



WHO WE ARE

More than five thousand African women religious have received an education through the African Sisters Education Collaborative (ASEC). Upon graduation, ASEC alumnae mentor other sisters and members of their community. They have impacted an estimated **two million individuals** in Africa.

We've learned that educating a sister can result in rippling, far-reaching impacts. Sisters are improving healthcare, building infrastructure and initiating income generating projects. Because of their education, they are able to transform the communities where they serve.

OUR MISSION

ASEC facilitates access to education for women religious in Africa that leads to enhancement and expansion of the education, health, economic, social, environmental and spiritual services they provide.

CORE VALUES

 Transformation	 Collaboration	 Leadership
 Service	 Capacity-Building	 Reverence

GIVE THE GIFT OF A GOOD EDUCATION

Because of you, our alumnae have used what they've learned to raise \$12.2M to support their own projects in Africa.

We've learned that education builds a sister's self-confidence and increases productivity. It also improves service delivery and helps to sustain ministries and churches. The gift of education is helping sisters to overcome the cycle of poverty in the countries they serve.

TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION

You can support ASEC's mission by making an online donation:

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OUR PROGRAMS

SISTERS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SLDI)

SLDI provides technological, administrative and financial training to African sisters. Through the three-year SLDI program, sisters gain practical skills and confidence to build networks and take up leadership roles in their communities.

Upon graduation from the program, sisters receive a laptop to continue their important work at home. Equipped with a strong foundation of skills, SLDI alumnae are tasked with mentoring at least 3 other sisters. Many alumnae from this program go on to pursue college degrees.

WHY CATHOLIC SISTERS?

Many people know that sisters spread the word of God and engage in ministries guided by their faith. But the hidden story about sisters is that they are addressing some of the most pressing development challenges in Africa today. From the ground up, sisters are moving the needle on nearly all of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

From improvements in healthcare, education and infrastructure to increasing access to clean water and sanitation, sisters are effecting change on local, regional and even national levels.

HIGHER EDUCATION FOR SISTERS IN AFRICA (HESA)

HESA gives African sisters the opportunity to pursue undergraduate and graduate level education in fields relevant to their ministries and congregations. HESA is delivered through partnerships with higher education institutions in Africa and the U.S.

Sisters enter HESA as a cohort of 4 to 20. The cohort serves as a support network throughout the sisters' college studies. HESA alumnae often continue on to higher levels of education or return to their community to serve as congregational leaders.

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-LISA MAZZARELLA, HESA INSTRUCTOR + ASEC DONOR



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This program provides two-year scholarships for women religious to complete high school or get a college diploma. Many of our scholarship recipients are older than traditional students, completing their secondary education in their twenties.



SERVICE LEARNING

ASEC's Service Learning Program provides U.S. college students 2-3 week service learning opportunities in Africa. Students take part in service opportunities like tutoring English, serving food to the poor and assisting orphanage staff. This program promotes global leadership, a key attribute in building the next generation of leaders.

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