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# ASEC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Evaluation Report



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**On the Cover:** ASEC Scholarship recipients at Scholarship Orientation in Morogoro, Tanzania in March 2021. Sisters stated that they aim to earn first class honors during their studies and that together they "can make it!"

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# ASEC Scholarship Program

2021 Program Evaluation Key Outcomes (January 2022)



## 3 OBJECTIVES



Provide opportunities for **Catholic sisters to obtain secondary education or two-year college certificates/ diplomas.**

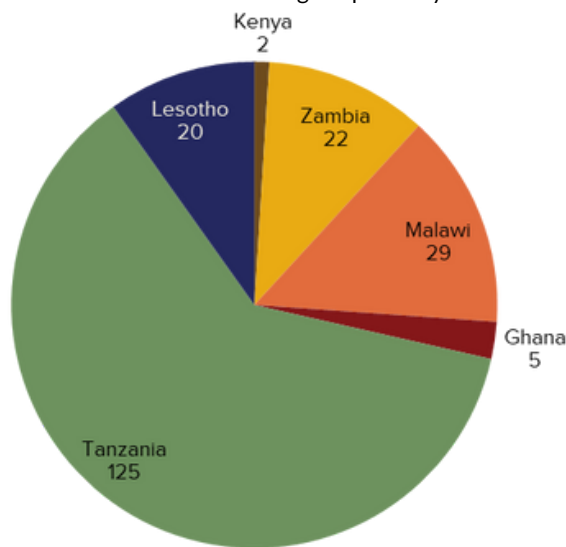


Increase sisters' competencies in their fields, toward **greater effectiveness in their ministries.**



Ensure sisters qualify to **continue their education** after obtaining their secondary school or college diploma/certificate.

Recruitment for 2021 is not yet complete, but it is estimated that a total of 208 scholarships will be awarded to new and returning recipients by mid-2022.



## KEY OUTCOME FIGURES

**569**

Total Scholarships Awarded

Top Fields of Study:  
1. Form Level  
2. Education  
3. Medical Sciences

**100**

Congregations Served

Faculty Stipends:  
2 Distributed to the Bigwa Secondary School in Tanzania

**354**

Graduates

Credentials Earned:  
179 Secondary  
117 Diplomas  
50 Certificates  
8 Bachelors

## PROGRAM SUCCESSES

Orientation Satisfaction

**100%**

100% of sisters (N = 43) in 2021 reported that Orientation met or exceeded their expectations.

Overall Retention Rate

**97%**

From 2012-2021 the retention rate of scholarship recipients is 97%.

Continuing Education Qualification

**96%**

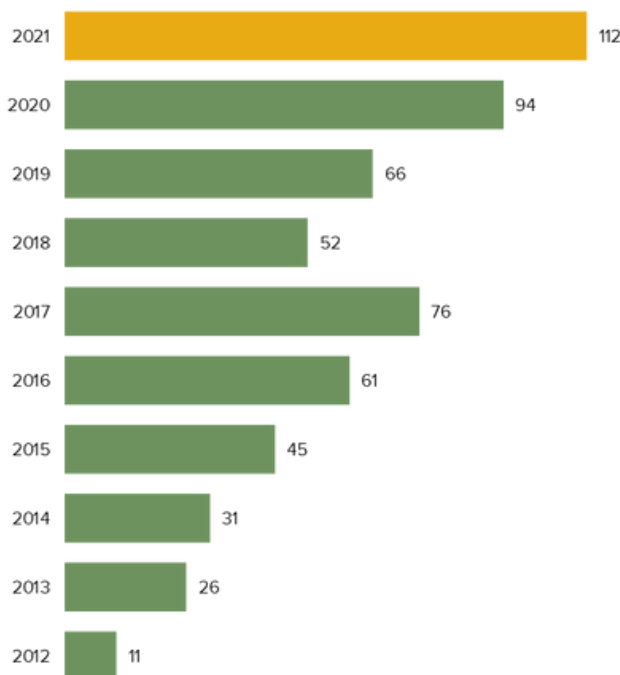
96% of sisters (N = 32) report qualifying to continue their education after completion of the Scholarship Program.

Superior Placement for Congregation

**95%**

95% of superiors (N = 42) report being able to place scholarship alumnae in positions which better meet the needs of their congregations.

Even with recruitment not fully complete, 2021 marks the largest number of new recruits to the Scholarship Program to date.



## PROGRAM GROWTH



### Lesotho

Expansion to Lesotho in 2021 to meet need for secondary and diploma/certificate level education.



### First PhD Pilot Graduate

The first student to graduate from the Pilot Doctoral Scholarship, completed her studies in October 2021. After successfully defending her dissertation, Sr. Janet Christine Kiden, MSBVM graduated from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Kenya.

# ASEC Scholarship Program

## 2021 Evaluation Report- Executive Summary



Evaluation data collected throughout 2021 indicates that the ASEC Scholarship Program is **on track to meet all program objectives by mid 2022**. Although some program outcomes and outputs require continued monitoring, there is evidence that these will be met by 2023. Despite COVID-19 related delays in award distribution, it is expected that by the end of the first quarter of 2022 the program will surpass all of its projected output and outcome measures.

Since initiation of the program in 2012 (as of January 1, 2022), the ASEC Scholarship Program has grown to serve **569** unique sisters from **100** distinct congregations. Sisters served by the program have enrolled at a total of 137 educational institutions (schools, institutes, colleges, and universities) across the 6 countries served by the program.

In 2021, data was collected for the first from graduates of the ASEC Scholarship Program. In the newly implemented End of Experience Survey, 96% (N = 32) of scholarship recipients report that upon completion of the program they have qualified to continue their education. In addition, 100% (N = 33) of scholarship recipients indicate that they are able to effectively use the knowledge and/or skills they acquired from their educational program to benefit their ministries. These results indicate that the program has been successful in meeting its long-term goal of better positioning sisters to succeed in carrying out their ministries and bridging the gap for sisters unable to otherwise obtain higher education.

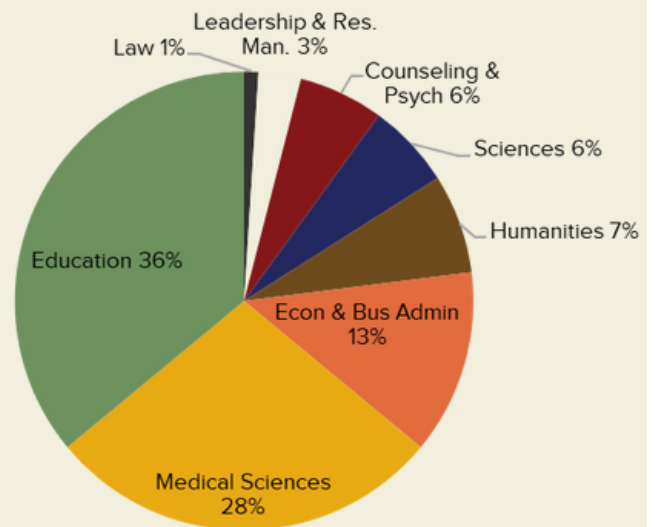
ASEC Scholarship Program 2021 successes include: integration of scholarship data into the ASEC database, hiring of a part-time program coordinator for scholarship, increased coordination amongst ASEC units, and the first pilot doctoral scholarship graduate. Challenges encountered in 2021 included the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and difficulty holding in-person Scholarship Orientations.

### EVALUATION OUTPUTS + OUTCOMES

 **45**  
Scholarship Recipients  
Attended Orientation

 **100%**  
of sisters (N = 43) in 2021 reported that the Orientation met or exceeded their expectations.

Overall, certificates/diplomas/degrees have been awarded in **8 fields of study**.



### The First ASEC Pilot Doctoral Graduate Sr. Janet Christine Kiden, MSBVM

**Institution:** Catholic University of Eastern Africa  
**Credentials:** PhD in Educational Administration & Planning  
**Graduated:** October 2021

Sr. Janet Kiden is the first sister to obtain a Ph.D. through ASEC's Scholarship Program. The Doctoral Scholarship Program was launched as a pilot program in February 2020 due to a lack of doctoral-level degrees held in African countries. She attended the Catholic University of Eastern Africa and studied Educational Administration and Planning.

While obtaining her Ph.D., Sr. Janet was on leave from her career. She now plans to return to the Catholic University of South Sudan and utilize her doctoral-level education and successes to improve her work.



### ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT