



Trickle Up Joins the PIMCO Foundation to Launch WomenForward

The coalition focuses on empowering women and girls around the world

NEW YORK, March 1, 2017 – Trickle Up joins [The PIMCO Foundation](#), PIMCO’s charitable arm, to launch [WomenForward](#), a coalition that includes 12 nonprofit partners working to empower girls and women around the world through inspired investment, amplified voices, and collective action.

On March 8, the group will call on the global community to commit to or increase investments in the lives of women and girls as part of International Women’s Day.

WomenForward partners work with diverse populations on a host of issues as they tackle the many obstacles preventing gender equality, including deeply ingrained societal behaviors and barriers. Initiatives include facilitating access to education for young women in post-conflict and developing countries; combatting rape culture by empowering survivors; championing girls’ voices by providing mentors; and helping low-income and immigrant women launch new careers and start or scale new businesses.

Although progress has been made toward gender equality, much work remains. Globally, women’s participation in the workforce is unequal to men’s; one in three women still experience physical or sexual violence; and twice as many girls as boys will never start school.

“The PIMCO Foundation and 12 of its female-focused grantees have come together as WomenForward – a coalition for change – because we believe partnerships are key to advancing rights for women and girls,” says Sarah Middleton, Executive Director of the PIMCO Foundation. “We can no longer rely on incremental change as stand-alone organizations; instead, we must team up, take action, and make the desired change happen.”

WomenForward coalition members include:

[Callisto](#)

[Figure Skating in Harlem](#)

[Girls Write Now](#)

[Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance \(GAIA\)](#)

[Hot Bread Kitchen](#)

[Mercado Global](#)

[Plan International USA](#)

[Rising Tide Capital](#)

[SHE-CAN](#)

[Sustainable Health Enterprises \(SHE\)](#)

[Thistle Farms](#)

[Trickle Up](#)

Trickle Up is proud to join this coalition to promote gender equality around the world. Through years of partnership with the PIMCO Foundation, Trickle Up has lifted some of the poorest and most vulnerable people, including women and refugees, out of extreme poverty and into a better quality of life.

To learn more, please visit [WomenForward](#) and join our [Thunderclap](#).

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About Trickle Up

Trickle Up focuses on the toughest challenges in global poverty alleviation: to reach the poorest, most vulnerable people and create trajectories towards financial independence. We have lifted over one million people worldwide – often women, people with disabilities, refugees, and indigenous people – out of extreme poverty and into a better quality of life. Our success is rooted in identifying sustainable income-generating opportunities that tap into people’s power and resiliency. Through government, corporate, and NGO partnerships, we leverage resources to strategically scale programs, bringing power and promise where most needed. We invest in people and bolster communities. We champion power over poverty. Visit trickleup.org to learn more.

About the PIMCO Foundation

The PIMCO Foundation is the philanthropic arm of PIMCO, based in Newport Beach, California, which helps people around the world to reach their full potential by engaging, empowering and investing in communities. It carries out its mission by identifying areas of urgent community need and volunteering time and financial resources to support high impact projects and programs. The Foundation’s website can be accessed directly at www.pimco.com/pimcofoundation and on social media @PIMCOFoundation.