



RISE UP LAUNCHES IN NIGERIA

OVERVIEW

Rise Up advances health, education, and equity by enabling girls, youth, and women to transform their own lives, communities, and countries. Rise Up invests in visionary leaders, local organizations, and innovative solutions to achieve large-scale change through leadership development, advocacy capacity building, innovative grantmaking, and storytelling. Since 2009, Rise Up's powerful network of over 500 leaders has directly reached 7 million girls, youth, and women, and advocated for over 100 laws and policies impacting 115 million people in Africa, Latin America, South Asia, and the US.

Rise Up is launching a new global partnership with the Cummins Foundation to advance education, equity, opportunity, and social justice for girls and women. This exciting new initiative builds on Rise Up's Champions for Change initiative, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Rise up enables visionary leaders to strengthen their organizations, transform their communities and advance national scale impact for girls, youth and women everywhere.

Rise Up will launch these new initiatives in Nigeria (with a focus on Lagos State) and Mexico (with a focus on the state of San Luis Potosi) in 2017-18, and then expand the geographic focus to include India, the US, South Africa, and Brazil.

STRATEGIES

Rise Up's ripple methodology empowers leaders to advance social justice, education, and opportunities for girls and women. This methodology includes the following core strategies:

- **Leadership Accelerator:** Rise up will select 18 leaders in Nigeria to participate in a week-long Accelerator workshop. This intensive workshop will enable participants to strengthen their leadership, learn new skills, and develop strategies that improve the lives of girls and women in their communities.
- **Social Justice Fund:** Following the Leadership Accelerator, Rise Up participants will have the opportunity to apply for competitive seed funding to launch their strategies that advance education, equity, opportunity and social justice for women and girls in their countries.
- **Girls' Empowerment Pipeline:** Rise Up will empower girls (ages 12-18) to realize their own potential and speak out as leaders in their communities and countries.
- **Amplify Women's & Girls' Voices:** Rise Up will create tools and resources that support participants' strategies, including case studies, videos, and curricula that leaders can use to advance social justice for girls and women.

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