

# 2020 annual report.



## a year of grace.

2020 was a year where Dignity4Girls (D4G) had the opportunity to see God's hand guiding our ministry in very tangible ways. We were:

**inspired** by the selfless sacrifices of our talented U.S. sewists who pivoted from sewing feminine hygiene kits to sewing over 1,000 face masks for the US and the Dominican Republic when PPE was in short supply.

**awed** by God's provision for our partners in Kenya through individual donations and a generous grant from Love Like Lija, providing food for over 250 children in Kisii, Kenya.

**thankful** for the Kenyan Sewing Enterprise (GCC) and Hen Farm established at the Grace Community Center prior to the pandemic through your support and prayers. These enterprises played a crucial role in their COVID-19 response, allowing them to share the love of Jesus Christ in their community while providing life-saving supplies like face masks, liquid soap and eggs.

**humbled** by the faith of our Kenyan partner, Robert, and his swift response to the pandemic and fervent prayers for us throughout the year.

COVID-19 challenged us in many ways, stretching us and emphasizing how your support is so vital to at-risk girls and women. As we look to 2021, we are excited to continue the work God has placed on our hearts for the most vulnerable.

*Sandra Helm & Cheryl Sorenson*

# 2020 highlights.

Through your support, D4G was able to immediately respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your gifts brought encouragement and relief to our local and global partners, showing the love of Christ to at-risk girls and women.



## 1000 liters soap

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, D4G released funds for liquid soap supplies. The Kenyan Enterprise made **1,000 liters** of soap which was distributed through the Grace Community Center.



## 1084 US masks

When PPE was in short supply, D4G sewists responded by making **over a thousand masks** for U.S. health care professionals, local communities and school children in the Dominican Republic.

## 5120 eggs

The **Kenyan Hen Farm** produced over **5,000** eggs, supplementing the nutritional needs of the local community during lock-downs.



## 2300 masks

Through your support, the **Kenyan Sewing Enterprise** achieved their goal of sewing over **2,000** face masks for their community.

Restrictions in Liberia prevented Christians from attending church. D4G responded by funding the cost of sewing **300** face masks, by women in Liberia.



## 1600 people

During lockdowns, D4G provided funds to purchase **food and essential supplies** for 1,600 Kenyans.

D4G also partnered with the Love Like Lija Foundation to fund 250 care packages for Kenyan families.



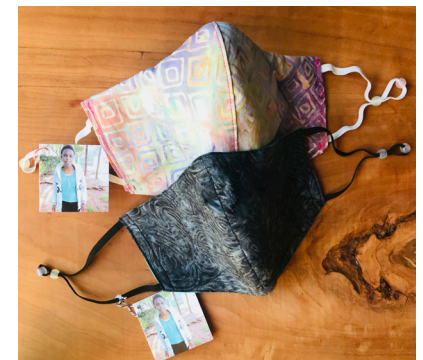
## 1210 kits

The **Kenyan Sewing Enterprise** sewed **540** feminine hygiene kits for local girls.

In early 2020, D4G shipped **670** U.S.-made Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits to high school girls in Liberia.

## D4G–My Half of the Sky Partnership

U.S. sewists made limited edition fitted masks to raise awareness of the global issues girls are facing due to the COVID-19 crisis. My Half of the Sky coffee house in Wheaton partnered with D4G to sell masks.





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**Elnah**



**school girls.**

Due to COVID-19 and school closures, girls in Kenya were in danger of losing sight of their educational dreams. D4G responded immediately by funding lessons and tutoring through Grace Community Center (GCC) for our scholarship recipients. We also provided solar radios and lanterns for educational programs and homework after dark.

Joblessness and food insecurities in families also threatened the dreams of many Kenyan girls by putting them at risk for early marriages and early pregnancies. Elnah, a D4G scholarship recipient, shares her concerns:

***Now, we as girls we have a big challenge that cannot be compared to anybody ... it is a challenge that to our utter surprise, since this pandemic started, early marriages and pregnancies (have) begun to increase.***

D4G responded to the threat of early marriages by providing funds for food distributions through GCC. Without assistance, vulnerable parents are forced to consider marrying off their young daughters (as young as 10!) because they cannot afford to feed them. The food and feminine hygiene kit distributions also addressed the threat of early pregnancies by providing basic needs for at-risk girls, reducing the need to offer themselves in exchange for such necessities.

*We are thankful that as of January 2021 Kenyan schools have resumed, helping girls keep their eyes on their educational goals while also keeping them safe and fed. As we enter into a new year and the challenges that it may bring, D4G will continue to do our part to advocate for at-risk girls.*

# mission & impact areas.

*Dignity4Girls exists to advocate for vulnerable women and girls worldwide by providing physical, educational, spiritual, and emotional support.*

## Global Impact

### Kenyan Enterprises

D4G is committed to help grow enterprises established under D4G and the Grace Community Center in Kisii, Kenya: Hen Farm, Sewing Enterprise, Soap Making

### Female Genital Cutting (FGC)

D4G will continue to financially support the Grace Community Center camps and programs in Kisii, Kenya as they raise awareness about the dangers of FGC and affirm each girl's value through Bible stories that teach Christ's love for them.

### Mental Health

D4G is providing emotional support and connections to mental health resources as Grace Community Center responds to increased mental health issues including suicides, aggressive acts, and depression caused by the pandemic and FGC.

### Days for Girls Kits

D4G will continue to collect sewn feminine hygiene kits from established US sewing groups to distribute with health education to at-risk women and girls through our global partners.

## US Impact

### Education

D4G provides education on the struggles of at-risk women and girls through speaking engagements and awareness campaigns.

### New Partners

D4G is excited to grow our US Impact through ministry partners who serve at-risk girls and women in our local community. *More to come!!*



The recent purchase of an electric mixer will ease the burden of soap production.



Liberian kit distribution



2019 D4G speaking engagement

# your partnership.

Dignity4Girls exists because of faithful supporters who believe that every girl and woman is created *imago Dei*, in the image of God. Join us as we transform lives with hope.

## Pray Monthly Prayer Partner

Receive monthly prayer requests from the field and pray for D4G.

## Volunteer Sew Hygiene Kits

D4G works with Days for Girls sewing teams. Find a team in your area through [daysforgirls.org](http://daysforgirls.org).

## Partner Collect Essential Items

Underwear, washcloths, and toothbrushes are expensive and difficult to find in-country. Organize a collection at your church or school.

## Schedule a Virtual Speaker

Hear about the challenges women and girls face and learn how you can make a difference.

To get involved, please email [dignity4girls@gmail.com](mailto:dignity4girls@gmail.com)

## Give Hens & Goats

Grant dignity and independence with a gift of a hen (\$20) or goat (\$100) which provides nourishment for an at-risk family in Kenya.

## Support Kenyan Enterprises

Provide the opportunity for women to work at the Grace Community Center Hen Farm, Sewing Enterprise, and soap-making effort.

## Schoolgirls Education Fund

Girl's education is key to a girl's future. Sponsor a girl for one month of school (\$50).

## Dignity Partners

### Become a Dignity Partner!

Monthly donors increase our ability to provide hope and support to the most vulnerable women and girls.

### Connect with D4G:

Email: [dignity4girls@gmail.com](mailto:dignity4girls@gmail.com)

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Hens & Goats

