

ZANA AFRICA FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE



Mission

ZanaAfrica Foundation equips adolescent girls with the tools they need to stay in school and thrive. Working in Kenya, ZanaAfrica provides sanitary pads and reproductive health education to more than 10,000 girls a year, while also leading local and international advocacy efforts to break the period taboo.

Working with local community based organizations, policymakers, and other key partners on a local and global level, for nearly a decade,

ZanaAfrica Foundation is a leading voice in elevating menstrual health management as a key priority area for advancing the rights of women and girls.

Background




Founded in 2007 by Megan Mukuria and Lawino Kagumba, ZanaAfrica Foundation is the nonprofit arm of ZanaAfrica, a Kenyan-based social enterprise that aims to expand access to quality and affordable sanitary pads in the marketplace in Kenya.

Impact:

- In 2010, ZanaAfrica Foundation succeeded in helping the Kenyan government to be the first in the world to provide free sanitary pads in schools.
- Since 2013, ZanaAfrica Foundation has supported 30,000 girls with sanitary pads, underwear, and related health education, helping to reclaim 600,000 missed school days.
- 95% of ZanaAfrica Foundation's program participants report feeling better able to manage their periods so they can stay in school and also report feeling better able to say no to negative peer pressure.
- In 2017, in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Nia Teen, ZanaAfrica Foundation's innovative health magazine will be evaluated in the largest study conducted globally to-date on the combined effects of sanitary pad distribution and health education on girls' education and well-being.

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