



# Miller Center

for Social Entrepreneurship

**Name of social enterprise:** Sisters Blended Value Project, a program of the Association of Consecrated Women of Eastern and Central Africa, in partnership with the Mother Kevin Providence Farm Social Enterprise, the Assumption Sisters of Eldoret Poultry Initiative, and Eggpreneur.

**Mission statement:** To Promote the spirit of collaboration and sharing of spiritual, human and economic resources among Catholic Sisters to enhance religious formation and strengthen leadership capacity for deeper evangelization.

**Theme for 2017-2022:** Integrity of Creation and organizational development for growth towards sustainability.

**Webpages:** <https://acweca.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/acweca.intl> and <https://www.millersocent.org/sisters-blended-value-project/> <https://www.linkedin.com/company/mother-kevin-farm/> <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ase-social-enterprise/> <https://www.eggpreneur.com/>

**Headquarters:** Nairobi, Kenya

**Location(s) of research:** Nairobi and Eldoret Kenya, and Jinja, Uganda

**Regardless of the pandemic, the fellowship will run in 2021.** We have designed 2021 action research projects to be conducted via remote engagement (e.g., via Zoom) without the immersive component of travel to the field. All applicants should enter and proceed through the application process with the assumption that no international field placements are currently planned. For more information, please attend a GSBF info session.

**Background:** ACWECA has partnered with Miller Center to transform social ministries into social enterprises in Eastern and Central Africa, where more than 30,000 Catholic Sisters serve some of the most marginalized people on the planet. Several of these Sisters' poultry social enterprise projects have engaged young women preparing to become Sisters, and present social entrepreneurship and climate resilient agriculture as leadership development programs. ACWECA has partnered with Eggpreneur, a GSBI social enterprise, since 2019. Eggpreneur has hosted two teams of fellows (2019 and 2020); review portfolios, since this 2021 project builds upon that work.

**The challenge:** To work with Catholic Sisters to collaboratively develop a curriculum and training materials in social entrepreneurship, including leadership development, financial literacy, and climate resilient agriculture. This material would be used by Sisters to form (=train) new women in the spirituality of their congregations, integrated with development of entrepreneurial leadership skills.

**Action research products needed:**

1. A curriculum and training materials that foster entrepreneurial leadership with the spirituality of their congregations. This would incorporate micro-enterprise financial literacy and climate resilient agriculture.

**Student skills needed:** Teaching and training, entrepreneurial leadership development, curriculum development, an appreciation of spirituality in a cross-cultural context, financial literacy.

**Keywords:** Social entrepreneurship, climate resilient agriculture, farming education, financial literacy training programs, Catholic religious sisters, religious formation.

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