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Greetings UNGEI Partners and Friends,

I know you already believe in the importance of educating young women worldwide. Here's a chance to share your enthusiasm directly with a group of students in Africa. My new organization, the Batonga Foundation is working to support girls' education in Africa. In Benin, Batonga will support 229 girls to continue their education by attending secondary school. These bright students have all been selected by community members who will be closely involved in supporting their success. But they need to know that the world is with them when they start school this September.

I am inviting *you* to support these young women as they begin school by simply sharing your words of support. You can send in your own thoughts on the importance of education, inspirational quotes, and even photographs—anything you feel will encourage someone who is embarking on an important and life changing journey. Your messages will be posted on the UNGEI website and- most importantly- I will bring these messages to the girls in Benin. Help me let these girls know that the world stands with them.

Please send your messages to [ungei@unicef.org](mailto:ungei@unicef.org) and visit [www.ungei.org](http://www.ungei.org) for more details.

If you want to know more about the Batonga Foundation please visit:  
<http://www.batongafoundation.org/>

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kidjo" with a stylized flourish.

Angélique Kidjo