

FEMALE EMPOWERMENT

Unlocking girls' potential through impactful education

Women drive social progress. Societies need them as active participants, decision makers, and leaders in every field. Education is one of the strongest foundations for empowerment, yet for millions of girls it remains out of reach.

Across the globe, girls are disproportionately affected by conflict, instability, and displacement. In times of crisis, education is often one of the first systems to collapse, and girls are usually the first to lose access.

By welcoming these girls onto our campus, we offer stability, continuity, and perspective at a moment when these are anything but guaranteed. In places such as Sudan and the eastern regions of the Democratic Republic of Congo, ongoing violence directly threatens the lives and futures of young women. Similar patterns appear in parts of Latin America, Eastern Europe, and South Asia, where poverty, conflict, or political unrest sharply limit opportunities for girls. These realities underline a simple truth: female empowerment is not a regional concern, but a global necessity.



Through donations and investments made by our Female Empowerment Network, UWC Maastricht offers a safe and stimulating learning environment where girls can develop academically, personally, and socially.

They gain the knowledge, confidence, and resilience to support themselves and navigate a rapidly changing world. They learn to make informed choices, to use their voices, and to contribute meaningfully to their communities and beyond. In doing so, they help shape a more equitable, sustainable, and peaceful future for all.

For the past five years, the Female Empowerment Project has opened doors for young women like Sumaya by providing needs based scholarships of up to €37,500 to girls from war torn regions in the Middle East and North Africa.



When Sumaya was a child, her family fled the war in Syria and built a new life in Turkey. Growing up there, she carried a dream that reached far beyond borders: to explore space and one day even walk on the moon. She realised that staying in Turkey might limit her opportunities, so she searched for a place that could bring her closer to her goals. Thanks to a scholarship from the Female Empowerment Project, Sumaya joined UWC Maastricht.

Adapting to life in Maastricht wasn't easy at first. English felt daunting and the transition overwhelming. But over time she found balance between study, sleep and social life. And she learned not to give one up for the others. What marked her most deeply were the people she met: classmates, staff and teachers from all over the world who challenged her to grow and offered new perspectives.

Today, Sumaya is studying aerospace engineering in the US. She dreams of contributing to space exploration while also giving back to Syria, using her knowledge to help rebuild and inspire hope for future generations. With determination and courage, she continues her journey toward the stars and perhaps, one day, the moon.

EMPOWERED 53 girls on full & partial scholarships

2020-2022	2021-2023	2022-2024	2023-2025	2024-2026	2025-2027
7 girls	5 girls	8 girls	10 girls	11 girls	12 girls

SUMAYA

Syria

Behind every scholarship is a group of business partners, foundations and over 75 individual sponsors within the Female Empowerment Network. Thank you for turning empowerment into reality!



UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

> MARCH 17th

International Women's Day celebration

> OCTOBER 1st

United Women Conference

BUSINESS PARTNERS

- > Boston Scientific
- > Daelmans Vastgoed
- > Coney Minds
- > DHL
- > Eurocontrol
- > Hannah Skin Improvement
- > Keviar Bids
- > Marieke Vreugdenhil – coaching, training en mediation
- > Maxion Wheels
- > Medtronic
- > NOVUM Hotels B.V.
- > Sabic
- > Schlössels Financieel Advies
- > Simone Levie Company
- > Vrouwen Medisch Centrum
- > Westfalia Fruit
- > Zakenvrouwenclub

SERVICE & NETWORKING CLUBS

- > JCI Landen van Overmaze

FOUNDATIONS

- > Stichting De Hoorn
- > Stichting Den Brinker
- > Stichting Cura I

JOIN US TO MAKE A CHANGE

Donations from €1.000

Personal memberships only:

- Invitation to celebrate International Women's Day with UWC Maastricht
- Invitation to our annual United Women Conference in October (+1 included)
- Name on our project's webpage
- Regular updates on the scholarship beneficiaries

Donations from €2.500

Personal memberships and business partners:

Everything above, plus:

- Company name on website
- Logo on the UWC Maastricht Sponsor Wall

Donations from €5.000

Everything above, plus:

- Featured article in the UWC Maastricht online newsletter
- Invitation to Meet & Greet in January each year

Donations from €25.000

Everything above, plus:

- Toolkit for your sustainability report and press outreach
- Tailor-made opportunities to bring partnership to life (e.g. presentations at your company)
- Access to global UWC network (e.g. advertisement of your job openings)

Participation in our network is based on commitment of at least three consecutive years.

5 YEARS OF IMPACT, OPPORTUNITY & PERSPECTIVE

So far fifty three girls have unlocked their potential through our international education for peace and a sustainable future. Thirty five alumnae now study at universities across the world. Their journey continues because of the generosity of our sponsors.

Our work is far from done. By becoming a sponsor you make new scholarships possible for future students. You also join a vibrant network with access to exclusive events, meaningful connections with other engaged supporters and direct encounters with the young women whose lives you help transform.

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