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ASEC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Evaluation Report



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On the Cover: ASEC Scholarship recipients at Bigwa Secondary School graduation in Morogoro, Tanzania. May 2023.

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ASEC Scholarship Program

2023 Program Evaluation Key Outcomes (January 2024)



3 OBJECTIVES



Provide opportunities for **Catholic sisters to obtain secondary and postsecondary education degrees.**

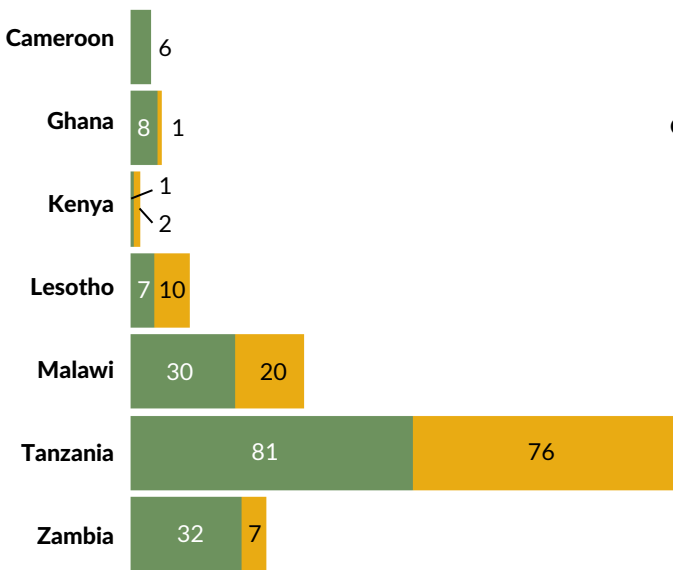


Increase sisters' competencies in their fields, toward **greater effectiveness in accomplishing their ministries.**



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

A total of 281 scholarships have been awarded to 165 **new** and 116 **returning** recipients since the last reporting period.



PROGRAM GROWTH



Cameroon

Expansion to Cameroon in 2023 to meet need for secondary and diploma/certificate level education. Expansion to an additional county in 2024 is under consideration.



Expanded Degree Offerings

Outside of the form/high school level, new scholarship recipients (2023) are studying in 44 distinct degree/certificate/diploma programs. A total of 8 general fields of study.

KEY OUTCOME FIGURES

893

Total Scholarships Awarded

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

195

Congregations Served

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

582

Graduates

Credentials Earned:
270 Secondary
182 Diplomas
111 Certificates
18 Bachelors
1 Doctorate

PROGRAM SUCCESSES

Orientation Satisfaction **100%**

of sisters (N = 83) in 2023 reported that Orientation met or exceeded their expectations.

Overall Retention Rate **97%**

is the current overall retention rate of scholarship recipients (N = 893).

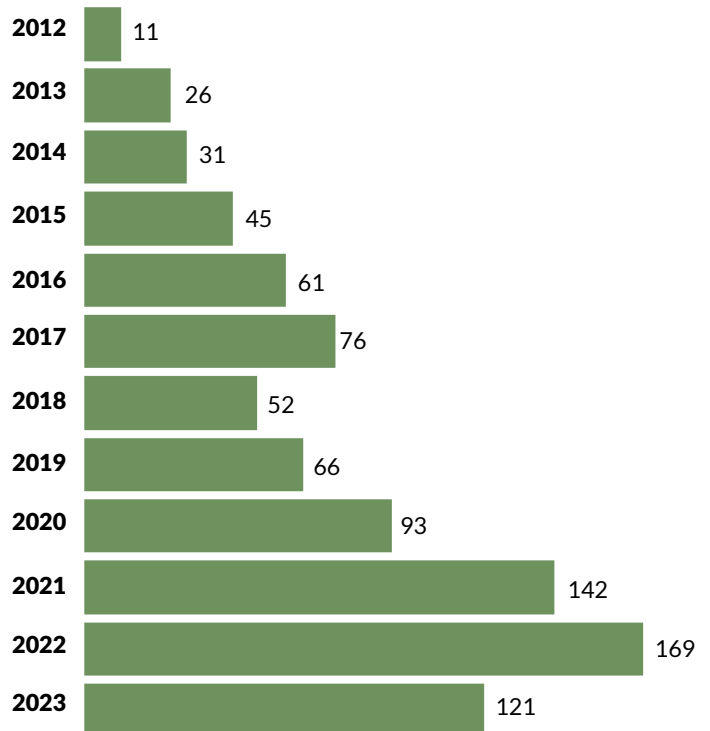
Continuing Education Qualification **100%**

of sisters (N = 10) report qualifying to continue their education after completion of the Scholarship Program.

Use of Education in Ministry **100%**

of sisters (N = 10) report being able to utilize the knowledge and skills they acquired from the program to benefit their ministry.

Over the last 12 years, as of January 31, 2024, a total of **893** scholarships have been awarded.



ASEC Scholarship Program

2023 Evaluation Report- Executive Summary



Evaluation data collected throughout 2023 indicates that the ASEC Scholarship Program is **on track to meet all program objectives by the end of 2024**.

Although some program outcomes and outputs require continued monitoring, there is evidence that these will be met by 2024.

Since initiation of the program in 2012 (as of January 31, 2024), the ASEC Scholarship Program has grown to serve **871** unique sisters and women from **125** distinct congregations. Sisters and women served by the program have enrolled at a total of **195** educational institutions (schools, institutes, colleges, and universities) across the seven countries served by the program.

As of January 31, 2024, the ASEC Scholarship Program has awarded **281** scholarships for the 2023 cycle. Of these awards, 165 were provided to newly enrolled students (including 2 lay women) and 116 were distributed to returning students (including 2 lay women). One-hundred and eight (108) awards were distributed to students studying at the secondary level, while 173 were distributed at the postsecondary level.

In 2023, a total of 10 scholarship recipients completed the Scholarship End of Experience Survey. In this survey, recipients are asked if they feel they will be able to utilize the knowledge and skills they acquired from their educational program to benefit their ministry. **All respondents (100%, N = 10) strongly or somewhat agreed with this statement**, surpassing the projected outcome (75%) by 25%. In addition, **25% (N = 871) of all scholarship graduates have been able to continue their education through an ASEC sponsored program**.

ASEC Scholarship Program 2023 **successes** include: continued high enrollment rates, possible expansion to an additional country in 2024, and the launch of scholarship alumnae attendance at the 2024 ASEC Alumnae Workshops. **Challenges** encountered in 2023 included staffing transitions, difficulty holding in-person Scholarship Orientations and orienting new staff to Scholarship Program requirements.

OUTPUTS + OUTCOMES

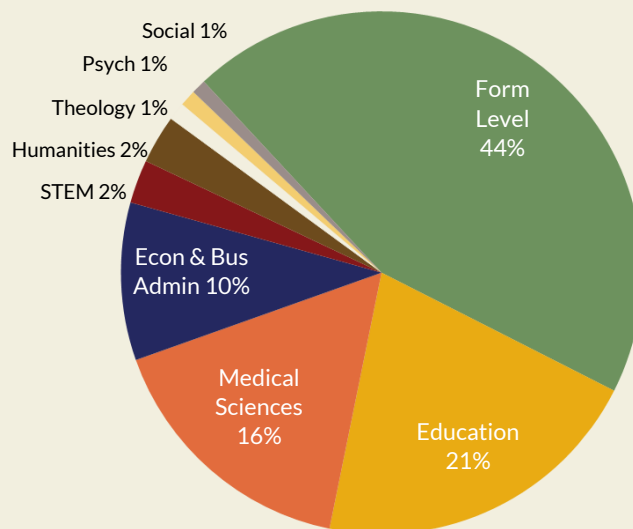


46 scholarship recipients attended Orientation & all recipients received Welcome Packet.



100% of sisters (N = 10) in 2023 reported that the Orientation met or exceeded their expectations.

Overall, certificates/diplomas/degrees have been awarded in **8 general fields of study** (N = 893).



Controlling Antimicrobial Resistance in Tanzania Sr. Catherine Felix Kimario, SCC

Institution: Santa Maria Institute of Health & Allied Services
Credentials: Diploma in Pharmaceutical Sciences
Graduated: 2023

Tanzania faces a number of challenges in the area of healthcare, including a lack of resources, high mortality rates, and low rates of access to medical personnel.

Sr. Catherine Felix Kimario, SCC, is a graduate of ASEC's Scholarship Program, having earned a Diploma in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the Santa Maria Institute of Health and Allied Sciences in 2023. She now works at the Holy Cross Health Centre in Kihonda, Tanzania, a facility that serves more than 1,000 patients annually. Read more in the full evaluation report.



ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT