

UN GLOBAL COMPACT COE Statement from Unicaf

The Unicaf organisation subscribes to all 17 UNAI goals for sustainable development, and is a fervent proponent of goal number 4 for quality education. Through our generous scholarships, available to all eligible applicants we make quality higher education affordable for financially challenged people, and through our state-of-the-art digital platform we facilitate online studies with reputable universities in the UK (University of Suffolk and Liverpool John Moores University) and in the USA (University of California, Riverside Extension), to benefit talented people living in remote rural areas, stay at home new mums wishing to prepare for a new career, handicapped people who cannot commute to university, or busy professionals who cannot afford to give up their jobs and salaries in order to pursue a higher academic qualification. With the establishment of multi campus Unicaf University we offer employment to hundreds of professionals and an opportunity for local talent to pursue internationally recognised Bachelor, Master's or Doctoral degrees through a combination of on campus and online studies, which enables them to interact, network and exchange experiences with academics and professionals in 156 countries around the globe.

With more than 30,000 students and 3,000 graduates internationally, who have received Unicaf scholarships worth more than \$100 million in total, Unicaf is not only increasing access to quality higher education, it is helping people advance in their careers and improve their lives, it is helping communities develop and nations progress through education and through the production of new knowledge, which is relevant to the particular challenges and circumstances of every country we serve.

In exceptional cases of young refugees who have fled war and persecution, or extremely talented individuals who cannot afford university studies, or young individuals who are eager to upgrade their knowledge and skills to benefit their communities Unicaf offers full scholarships for academic studies with Unicaf University.

Examples of such cases are the 12 young men and women who fled from violence in their countries and ended up alone, with no relatives, on the Ajuong Thok UN-run camp in South Sudan; with the part contribution of the UNHCR and DAFI the 12 young refugees were awarded full Unicaf scholarships to pursue Bachelor degrees with Unicaf University online and even received free tablets from Unicaf, to help them with their studies at the camp.

Or Langson Samala, a very bright but poor young man from Malawi, who won a full Unicaf scholarship to study for an MBA with Unicaf University and realize his dream of building his own business. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8L213XINhKY>)

Or Emily Kamizi from Zambia, who won a PACRA competition on female innovation and creativity for her invention of a machine that produces paper for sanitary pads and baby diapers from grass and maize, and received a full Unicaf scholarship for an MBA with Unicaf University. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKkflE5yT-M>)

Or Richard Appiah Akoto, the visionary elementary teacher in Ghana, who used the drawing of a computer on a blackboard to teach his students ICT; when the photo teaching his students went viral he received donations of computer equipment from multinational IT

companies and a full scholarship from Unicaf to study towards a Master's in Education, to be able to help his students even more. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtaHvJf47KY>)

Or Bu Bakr Elshukry, a young Libyan engineer, who lost both of his hands in the civil war and managed with the help of his brother to create a device that allows him to use a computer; Unicaf responded to his request by awarding him a full scholarship to study online for a Master's degree with Unicaf University, to be able to start a new career.

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_qol9quMcs&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0TN6cN1421Ssyyat_KZMCPqwLtO1GcU4n2Sj8Gkilj-fJscSI3w1NWwH0)

Or Anjarasoa Befanina William, a young family man in a remote part of southern Madagascar, who works at a clinic offering free treatment and medicines to the poor people in the area who cannot afford to visit hospitals; the clinic is supported by the Greek Orthodox mission in Madagascar and receives donations from Cyprus to survive; Unicaf offered a full scholarship to William to study for an online Business Administration degree, which will help him learn run the clinic more efficiently to benefit even more patients.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4SN3pAqno8>)

There are hundreds of testimonials in video and in print from Unicaf scholars, both students and graduates, in Africa and in other parts of the world, expressing their gratitude for the opportunity to study for sound academic qualifications at an affordable cost. Video testimonials of students and graduates are available on the Unicaf Youtube channel.

But Unicaf's offering extends even further. By giving back to the communities, with initiatives included in its Corporate Social Responsibility Programme, Unicaf benefits even more people in many different ways: with free computer lessons offered to high school leavers, students and working professionals, with open lectures on hot subjects of the day presented to the wider public by distinguished personalities, with donations to charitable causes, orphanages, hospitals, schools. And also through the promotion of an environmentally friendly culture through the regular recycling of paper, aluminium and plastic in Unicaf offices and campuses and through the planting of young trees in areas designated by the government, or local authorities, in each country.