

# Seeking Skilled, Energetic Board Members



Do you think education can change a child's life for the better? That it can even change the world? Mali Rising thinks so too. We're looking for board members to serve as ambassadors for our work and our students' great stories.

Founded in 2004, Mali Rising Foundation improves access to and the quality of education in remote villages in Mali, West Africa. In partnership with remote villages, we have built 20 schools. We continue to partner with villages and local leaders to support quality education in our schools. We also encourage students to use their education to build great futures for themselves and their communities.

Mali Rising has a fun and engaged board, but we're growing and so should our board. The main trait we seek: an eagerness to serve as an ambassador for our work and students by sharing stories with others. We are also particularly looking for candidates with skills in finance, marketing, story-telling, monitoring and evaluation, and education.

Learn more about Mali Rising's work at [www.malirisingfdn.org](http://www.malirisingfdn.org). To explore board possibilities, contact our Executive Director, Merritt Frey, at 801-810-4525 or [merritt@malirisingfdn.org](mailto:merritt@malirisingfdn.org).



## NIAGALEN WORRIES ABOUT MARRIAGE

Niagalen is a 9th grader with Mali Rising. Her favorite subjects are chemistry and physics, and she would like to ultimately become a doctor.

However, Niagalen is afraid she'll be married before she can achieve her dreams. In Mali, 15 percent of girls are married before their fifteenth birthday and 50 percent are married by eighteen.

Niagalen says: "I'm scared of being married before finishing my studies. For my hand I would like to meet one who knows the values a woman educated for to let me to continue my studies."

Mali Rising helps keep girls like Niagalen. We provide special support & safe, girl-friendly schools that allow girls to grow up and learn.



By nearly every measure today Mali is one of the poorest countries in the world.

## Education allows kids to help themselves, & help Mali.



For every year of secondary education, future earnings increase by 10 to 20%.



For every additional year of school the average citizen has, GDP increases by 0.37%.



With just a 10% increase in a country's middle school enrollment, the risk of war decreases by 3%.



If all women had a secondary education, estimates are there would be 49% fewer infant and child deaths.

## We use a model of partnership with remote villages.



In partnership with local villages, we have built 20 successful schools.



Before Mali Rising construction, our students walked about 3-5 miles on average to reach a school.



Our graduation rate is approximately 1.5x the national average.



We do more than build a school & walk away: we train teachers, provide materials, & much more.

## You can help.

### Learn.

Sign up for our monthly e-news at [malirisingfdn.org](http://malirisingfdn.org).

It is like a little spot of sunshine in your in-box each month!

### Give.

Make an easy, quick donation at [malirisingfdn.org](http://malirisingfdn.org).

We use your gift wisely so it has a huge impact at our schools.

### Volunteer.

Explore ways to get involved at [malirisingfdn.org](http://malirisingfdn.org).

From spreading the word to education expertise, we can use your help.



