



ADEA Foundation Newsletter July 2022

Ensuring children finish their studies

We need hope like we need air.



To live without hope is the risk of suffocating on hopelessness and despair, the risk being crushed by the belief that there is no way out of what is holding us back, with no way to get to what we desperately need.

Brene Brown – American researcher of human emotions

Janet Ndanya is a third-year high school student. Her parents earn barely enough for food. Her father is a day laborer on farms, but ongoing drought means work is rare. Her mother cuts and sells firewood. If ADEA hadn't agreed to support her studies, her parents would have arranged a marriage for her. Janet felt ashamed and discouraged when expelled from school. Though only 16 years old, friends encouraged her to go to the city to look for work in restaurants or as a barmaid. Now, she is thankful to be securely back in school and is hopeful for her future.

This video will give you a fuller story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWppmytvgqM>

Since May, over 145 parents have come to our Kenya office pleading for help with school fees, many in tears. An increasing number of families who had enrolled their children in school just three months ago are already failing to keep up with school fees. This is resulting in children being expelled from school, with little hope of returning to finish the school year.

This is particularly dangerous for high school students who are traditionally old enough to take on the role of men and women in Maasai culture. For girls, this means early marriage, and for boys (as most all cattle are lost), this means looking for security work in the dangerous cities – where death is a very real risk. We already have over 200 widows.

In a society that is crumbling around them due to lack of land, failed rain, death of cattle, and most recently, the loss of land, school offers a place of stability and hope for a different and promising future. Being sent home, these students endure personal and family shame. This leads to a lack of hope.

Encouragement and pressure from the USA and Europe have pressed on developing countries the value of educating all children. Though truly worthy aim, unlike wealthy countries, poorer economies cannot offer free and accessible education to all children. As a result, impoverished families struggling to eat are also burdened with school fees. Until countries figure out ways to provide free education for all their citizens, we can do our part to ensure these children have access to the power and promise of education now.

\$240 will secure a student's place in school through 2022
\$120 will bring the through the term.

Please join us in keeping children in school through 2022. An education is their surest key to a promising future and from losing hope today.

Many thanks for your interest and support. Big things ahead. Stay tuned



Douglas McFalls - ADEA Foundation Director
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The current known need for school fee support is around 200 students. As word spreads of ADEA's help, more students in need will be made known to us. We will also work with the school to learn about the needs of students whose parents/caregivers cannot come to our office and plead for help.

When I return to Kenya in September, the local Maasai team and I will initiate ways to strengthen these students through workshops, public service, integrity and faith development conversations, and skills and study development.

Support chart:

1	\$ 240	\$ 240
2	\$ 240	\$ 480
3	\$ 240	\$ 720
4	\$ 240	\$ 960
5	\$ 240	\$ 1,200
10	\$ 240	\$ 2,400
20	\$ 240	\$ 4,800
30	\$ 240	\$ 7,200
40	\$ 240	\$ 9,600
50	\$ 240	\$ 12,000
60	\$ 240	\$ 14,400
70	\$ 240	\$ 16,800

80	\$ 240	\$ 19,200
90	\$ 240	\$ 21,600
100	\$ 240	\$ 24,000
110	\$ 240	\$ 26,400
120	\$ 240	\$ 28,800
130	\$ 240	\$ 31,200
140	\$ 240	\$ 33,600
150	\$ 240	\$ 36,000
160	\$ 240	\$ 38,400
170	\$ 240	\$ 40,800
180	\$ 240	\$ 43,200
190	\$ 240	\$ 45,600
200	\$ 240	\$ 48,000