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# How Can We Get More African Girls Into Schools?

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# 15 Years of Empowering Girls through a Community-Led Approach

Education // Water // Health // Technology



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# Our Mission



Malaika's mission is to empower girls and their communities through educational and health programs



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# Our Focus

Democratic  
Republic of  
Congo

Lubumbashi  
districts



Now the second-largest country in Africa,  
the Democratic Republic of the Congo has  
a population of approximately 87 million.



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# Why Education?

**7**  
million

Children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo who don't attend school

**262**  
million

Children and teenagers in the world who are out of school

**49.5**  
million

Girls who do not attend school in sub-Saharan Africa

**"Education is the greatest weapon with which we can change the world."**

**Nelson Mandela**



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# The Malaika Ecosystem

Taking the proven  
Malaika model  
worldwide



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# Celebrating 15 Years

## OF EDUCATIONAL & COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Our sustained and replicable model is celebrating its 15th year, and has received international recognition, such as:

- The 2021 World Literacy Award for Significant Contribution to Literacy by an Organization
- The 2019 Maya Amerja Sustainability Award from Global Fund for Children



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# Our School, Our Future

Our school provides free, accredited primary and secondary education to over 400 girls, delivering a holistic education for every student.



Malaika has achieved a 100% pass rate for the Grade 6 National Exam over the past five years.



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# Our School, Our Environment



Not only do we plant trees and recycle, but our campus is 100% solar-powered.



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# School Meal Program

Healthy Foods,  
Healthy Futures



Marceline at enrolment at age 6



In her third year



In her fourth year



In her fifth year



Today, in her 11th year at age 16



In her eighth year



In her seventh year



In her sixth year

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# School Meal Program



Our nutritional program ensures that no child or teacher goes through the schoolday hungry.



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# Our Future STEM Leaders

Our students receive a state-of-the-art STEM education where they can learn VPL, Blockly and Scratch languages, code on Hopscotch and Swift playgrounds and learn other basic and advanced computer skills on the latest technology, from laptops to iPads, to 3D printers and robotics.



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# Building 21st Century Skills



We know that creativity and digital skills will serve our students in whichever career paths they choose!

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"I want to become an IT engineer because the world of today always evolves with technology."

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# School Health Center

The Malaika School's Health Center was built in memory of one of our students, Miriam, who passed away from malaria. We provide regular, free health checkups for students, as well as preventative health education.



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Supporting individuals by

**supporting the  
entire community.**



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# Community Center



The Malaika Community Center provides over 5,000 youth and adults with training in literacy, farming skills, entrepreneurship and community-building sports initiatives.

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Our community center allows us to engage with the boys of Kalebuka and surrounding areas. Through our education, sports, and vocational programs, we are committed to supporting them in pursuing their goals.



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# Our Educational Stipend Recipients



Through football, educational sponsorship and programs, and technical and vocational training at our community center, we are dedicated to ensuring that our male community members also have the tools they need to build the future they envision for themselves.



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# Vocational Training



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In partnership with Caterpillar Foundation, Malaika built and opened two new vocational programs for area women and men (aged 18-35).

These are technical programs in mechanics and electrician studies. We will initially have 80 total participants, who will become nationally certified in relevant skills for successful employment.



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# Wells

The wells we've built over the course of 15 years are a key part of how we've supported a region in Congo during the pandemic.

Together, this 25-well system is providing access to clean water for more than 35,000 people a year.



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# Agriculture

Malaika grows all its own fruit and vegetables organically in its backyard, meaning that students and staff members are provided with two healthy meals each day.

We teach and practice sustainability both in the classroom and in the community.



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# COVID-19 Response

Malaika's robust community-based model allowed the organization to jump into immediate action during the COVID-19 closures.

## Sewing Masks



## Food Distribution



## Face Shield Production



## Hygiene Resources



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# Media & Conferences



Noëlla has shared her insights at a number of world-class forums, spanning the World Economic Forum in Davos to the university halls of Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard, and MIT and the offices of UNICEF. In 2017, she was named one of the BBC's 100 Most Influential & Inspirational Women of the Year.

More recently, Noëlla received an award from the House of Mandela at the Nelson Mandela centenary celebration. She recently joined the United Nations Conscious Fashion and Lifestyle Network, and she sits on the L'Oréal Fund for Women Endowment Fund Advisory Committee.



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Thank you! Aksanti!



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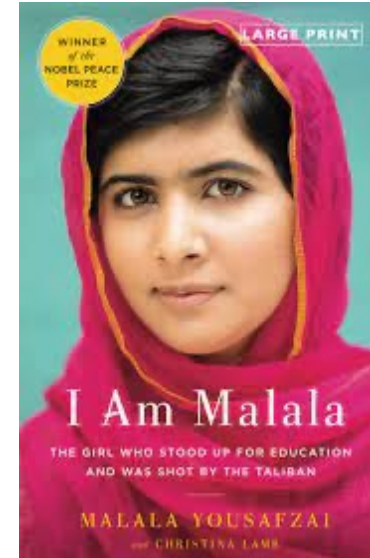
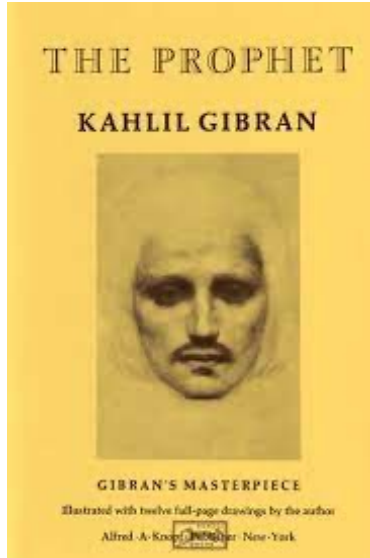
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# Three Books I Recommend





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