



Women's Education Partnership

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Thank you to all our supporters!

First and foremost, we hope that this message finds you safe and well, and that you are managing to take all the necessary measures to protect yourself during these worrying times.

Secondly, on behalf of the Women's Education Partnership (WEP), we would like to thank you for your continued support. It is only through support like yours that we can carry on with our important projects which reach women in some of the most marginalised communities in Sudan and South Sudan.

We are getting in touch to update you on the organisation and its recent activities – we hope to send out more regular updates, so watch this space!

Our Work

We are pleased that, despite the political turmoil and civil unrest of the last two years, our aid work has flourished and expanded:

- In Sudan, we are putting over 130 young women through university, more than at any time in our history;
- Our Adult Literacy Circles are teaching 400 women to read and write, with amazing knock-on benefits for them and their families;
- In Juba, South Sudan, we have helped to set up a literacy school for women with our partner Kimu. This February, over 200 refugee women were enrolled and WEP is funding salaries for the 8 teachers;
- Over 300 orphaned children, a record number, are now being supported through elementary education in the settlement self-help schools around Khartoum; and
- With our new eye-care partner, under guidance of the venerated Dr Nabila Radi Elias, vital eye-care outreaches are at full steam again.



Changes at WEP

In Autumn 2019, we welcomed two new trustees – Simon Boyd and Bryony Pike. Head to our website to read a bit more about their backgrounds!

Imogen Thurbon has stood down after 5 years as a trustee, during which time she has been instrumental in leading and developing our literacy circles for women in Sudan. But don't worry, she will continue to run WEP's blogsite – for her brilliant reports on our literacy circles and beautiful photos, click here! WEP would like to express our thanks to Imogen for her continued dedication and efforts.

Finally, WEP'S long-serving voluntary director, Peter Hullah, is stepping down as trustee and director after 8 years but will continue to assist the Trustees with the direction of WEP over the next few months. We are very grateful to Peter and his partner Ann for the leadership, dedication, and commitment they have brought to WEP over the last few years, and wish them well for the future!

We have a wonderful team of four local WEP aid staff who, with your help and those of our sponsors, have continued to make these fantastic life-changing efforts possible. We are so grateful to our loyal supporters and donors.

To donate to our work, please visit our website
<http://www.womenseducationpartnership.org/> and select the *Donate Now*.

COVID-19

WEP's Response

Here at WEP, we are very conscious of what a challenging time we all face, for our learners, donors, supporters, and our small staff team in the Sudan. We are doing all we can to contribute towards the effort in minimising the spread of the virus. Universities and schools in Sudan are closed, and we have suspended literacy circles, encouraging all scholars and students to remain at home. Our four local staff in Khartoum are also working from home, equipped with laptops.

Nonetheless, WEP has not stopped and we are pleased to be able to contribute to the national response to the crisis. Our local staff have helped to

extend awareness of the virus threat, and have facilitated distribution of official awareness materials to our literacy learners and their families in the deprived former refugee settlements around Khartoum. In almost every case, the women we contacted had no knowledge or information about the Covid-19 virus. Our team is also staying in touch with university students to offer support where needed, and some students have involved themselves in outreach projects to circulate health and safety information. We would like to thank our team in Sudan for their continued brilliant work during this difficult situation.

Social Media

For more updates on what we're doing, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). We have recently launched an [Instagram page](#), so please check out [our page](#) and we hope you will follow us!



Once again, thank you for your support over the years and we hope you will continue to be part of the WEP community. As always, we would love to hear from you so do feel free to *get in touch* at enquiries@womeneducationpartnership.org.

We particularly appreciate support at this time. If you wish to donate, please visit our [Virgin Money Giving Page](#) - we are grateful for any contribution towards our work, whatever the size, and you can be assured every penny will go towards the important work that WEP does.