

## Our Vision

Our vision is of a world in which all women and girls experience equity: economically, politically and socially.

## Mission statement

To improve the quality of life for women and girls by promoting access to quality health care and harnessing community capacities for sustainable development.

## Our Values

Our work is guided and informed by our beliefs and commitments to:

- Inclusivity
- Participation
- Accountability

## Our Work

Key focus areas for the organization are:

- Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights
- Community participation, training and capacity building,
- Poverty reduction and alleviation, livelihood analysis, and income generation activities.

## About Us

Women and Girls Leadership (WGL) Foundation is a registered non-profit organization committed to women and girls living a life of equality, justice and dignity; and that solutions developed are sustainable in the long term. We do this by working in partnerships with women and girls to identify and tackle the underlying causes and consequences of poverty, exclusion and discrimination that stop them achieving their full potential.

# Women and Girls Leadership Foundation

***Building Sustainable Communities***





“Participating in young women’s groups makes me think differently about my future. I learn that there is so much more out there.”  
*15 year old young woman from Engcobo, Eastern Cape.*

## What we do

### Capacity development

One of our flagship projects implemented in Eastern Cape and Gauteng is KoolClubs Project. This project seeks to promote change among youth in relation to sexual expression in order to prevent teen pregnancy, HIV infection and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

KoolClubs are school-based (primary and secondary), learner-led clubs established to engage schools on adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health rights. These clubs are led by a Committee chosen by the school which recruits other learners to be members of the clubs. They also organize events in schools to engage broader school community. All committees participate in capacity building initiatives before each club is launched in each school. It is non-negotiable that all committees are led by girls.

### Advocacy

It is our belief that young people are able to bring about change to their communities when they are supported. Initial consultation meetings with girls and young women from Eastern Cape and Gauteng gave birth to a network where they support each other, participate in civil society matters and advocate on issues affecting them.



SOUTH AFRICAN ADOLESCENT GIRLS  
AND YOUNG WOMEN'S NETWORK

### Community development

Our community development projects are mainly in rural areas. Currently, we run community food gardens in two of the schools that participate in the KoolClubs project. WGL Foundation strongly believes that running such community development projects is one of the ways in which poverty and hunger can be uprooted.

At the beginning, community food gardens were about feeding the needy in the community. It has since progressed into an income generating project for community members who are members of food gardens. Although men participate in community food gardens, women constitute the majority in membership.



*KoolClub Committee from Ngubeszwe Secondary School, Engcobo.*

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