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# Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Partnering with UNICEF USA

## Protecting Children

Since 1988, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. chapters have supported UNICEF's education, health and child protection programs in Africa and the Caribbean, with a focus on gender and women's empowerment. Now, UNICEF USA and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. have launched a strategic national partnership to raise awareness and support for young girls and boys in Africa who are at risk of or have experienced trafficking, exploitation, violence and abuse.

In Africa, over 13 million children are migrants and at risk of experiencing severe violence, exploitation and trafficking. Kenya is home to one of Africa's largest refugee populations, where over eighty percent of the 185,000 refugees and asylum-seekers in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Refugee Settlement are women and children.

This includes a growing number of teenage girls and boys who are at a critical developmental stage in their lives; having to live on their own without parental support or guidance, while still having to nurture their wounds of trauma related to conflict, loss and abuse. For child survivors of trafficking, sexual abuse and exploitation, they require individualized care plans to help them recover and heal from the devastating impacts of abuse. UNICEF child protection specialists provide case management and psychosocial support allowing girls and boys to heal, recover and regain their childhood.



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and UNICEF USA are coming together to protect Kenya's most vulnerable children.

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With support from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., UNICEF can ensure that displaced and vulnerable children and adolescents in Kenya are protected from trafficking, exploitation and abuse and have access to the services they need to heal and recover. Violence against children is not inevitable and it is not acceptable.

Together, we can bring an end to exploitation, abuse and neglect and build a future free from violence. ●

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