

THE KURA PROJECT – Dartmouth Chapter
FOUNDED BY AHMED KURA in 2010



PURPOSE: To combat the **sexist treatment** of girls in the Laisamis District school system in northern Kenya.

WHY: In these schools (and many others), girls are **shamed for menstruating**. To avoid humiliation, girls stay at home during their periods, causing them to miss lessons – leading to low levels of literacy, high rates of early marriage, and limited opportunities to enter the workforce and, in turn, high poverty levels throughout the district.

HOW: By providing sanitary products to female students in the Laisamis District school system through the efforts of Ahmed Kura.

AT DARTMOUTH: While the mission of the broader organization is to provide sanitary products to students, the Dartmouth chapter of The KURA Project has adopted the related mission of promoting awareness of sexism in education, intersectional feminism, and the stigmatization of women’s health issues around the world.

To achieve these goals, The KURA Project at Dartmouth does the following:

1. Raises funds to purchase and deliver reusable sanitary pads to every female student in its partner schools and her female family members
2. Contracts individuals to sponsor girls’ educations throughout secondary school
3. Hosts events to facilitate conversations about the above issues

All donations go directly to Ahmed Kura, who uses 100 percent of the money to personally purchase and deliver the pads; he also works with educators and students and their families on an ongoing basis to improve the treatment of girls in school.

PARTNER SCHOOLS*: Lontolio Primary School, Loglogo Primary School, Karare Primary School, Songa Primary School, Kargi Primary School, Gatab Primary School, Loyangalani Primary School, Elmolo Primary School, South Horr Primary School, Ngurunit Primary School, South Horr Primary School, and Namarey Primary School.

*More schools to be added by November 2015