Since 2004, the Ambassadors Girls’ Scholarship Program (AGSP) funded through the Africa Education Initiative has been implemented in the northern Mali regions of Tombouctou, Gao, and Kidal.

**Goal of Program**

Provide support through scholarships, mentoring, and parental and community awareness to promote girls' education and awareness activities to prevent and mitigate the spread of HIV.

**Method of awarding scholarships**

Scholarships are awarded to ensure access to educational opportunities and are used for school fees, school supplies, books, uniforms, backpacks, and additional materials such as hurricane lamps, and shoes.

**Program activities**

- Distribution of school supplies, uniforms, paying of school fees for girls and boys
- Mentoring support and academic help
- Health in schools: Encouraging cleaning and maintenance of classrooms, latrines, and school grounds
- Monitoring educational performance of scholarship recipients
- Mentor training
- Monitoring school attendance
- Home visits
- Dramas focused on hygiene, STDs / AIDS etc.

**Significant Results**

- 3,676 student beneficiaries, including 3,465 girls
  - 1,488 students including 1,391 girls and 97 boys from Gao
  - 538 students including 478 girls and 60 boys from Kidal
  - 1,650 students including 1,596 girls and 54 boys from Tombouctou
- Student attendance rate more than 97% in schools receiving scholarships.