

2022 UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education: mentoring programmes from Cambodia and Tanzania chosen as laureates

Paris, 11 October – On the International Day of the Girl, a project promoting girls' education in low-income communities in Cambodia, and a Tanzanian mentoring initiative helping girls at risk of dropout through crucial school transitions have both been awarded this year's UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education.

The two laureates, selected by the international jury of the UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education, are “Room to Read Cambodia's Girls' Education Programme” and the “Girls' Livelihood and Mentorship Initiative” (GLAMI) from Tanzania. Each laureate will receive an endowment of US\$ 50,000 to advance its work.

Room to Read, Cambodia

The Cambodian arm of the global non-profit organization has been recognized for its education programme which helps girls aged 12-18 to develop skills to succeed in school and in life. The Programme is evidence-backed and proven to empower girls while fighting prejudices and fostering an enabling environment that engages parents and communities, adolescent boys, and government stakeholders. Room to Read currently serves over 6,000 girls through programmes in 42 secondary schools in 5 provinces across Cambodia.

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GLAMI, Tanzania

The NGO has been awarded the prize for its work helping adolescent girls to safely transition between education levels, complete their education, and develop into confident members of their communities through two flagship programmes. The first, *Binti Shupau*, meaning ‘courageous daughters’ in Swahili, supports girls as they transition from primary to secondary school. The second, *Kisa* – meaning ‘story’ in Swahili is a two-year leadership programme which prepares girls for university, and empowers them to create social change in their communities. Working through 42 partner schools, GLAMI has changed the lives of 7,400 girls in 11 districts in the regions of Kilimanjaro and Arusha.

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The UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Womens' Education

Established in 2015 and funded by the Government of the People's Republic of China, [the prize](#) contributes directly to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 5 focusing on education and gender equality.

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