

GIRL NOW WOMAN LATER INC.



2021 Annual Report

OUR MISSION

Girl Now, Woman Later, Inc. hopes to increase the literacy and graduation rate for girls in Burkina Faso.

WHAT WE DO

We break the cycle of missing or dropping out of school due to period poverty or shame, financial hardships, and low self-esteem. We help young girls restore their confidence, boost their self-esteem, and recognize their potential.

HOW WE DO IT

Girl Now, Woman Later provides schoolgirls and their families with resources such as menstruation educational workshops, feminine hygiene products, and tuition assistance.

OUR VISION

We aim for a world where the education of young girls is not abandoned or taken away because of their gender, where they can freely pursue their education and develop professional skills while still being a girl who will eventually turn into a woman.



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I, LETTER AND MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

GIRL NOW/ WOMAN LATER, INC

12-31-2021

Dear friends,

2021 was definitely a year of challenges for the world and especially in Burkina Faso, an already ailing country that was hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. We experienced difficulties, frustrations and uncertainties as we strived to achieve our goals for the young girls of this country. But it was also a year full of learning and discovery, a year where we have proven that **even the toughest challenges cannot dampen our passion for serving the young girls of Burkina Faso.**

We acknowledge, however, that we cannot do this alone. So, I'd like to thank our ever-supportive Board of Trustees and our amazing group of volunteers who selflessly devoted their time and effort in helping us achieve our objectives and reaching out to as many areas in the country as possible. We were able to get help with our website, event hosting, and even legal advice in all the steps we took to help these young girls.

To our generous donors, we couldn't have gone this far without your financial support during our first year. For that, we want you to know that we don't take this lightly. Our promise to you in the coming year is to go beyond by increasing the number of services/programs and reach out to more needy schoolgirls in the impoverished areas in Burkina Faso.

We were able to provide menstruation educational workshops, feminine hygienic products, school supplies to a group of 70 under-represented schoolgirls, and tuition assistance to a selected group.

As we move forward, we are working diligently to launch the first of its kind educational center to strengthen our programs.

Bienvenue Konsimbo

Founder and Executive Director

**II, LETTER AND MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD
GIRL NOW WOMAN LATER, INC**

12/31/2021

DEAR FRIENDS,

This year may not be the best one, but the support of our board, staff, and volunteers has made it more meaningful to us as an organization. I also want to thank our donors, the people who continue to believe in our mission and trust us to make the difference that's needed in Burkina Faso for young girls. Your donations did not only serve the young schoolgirls of this country, but also extended to West Africa. I hope that you will continue to support us in the coming years.

As we look onward to a new pivotal year, we are investing more resources to establish sustainable programs, which will economically benefit the girls and their parents.

I thank you and with warm gratitude for making this transformative year impactful. I send deep and sincere appreciation to everyone for supporting our team during 2021 and for continuing to support the journey ahead.

Best Regards,

Saly Traoré

Interim President and Chair of the Board of Trustees

III, THE CHALLENGES

Although 2021 was a good year for the organization, it wasn't free from challenges that tested us and our beliefs.

THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

COVID 19 hit the world like a storm that no one expected and while every country suffered, developing nations like Burkina Faso took the hardest hit with its already ailing economic and healthcare systems.

Despite the threat of the pandemic, Girl Now, Woman Later has been working hard to help schoolgirls in Burkina Faso gain access to quality education, basic feminine hygiene products, and a support system that will allow them to hurdle the challenges of COVID-19 and continue to build the life they truly deserve.

TERRORIST ATTACKS

Burkina Faso became one of the largest growing humanitarian disasters in 2020 due to continued terrorist attacks that forced families to abandon their homes to protect their lives. These terrorists are not only threatening the livelihood of families in Burkina Faso, but they're also taking away the rights of young girls to enjoy good education.

PERIOD POVERTY AND THE ONGOING STIGMA ON PERIOD

Young girls in Burkina Faso have suffered long enough from period poverty or shaming, and it has affected not only their self confidence but also their well-being. Reducing period poverty has become one of our biggest advocacies at Girls Now, Woman Later. We want to focus on addressing the young girls' needs for feminine hygiene products and educate them about the menstrual cycle.



IV, 2021 AT A GLANCE

NET ASSET	TOTAL EXPENSE	PROGRAM	OPERATION
\$ 3000	\$985	\$230	\$500

Because of the Covid 19 pandemic, Girl Now Woman Later was not able to realize most of the program work scheduled for 2021. We hope to realize them in 2022.

V, KEY PARTNERS

Board of Trustees as of :



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

December 31, 2021

- SALY Traoré (Chair)
- Bienvenue Konsimbo
- Boundaogo Aisseta
- Fanta Yéyé

VI, 2022 LOOKING FORWARD



As we step into a new year, Girl Now, Woman Later looks forward to bigger milestones for the organization. We want to take a major step in addressing period poverty or shame, expand access to feminine hygiene products, organize more educational menstruation workshops, and build more partnerships with other non-profit organizations around the world with the same mission.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022

