

# SPONSOR THE CLASS OF 2024



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# Why Your Support Matters

**100%** OF DATOOGA GIRLS ARE SUBJECTED TO FGM

**<1%** WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE AN EDUCATION



A SCHOLASTIC SPONSORSHIP THROUGH THE HAWEGA FOUNDATION  
CHANGES THIS REALITY

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# THE POWER OF EDUCATION



At Hawega Foundation, we believe that education is the cornerstone of empowerment. When you educate the girls, you educate the whole tribe.

Our scholastic sponsorships are changing the narrative around Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) within the Datooga tribe. Historically, 100% of girls are expected to undergo FGM.

Families that enter our sponsorship program agree to *end the practice of FGM* in exchange for their daughter's education. Since starting our program two years ago, we have seen a massive shift in mindset around this traditional practice within the community and a heightened interest in prioritizing educational opportunities.

Currently, the foundation has 15 girls sponsored and enrolled at Silverleaf Academy. For 2024, we have received applications for more than 15 additional students.

With your support, *it is our goal is to send an additional 10 students* to school next year, bringing the total number of students at Silverleaf Academy to 25.

Please see the following profiles of 10 eligible girls and their families seeking your support to make this dream come true.

# GIRLS SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT



## **UDAGELEDA GIDAUSENDA**

Udageleda is a cheerful girl. She is one of 5 children in her family. Her parents lead a pastoralist lifestyle. Traditionally, she would be married young to have children.

The Hawega Foundation met with her family to educate them on the harmful effects of FGM, importance of education for the future, and benefits of going to school. They are excited to partner with the Hawega team and the opportunity to send Udageleda to school.



## **UDAGHORJODA GIDABASODA**

Udaghorjoda is a funny girl from a large pastoralist family of three wives and thirteen children. The elders in her family put her at high-risk of FGM, as grandparents encourage tribal customs not be abandoned.

The Hawega team visited her family and educated them on the benefits of educating girls in the community as well as the effects of FGM. Her family agreed to stop the practice in exchange for a scholarship. They are extremely grateful and excited to see their daughter go to school next year!

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## **UDAMAKIL GIDUMBORU**

The name Udamakil translates to “not eating”. Traditionally, Datooga children are named according to events that take place at the time of their birth. She was born at a time when the family suffered from extreme hunger due to poverty.

The extended family consists of 3 wives and 9 children. Her older siblings did not have the opportunity to go to school or receive an education because they could not afford the fees. Udamakil is excited to be the first to join the Hawega sponsorship program and go to school in January 2024.



## **UDAMEDEBA MALINYA**

Udamedeba is a happy five year old girl from a pastoralist family. She is one of six children- 3 boys and 3 girls.

Her parents met with the Hawega team and learned about our sponsorship program and effects of FGM. They understand the significance of the education of girls for a brighter future and are excited for her to have this once in a lifetime opportunity.

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## **DAGHAJATI GIDAMETIDA**

Daghajati is one of ten children. She will be the only girl in her family to receive the opportunity of education as the others are already married.

Her parents see the opportunity with the Hawega Foundation as a great fortune- that at least one of their children will receive an education and be a light of hope for the future.



## **MANANG'I GIDAGWARUDA**

Manang'i comes from a family of ten children. She has three sisters and seven brothers. Tragically, her dad passed away five years ago and her mother is the sole provider and caretaker to all ten children.

Hawega Foundation visited with her family, knowing she would be at high risk of early marriage due to poverty. Her sponsorship is crucial in rescuing her from this situation and her mother is very thankful for the opportunity.

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## **UCHAMU GIDABISANG'ENYI**

Uchamu is a calm and happy girl from an extended family with 13 children- 10 girls and 3 boys. Due to extreme poverty, her older sisters were married young so that the family could acquire cows from wealthy families.

Her parents heard about the Hawega Foundation last year and were interested in the opportunity. They saw their other daughters who married young into wealthier families still suffer a difficult of life. They are excited to try something new and send Uchamu to school with the hopes of a brighter future for her and the family.



## **UDAMEDEBA MALINYA**

Udamshungulu is a five year old girl and the youngest of four children in the Nyanda family. Her older brothers and sisters didn't have a chance to attend school due to their parents poverty.

As a result, her older sisters were married young in exchange for livestock. Now, the family is willing to walk away from the practice of FGM and towards the opportunity of education with their youngest daughter so that she will have more options.

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## **USPITARI GIDOBATI**

Uspitari is the youngest of three children in her family. Her mother is a single mom with a heavy burden of taking care of the kids alone.

Hawega Foundation met with her mother when Uspitari was only one year old. It was a true moment of luck as she was just about to be circumcised. The Hawega team was able to provide a lot of information against FGM which convinced her mother to decide against the practice in exchange for her educational sponsorship.



## **UDANG'ALDA SEBURI**

Udang'alda is a four year old girl and the oldest of her siblings. Her mother met with the Hawega Foundation three years ago, around the time she was to be “cut”.

Our team explained the sponsorship opportunity if FGM was not performed. Her mother was eager to take that opportunity & now Udang'alda is of school age and eager to start this new experience.



# Become A Sponsor



**\$1,500/Annually** or **\$125/Monthly**

*A full sponsorship includes: one year school tuition, boarding, meals, clothing, school supplies, medical insurance & transportation.*

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