Talent is Universal. Opportunity is Not.

Our Vision

WE ENVISION A WORLD in which thousands of young women in low-income countries have the opportunity to pursue university education, thus creating increased earnings and better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Our Mission

U-GO HELPS ambitious and promising young women in low-income countries to pursue tertiary education by providing financial scholarships funded by individuals and companies in high-income countries.

What’s Going On?

The lowest income countries have the lowest rates of university achievement. Those limited opportunities are more likely to benefit men than women.

Women in low-income countries lag far behind women in high income countries. Higher education is still a glass ceiling for so many.

Lack of education contributes to high rates of gender inequality and slows national economic development.
OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

If
Motivated and economically-disadvantaged young women are provided financial assistance to pursue higher education...

Then
They will make a better life for themselves and their families...

Because
- They will earn more money in employment or as entrepreneurs
- They will invest a majority of their income in their families
- They will have fewer and healthier children
- They will have higher status in their families and communities
- They will often work in jobs that benefit their society
HOW WE WORK

The Team: U-Go is led by Room to Read Founder John Wood, along with a global board, regional boards, and a global band of rockstar volunteers.

The C-suite works for zero salary. The global Board covers 100% of overhead costs.

Thus, a zero leakage model with 100% of donations going to scholarships.

A U-Go scholar can be funded for only US$800 per year.

2,500 long-term scholarships awarded in first 2 years

4,200 U-Go scholars by the end of 2024

We work in 9 countries with a network of 15 world-class partners

- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- India
- Indonesia
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Tanzania
- Vietnam

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