



Objectives and activities

South Sudan remains one of the most challenging contexts globally for girls' education, with only around 25% of girls completing primary school and approximately 10% completing secondary school. FIGS aims to make a difference through high-quality education for marginalised girls.

FIGS was established in 2011 in response to a specific request from local community leaders to help them build and develop a boarding school for marginalised girls, enabling them to access high-quality primary and secondary education.

IGBS, the school supported by FIGS, is a community boarding school, not a private or government school. The school welcomes girls from across Western Equatoria State, from all tribes and backgrounds. There are no educational fees and only a modest contribution from families towards the girls' living costs, so that low family income is not a barrier to education.

As a boarding school, IGBS enables girls to learn from both the academic curriculum and the co-curriculum. Students can study and play, free from family domestic duties or the risk of early or forced marriage and without having to walk long distances daily between home and school. The provision of both primary and secondary education within the same school on the same campus creates a bridge into secondary education for girls who might otherwise drop out at the end of primary school.

IGBS provides high-quality education for up to 360 primary and secondary students, taking their education from mid-primary right through to the end of secondary school. IGBS students consistently achieve strong results in national exams, with the school regularly ranked among the best-performing schools in South Sudan. The school employs 42 staff (teachers, matrons, cooks, and other support staff). By providing fair and stable salaries, the school does more than educate its students; it serves as an economic multiplier for the local economy and as a beacon of hope and good practice.

The objectives of FIGS for the public benefit are:

- The advancement of education, in particular (but without limitation) by providing financial and other forms of support for the building, establishment, and running of a girls' school in Ibba, South Sudan, to provide high-quality education rooted in Christian values.
- To provide funding and such other forms of support to enable access for children of all faiths (and none), whatever their background, status, or finances.
- To provide funding for residential facilities so that the school may serve the needs not only of Ibba village and Ibba County but Western Equatoria State (WES) as well.
- To fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected to the charitable work of the charity as the trustees may from time to time think fit.