

# Restoring Strength, One Girl At A Time

**Introductory Presentation** 

Her voice. Her strength. Her future.

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### Why Nuvia Exists



Nuvia exists to support adolescent girls and young women (ages 13-25) in Africa who are healing from trauma, violence, or emotional distress.



Through healing circles, mental health workshops, and wraparound support, we help girls find their voice, rebuild their confidence, and rise strong.



#### **Our Core Values:**



Compassionate Healing



**Empowerment** 



Community



Safety



Respect



Hope

### A Hidden Crisis

Across Africa, millions of girls live with the silent weight of trauma-caused by violence, instability, abuse, or emotional neglect. Most never receive care.

Mental health is stigmatized

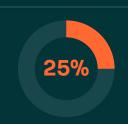
Safe spaces are rare

Girls often suffer in silence

Yet across sub-Saharan Africa, the crisis is profound:



About 42% of women experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetimes (World Bank)



Nearly 25% of adolescent girls aged 15-19 who've been in relationships report partner violence (Reuters)



And child sexual abuse affects approximately 34% of girls in Africa before age 18 (Wikipedia)

Despite the scale of trauma, access to mental health services is extremely limited:



Fewer than 1 professional counselor per 4 million children/adolescents, with most resources concentrated in big cities (WHO | Regional Office for Africa)



In Kenya, only **33% of survivors of gender-based violence seek any psychosocial support**, and just \*\*3% reach
professional counselors (RSIS International)\*\*

### A Safe Space To Heal And Grow



Nuvia provides community-based, trauma-informed healing programs tailored to girls and young women.

#### Our core components

Education sponsorships and resilience programs

Mental health talks in schools and communities



Healing Circles (3-month trauma recovery groups)

Monthly empowerment workshops

Dignity kits and safe transport

#### Who We Serve



#### We serve girls and young women (ages 13-25) who have experienced:



**Emotional trauma** 



Domestic or sexual violence



Chronic illness or disability

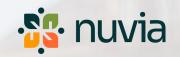


Isolation, depression, or school dropout



Priority is given to those referred by hospitals, schools, or shelters.

# Starting In Cameroon - With A Vision Beyond







# From Pain To Power: Our Theory Of Change



Nuvia believes that safe, trauma-informed spaces create the conditions for healing, growth, and reintegration.



Through peer support, consistent mentorship, and wraparound care, girls and young women can recover their sense of self-worth, rebuild their futures, and become agents of change in their communities.



Inputs **Activities Outcomes Long-term Impact** Mental health staff **Emotional resilience** Healing circles Healthier, empowered girls **Empowerment workshops** Healing curriculum Increased trust & confidence Reduced trauma cycles Dignity kits & transport Mentorship Reconnection to Local women leaders education/work School reintegration Safe space

### A Safe Healing Center Built For Girls



Our long-term vision includes building Nuvia's first physical healing facility in Douala - a purpose-built space where girls feel safe, seen, and supported.

#### It will include:





Healing areas

Learning spaces

Support staff

Psychosocial support

Outdoor zones

Our first healing facility, designed to promote dignity, emotional recovery, and sisterhood at every level.

### **Tracking Healing In Real Time**



#### Our Monitoring & Evaluation system tracks progress across:



Psychological wellbeing (pre/post assessment)



School or training reintegration



Participation and attendance



Access to care and basic needs



Peer connection and trust-building

We use digital tools to gather, analyze, and adapt in real-time.

## Why Nuvia Is Different



Trauma-informed + culturally grounded



Fully free for participants



Digital-first tools and data tracking



Safe transport from underserved areas



Strategic hospital & school partnerships



Diaspora-led and community-anchored

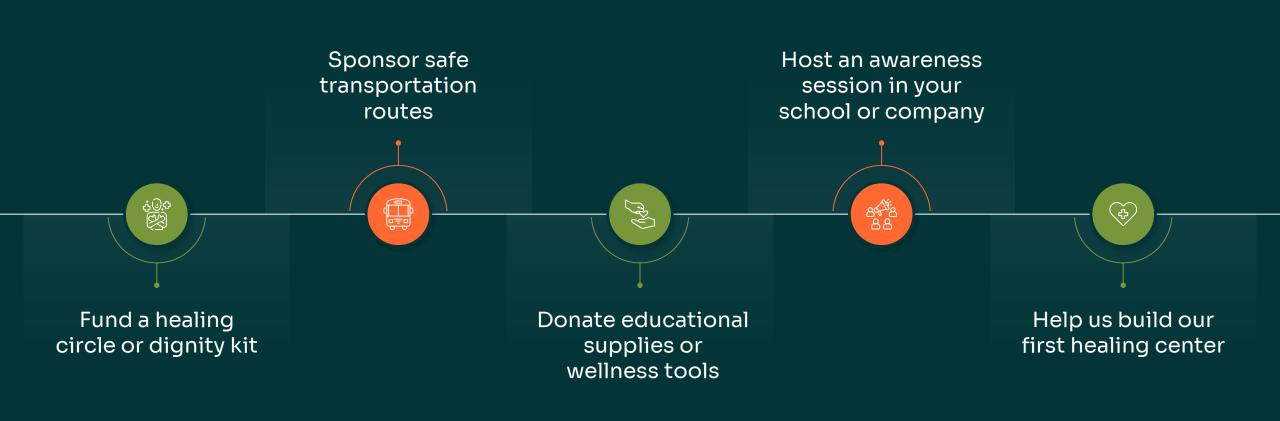


Renewable-energy facility model



### **Ways To Partner Or Fund**





Let's create safe spaces for girls to heal. Together.



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