



The
Sasamani
Foundation

Each Student. Every Dream.

We believe that the surest way out of poverty is education. The Sasamani Foundation's Student Sponsorship program is an award-winning, holistic program for students from the most vulnerable girls in Bagamoyo, Tanzania. Since 2014, Sasamani has sponsored students from middle school through college, of whom 90 percent are girls. This holistic approach ensures students can focus on their education as their basic needs are covered, including tuition fees, room and board, health insurance, school supplies, and hygiene products. Access to a social worker, academic support, social interaction activities, and career guidance broaden Sasamani-sponsored students' worlds. This program allows students to become more confident and self-aware, empowering them to shape their futures and achieve positive change in their families and communities.

200

Sasamani-sponsored
students in 2025

93%

Sasamani-sponsored
students graduated
from Middle School

100%

of eligible
Sasamani-
sponsored students
enroll in Vocational
Training or College

100%

of eligible Sasamani-
sponsored students
graduate from Vocational
Training or College

The Sasamani Foundation was founded in 2012 and envisions a future in which all possibilities for women and girls in East Africa are equitable and attainable. The Sasamani Foundation's initiatives increase women and girls' access to education and employment opportunities, empowering them to shape their futures and cultivate positive change in their communities. Sasamani's ethos of 'with, not for' means that all initiatives are designed in collaboration between Tanzanian and U.S. Boards of Directors and staff.

Sasamani Sponsorship Partners

Sasamani works with several long-standing partners to design and deliver the Sponsorship Program:

The Secondary School Education Department of Bagamoyo District, Tanzania

Five Public Secondary Schools in Bagamoyo, Tanzania

Kingani (since 2014)
Matimbwa (since 2017)
Kiromo (since 2017)
Dunda (since 2022)
Kerege secondary school (2025)

Connecticut College New London, USA and Sponsored Students' Parents and Caregivers

One parent said in August 2022:

"I can see a brighter future for my family now because my daughter receives education."

Girls' Education in Tanzania

Of the estimated 60 million people in Tanzania, more than 50 percent are under 18, and adolescents form over 20 percent of the total population.

The World Bank estimates that in Tanzania, 31 percent of adolescents are enrolled in Middle School, and 35 percent of the enrolled girls

complete lower Middle School. In 2020, 7 percent of Tanzanian girls were enrolled in tertiary education (vocational training or college).

The largest barriers to girls' education in Tanzania are:

Child Marriage

One in three Tanzanian girls is married before her 18th birthday. Child marriage disrupts opportunities to attend school.

High Costs

Often, disadvantaged families must pick one child (if they can pick any) to receive a full education. As a result of patriarchal beliefs, boys are typically selected.

Physical Transportation

Students must walk anywhere from 30 minutes to 2 hours in each direction to attend school. Especially for girls, this can be highly unsafe.

Raising a Tanzanian student's education level by just one year can increase household income by up to 30 percent. Indicators of women's education are closely associated with indicators of women's education are closely associated with indicators of health and cognitive and socio behavioral development of their children. Mothers' educational levels directly influence the educational outcomes of their children. (OECD, 2022)

Student Sponsorship Program Background

In 2010, when Sasamani's founder volunteered in Tanzania, he was moved by his experiences and aspired to serve the local community. After consulting with friends, Tanzanian leaders, and the former Mission Director of USAID in Tanzania, the founding principle of Sasamani became 'with, not for', which in practice took the form of listening instead of providing solutions. A thorough needs analysis in 2011 concluded that education is the surest road out of poverty, and many girls in Tanzania lacked access to educational opportunities. After a two-year pilot program, the Student Sponsorship program was launched in 2014.

Programs

In 2023 Sasamani launched **Tech4all** and in mid-2024, Sasamani launched **Future Leaders**. **Tech4All** aims to deliver a basic computer literacy certificate course to Sasamani-sponsored students and provides computer access at the Sasamani office in Bagamoyo, Tanzania. **Future Leaders** calls upon Sasamani's **Women Leading Change** graduates and coaches to empower the next generation of women leaders by providing meaningful internships and direct mentoring for Sasamani-sponsored students.

How To Give

A \$40 monthly (or \$480 annual) donation guarantees sponsorship for one student and offers the opportunity for correspondence from the sponsored student.

Tax-deductible donations are accepted by:

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Credit Card

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<https://thesasamanifoundation.org/support-us-1>