

# Vital project in Ghana



**Project:** Girl's scholarships

**Objective:**

Secondary school scholarships for 260 girls in all Plan programme areas

One scholarship costs approximately £200

**Target:** £52,180



## Why Plan works in Ghana

Poverty is widespread in Ghana with almost half of the population living on less than £1 per day. Over a third of children do not attend primary school. Many parents simply cannot afford to pay for their children to go to school.

Plan recognises that education is a crucial way to beat poverty – enabling boys and especially girls to gain the skills and knowledge they need to pull their communities out of poverty and reach their full potential in life. With formal education girls tend to have a better knowledge about health care practices, including family planning, are more informed about their rights and are more active members of the community. An increase of 1% in female secondary school students increases a country's per capita income growth by 0.3% thus creating a better and brighter future for all.

## How you can help

We aim to raise £52,180 to provide secondary school scholarships to 260 girls so that they can continue their education and realise their full potential regardless of their family's financial position.

Plan staff will also help communities to set up committees which raise awareness of the importance of education to parents. These committees will also select, enroll and monitor the girls from start to finish, making sure they attend lessons and gain the most out of their scholarships.

Plan enables poor communities to take action together to achieve children's rights to an education, decent healthcare, clean drinking water and more. We give long-term practical support so poor communities can improve the lives of their children and themselves. We also campaign to change the way a whole range of adults - from parents to politicians - think and act, because we know their decisions can perpetuate poverty.

Children themselves can be powerful advocates for change, so we encourage them to take part in decision making, from village councils to national assemblies. And because children will be the leaders of tomorrow, we believe that strengthening their voices now will create a fairer, better world - now and in the future.

This is just one of many projects within Plan's wider education programme. With your support, this project can make a difference to the lives of many children, families and communities in Ghana.

# Yes, I'd like to help a Plan project in Ghana

Please complete and return this form to Plan UK, 5-6 Underhill Street, London NW1 7HS

I would like to give £ \_\_\_\_\_ (*please indicate amount*) to support secondary school scholarships for girls in Ghana:

Scholarships in Southern Ghana (GHA0132)

Scholarships in Northern Ghana (GHA0133)

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