

**A Message from
the Executive Director**

Girls face enormous challenges in completing secondary school in Senegal. I formed ELEVEate (*eleve* means student in French) with the goal of helping girls in the Kaolack region of Senegal overcome these barriers by providing them with birth certificates and other forms of support. Completing secondary school allows these girls an opportunity to “*rise up and realize their dreams.*”

Allyson Goldsmith,
Founder and Executive Director



Photo by Allyson Goldsmith

With your help, more girls in Senegal will be able to live fulfilling lives.

Please consider helping ELEVEate reach this important goal.



How to Donate

- Visit www.ELEVEate.org to donate using Paypal
- Send a check to
ELEVEate
23 Grey Dove Rd.
Lexington, VA 24450

Empower a Girl by Donating:

- \$25 Purchases a Birth Certificate
- \$50 Purchases a Birth Certificate plus School Supplies
- \$75 Purchases a Birth Certificate, School Supplies, and After School Program
- \$100 Purchases a Birth Certificate, School Supplies, After School Program, and Kaolack Summer School for Girls

Empowering Girls Through Education

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Opening Doors to Education



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“There is no tool for development more effective than the education of girls.”

Kofi Annan,
Former Secretary General
United Nations

The Mission

ELEVEate is dedicated to providing youth in developing countries with opportunities for educational attainment and personal development.



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Successes

- Purchased birth certificates for over 550 girls in Kaolack, Senegal.
- Registration provides girls with greater status, Senegalese identity, and political rights.
- Between 83 - 100% of girls attending KSSG subsequently passed the Secondary School Entrance Exam.
- Recipient, Day of Chalk Award (2009) for the NGO with the largest impact on education in Kaolack region.

ELEVEate helps girls fulfill their dreams and develop a stronger sense of dignity, self-efficacy, and self-esteem.

Programs

The primary purpose of ELEVEate is to make secondary school education available to more girls in the Kaolack region of Senegal. ELEVEate aims to accomplish this goal through five initiatives.

- **Birth Certificates**
Provide birth certificates for girls who are unregistered so they can attend secondary school.
- **Kaolack Summer School for Girls**
A summer school (KSSG) dedicated to preparing girls for success on the National Secondary School Entrance Examination.
- **After School Tutorial Program**
Offers girls teacher-led support to help them master lessons at a dedicated time and place.
- **School Supplies**
Provide school supplies, including books, for girls attending ELEVEate funded programs.
- **Health Awareness and Promotion**
Provide knowledge needed to promote the adoption of nutrition-rich diets, sound sanitation practices, and to reduce the prevalence of communicable diseases.

Key Facts

- Children in Senegal must be registered or have a birth certificate to enter secondary school.
- It costs \$25 U.S. to purchase a birth certificate.
- A third of the Senegalese families live on less than \$1.25 per day.
- Senegal ranks 144th of 169 nations on the Human Development Index.

Senegalese families struggle to purchase a birth certificate and to cover other costs of schooling.

- In Senegal, half of rural births and 20% of urban births are unregistered.
- Only 14% of girls enroll in secondary school in Senegal.
- Seven out of ten adult women in Senegal are illiterate.

Education provides the capability to succeed in an increasingly technical and global economy.

ELEVEate is a non-profit organization, committed to helping families overcome the financial obstacles that prevent their female children from obtaining a secondary school education.