

Empowering young girls through Education and Health

5th Biennial

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According to research, education of girls is the single most important variable in reducing infant mortality. This allows girls to make better decisions and influence positive community change. Education leads to industrialization of societies because educated women are able to contribute to the economic growth of nations. We want the current students of St. Maria Goretti to become global leaders of tomorrow and valuable citizens of the world!

Current Demographics of St. Maria Goretti Girls School, Benin City, Nigeria (Age group12-17)

Estimated total number of Students: 3373

Junior Secondary School (JS)

Senior Secondary School (SS)

Estimated number of students: 2000 Estimated number of students: 1373

Average number per class: 50 Average number per class: 50

Number of classrooms: 40 Number of classrooms: 29

Note: Students attend Junior Secondary School for three years, graduate and **receive a diploma**. Thereafter, they attend Senior Secondary School for another three years and earn a **high school certificate upon graduation**.

Average cost per student per academic year

Total	430.00
Cardigan	5.00
Shoes for school (plastic shoes)	10.00
School bag	15.00
2 Uniforms	50.00
Books	50.00
Rent	300.00

GOGI's vision is to ensure that **every student** has an opportunity to advance in education comparable to the standard available in an advanced nation like United States of America. We would like each student to have access to internet in a computerized library and be able to afford books for learning. It costs an average of \$430.00 for a child to go to school for one academic year under the current education standard. **The vision of GOGI is to improve this standard**.