

Girls' Education South Sudan (GESS) 2023 Cash Transfers to Schoolgirls Commence!

Press Statement

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The Ministry of General Education and Instruction (MoGEI) is pleased to announce that the Girls' Education South Sudan (GESS) 2023 cash transfers to schoolgirls across South Sudan will commence on Monday, November 6th, 2023.

The cash transfers are direct funds given to schoolgirls. The 2023 cash transfers target girls who are currently enrolled in, and regularly attending, classes from Primary 5 to Senior 4.

In an unprecedented move, girls enrolled in the GESS Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) in levels 3 and 4, will also be eligible to receive cash transfers this year.

The primary objective of the 2023 cash transfers is to support and empower girls across South Sudan in accessing and successfully completing their education by lifting the financial burden off parents and learners.

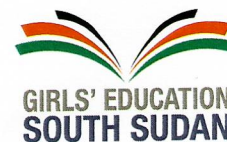
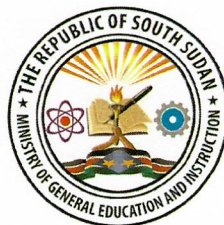
With funding from UK aid from the UK government, the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada, the European Union (EU), the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), and Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), approximately 425,000 schoolgirls will benefit from the cash transfers across South Sudan.

Girls in candidate classes - **Primary 8 (P8) and Senior 4 (S4)** – will receive **SSP 32,000**. This is to support them with the higher financial pressure associated with transition examinations. Girls in **P5, P6 and P7 and S1, S2 and S3** will receive **SSP 25,600**.

It is important to note that girls who have been approved for payment should receive the full amount of their cash transfer **without any deductions**.

We strongly condemn any attempts by teachers, officials, police, or any other individuals to withhold or misuse funds intended for the girls. We will respond appropriately to address any instances of misappropriation or misuse of these funds, as we **have a zero-tolerance policy regarding the misappropriation of Programme funds.**

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The payment process will be closely monitored by a combination of State Anchor staff, Ministry of General Education and Instruction (MoGEI) officials, and the GESS monitoring and evaluation team. Real-time reporting will be conducted to the central team, enabling independent monitoring of all payment locations.

To report any misappropriation or safeguarding concerns, or if you have any queries, please get in touch with one of the hotline numbers provided:

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On my own behalf and on behalf of the Ministry of General Education and Instruction, I would like to extend gratitude to the six donors of the GESS programme for their continued support to education in South Sudan. With their support, there have been major gains in education, especially the education of girls. As a government, we look forward to continuing working with partners, prioritising education, and to do everything in our power to ensure children across South Sudan can all get an education.