



Catholic sisters advocate for the marginalized in Africa

SLDI and HESA alumnae are at the forefront of social change and the promotion of justice, as they address injustice in their communities.

According to Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index, corruption is a severe problem in 40 of the 46 countries that make up sub-Saharan Africa. But, despite this corruption, many Catholic sisters in Africa have dedicated their lives to changing the region's narrative.

Learn more about ASEC alumnae who are winning the fight against corruption and injustice in their areas of ministry.



Alumnae of ASEC's SLDI and HESA programs obtain the skills and credentials needed to advocate for the most vulnerable and persecuted individuals in the communities they serve.

ASEC's **Sisters Leadership Development Initiative (SLDI)** program provides sisters with technology, administration and finance training through one month workshops over three years. Through SLDI, sisters gain the practical skills and confidence to build strong networks and take up leadership roles in their congregations and communities.

ASEC's **Higher Education for Sisters in Africa (HESA)** program provides opportunities for sisters to access diploma, undergraduate and master's level education. HESA is delivered through partnerships with higher education institutions in Africa and online in the USA.

You can end corruption and injustice in Africa

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As the head of Catholic Care for Children in Kenya (CCCK), HESA alumna **Sr. Delvin** developed a child protection policy which targets all Catholic child care institutions in the country.



In Cameroon, SLDI alumna **Sr. Gwendolyn** ensures that inmates in Cameroonian prisons are given second chances. She's raised funds to computerize prison records and provide inmates with supplementary nutrition, medical care and legal assistance.

Recognizing female genital mutilation, or FGM, as a life-threatening barrier to equality, SLDI alumna **Sr. Caroline** aims to empower the girls she serves as Directress of the Marie Adelaide Girls Rescue Center in Kenya. The rescue center provides shelter, food, counseling and educational opportunities for as many as 24 at-risk girls.

In Nigeria, SLDI alumna **Sr. Emenaha** is the Coordinator for the Committee for the Support of Dignity of Women (COSUDOW) and runs a shelter for trafficked girls and women, where she is focused on cultivating a strong support network for the women and girls.

Sr. Vanaja, an SLDI alumna in Cameroon, has identified over 200 Cameroonian trafficking victims in the Middle East and facilitated their return home. She also advocates for victims, initiating trafficking-related court proceedings and offering legal assistance, reintegration and rehabilitation assistance. In 2017, she received the "Hero Acting Modern Slavery Award" from the U.S. Department of State in recognition of her groundbreaking work.

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