** include: promotion of a part-time coordinator to full-time and expansion of the program to Cameroon in 2023.

Challenges encountered in 2022 included difficulty holding in-person Scholarship Orientations and orienting new staff to Scholarship Program requirements.

OUTPUTS + OUTCOMES



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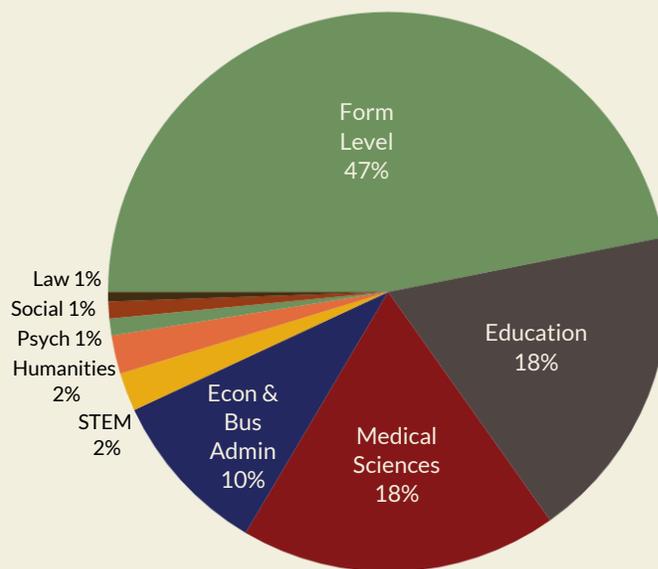
scholarship recipients attended Orientation & all recipients received Welcome Packet.



100%

of sisters (N = 46) in 2022 reported that the Orientation met or exceeded their expectations.

Overall, certificates/diplomas/degrees have been awarded in **8 fields of study** (N = 721).



Affirming Dignity to the Dying in Zambia Sr. Mindoza Mambo, SCB

Institution: Apex Medical University, Lusaka, Zambia
Credentials: Diploma in Physiotherapy Technology
Graduated: September 2022

Sr. Mindoza Mambo of the Sisters of Mercy of St. Charles Borromeo (SCB) received an ASEC Scholarship for three years to attend the Apex Medical University in Lusaka, Zambia. Prior to entering the Scholarship Program, Sr. Mindoza had only completed secondary education and had no professional experience.

She now serves terminally and chronically ill patients at the Mother of Mercy Hospice and Health Centre, in Chilanga, Zambia. As a physiotherapist, she works to provide palliative care to those in need in order to “celebrate the beauty of life and affirm dignity to the dying.”



ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT