

## You can help us meet our \$100,000 goal!

Dear Friends,

Impoverished African children, like Nombulelo, are unlikely to have access to education. Without education, their chances of rising out of extreme poverty are dire. The solution is education with a microfinancing twist.

- earn up to 25% more per year completed of secondary school; reinvest 90% of her earnings in her family; be 3 times less likely to become HIV-positive;

- have a healthier family when she does marry; reinvest in her children's education;
- resist gender violence;
- become a force for change in her community. (CAMFED)

MPA's new Scholarship Fund helps students in poverty access and complete education; breaking the chain of intergenerational poverty. MPA partners are involved in the education; they select the students based on need, and they incorporate microfinancing skills into each student's education



Because MPA empowers our partner organizations to manage the scholarship process, they and the students are the true agents of change and the heroes of this story. Please join us in building the MPA Scholarship Fund. MPA will pool your donations together to send students to school for all their years of education. Even so, It doesn't take much to have a huge impact.



#### **MEET NOMBULELO**

Nombulelo Mabhena has struggled through her childhood to maintain her studies. Nombulelo is an orphan whose grandfather supports her the best he can but struggles to afford Nombulelo's tuition and fees after their living expenses. She had been sent home multiple times due to unpaid school fees. Her teachers say she is one of the best learners in her school, and she has big dreams. With the help of the MPA Scholarship Program, Nombulelo is back in school, pursuing her goal of becoming a pharmacist. She is on her way to achieving her dream!

In East Africa, the average annual cost of primary school is \$300, and that of secondary school is \$600-\$1000 for tuition, room, board, fees, and uniforms. It is humbling to think that such a relatively small amount, can make such a lifechanging difference.

This summer, we are excited to offer an opportunity to make a difference for twice as many students! Thanks to a generous cohort of MPA friends, we are empowered to issue a challenge match!

Between July 1—August 31, 2021, every dollar you donate toward MPA's Scholarship Program will be matched, up to \$50,000. This is your chance to double the transforming power of your contribution!

In addition to your generous donation, please consider sharing this opportunity to change a life with your friends and family on your social media accounts. However you choose to help, we are so grateful. Thank YOU!

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# YOU CAN TURN A CHILD'S FUTURE...

#### **FROM BLEAK...**

#### **TO BRIGHT!**

Due to extreme poverty, 52.5 million girls of primary and secondary school age are not attending school in sub-Saharan Africa.

If all females in poor countries completed primary education, **child mortality would drop by a sixth**, saving almost 1 million lives each year. With a secondary education, it would be cut in half, saving 3 million lives.

Over 20% of children ages 6-11, 33% of children ages 12-14 and over 60% of young people ages 15-17 are not attending school in sub-Saharan Africa.

For every year completed of secondary school, girls are able to earn up to 25% more income.

Only 6-7% of Tanzanian and Ugandan children living in extreme poverty complete secondary school.

If all students in low income countries had just basic reading skills, 171 million people could escape extreme poverty.

SOURCES: UNESCO UIS 2018, UNESCO UIS 2020, CAMFED

# HOW MPA'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WORKS



MPA partner organizations involved in education identify students who are struggling in extreme poverty.

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The partners include microfinancing as a part of the curriculum.

Thanks to the scholarships funded by MPA donors, the partners are empowered to extend education to more and more students in poverty.

## YOUR SUPPORT + OUR PROJECTS = SERIOUS IMPACT

YES! I WANT TO HELP ENSURE CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL IN AFRICA.	
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\$1000 FUNDS 1/2 VOCATIONAL STUDENTS	Expiration Date:
\$600 FUNDS 2 SECONDARY STUDENTS	Security Code:
\$300 FUNDS <b>1/2</b> PRIMARY STUDENTS	Name:
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