



# AFRICA FOUNDATION

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## **PROJECT PROFILE CLEF BURSARY FUND**

### **PROJECT LOCATION**

*South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Namibia*

### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The CLEF, which stands for 'Community Leaders Education Fund', bursary programme was established in South Africa in 1996, firstly in rural KwaZulu Natal, expanding to Mpumalanga in 2000. As Africa Foundation broadened its footprint in East Africa, the CLEF Bursary programme was introduced to Tanzania and Kenya in 2014. This year the bursary programme was launched in Botswana and Namibia, within rural communities that Africa Foundation, in collaboration with andBeyond, have partnerships with.

CLEF was born out of the strong belief among community leaders that Africa Foundation worked with, that for the cycle of poverty to truly be broken in rural African communities, it was essential that their youth accessed education opportunities beyond secondary school. It was extremely rare for young people in rural areas to access further education due to the financial demands of tertiary education compounded by the distance of rural areas to quality colleges and universities in the country. Many young people also felt held back by their own lack of understanding and belief that it was really an option for them to achieve something beyond those around them.

In 22 years, Africa Foundation has seen the number of bursary applications increase year on year, and a slow but consistent increase in the number of female students looking to continue their education. The bursary has proved to be its own marketing tool and has provided young people in rural communities with the evidence that they have needed to be inspired for themselves to take the leap into tertiary level education. In East Africa it is particularly noted that over time the results of the bursary students have changed attitudes among the older community members and families who had been reluctant to support their young people leaving the area and family farming traditions to attend universities and colleges in search of something better.

Africa Foundation CLEF Bursary fund has to date provided 532 students with bursaries, as per the breakdown below:

SOUTH AFRICA - Females 191, Males 253

KENYA - Females 12, Males 23

TANZANIA - Females 17, Males 33

BOTSWANA - Females 2, Males 0

NAMIBIA - Females 0, Males 1

CLEF boasts a pass rate of 96% and of the graduates who remain in contact with Africa Foundation, 58% are in work and 32% are in study.

## FUNDING REQUIRED

Every year the number of applications, and qualifying students increases, and Africa Foundation is working hard to expand the programme to meet demand.

The average cost of one student for one year of study is \$2,600. The goal of Africa Foundation for 2020 is to offer 90 bursaries, which comes to a total cost of \$234,000.

## OUR STUDENT INTERVIEWS FOR THE CLEF 2019 INTAKE

Kenya:



Lukungu, Tanzania



Mpumalanga, South Africa



KwaZulu Natal, South Africa

Ngorongoro, Tanzania

