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News Release

Youth Champion, Elizabeth Elango Bintliff Named as New Head of School at The Global Village Project

ATLANTA – August 14, 2020 – [Global Village Project \(GVP\)](http://www.globalvillage.com), the only school in the United States dedicated to educating and mentoring refugee girls who have had their education interrupted, today announced that the Board of Directors has appointed Elizabeth Elango Bintliff as its Chief Executive Officer and Head of School, effective September 21, 2020.

Ms. Bintliff has served as the CEO of Junior Achievement Africa since 2015 where she transformed the organization's ability to impact youth programs, developed sustainable funding models and expanded its reach into additional countries from Ghana headquarters. Previously she ran the largest division of Africa programming for 15 years at Heifer International as Vice President. Originally from Cameroon, Ms. Bintliff holds a Master of Arts in African Studies from Yale University and Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Affairs from Kennesaw State University.

"I am very pleased to welcome Elizabeth Elango Bintliff to GVP. She has a passion for mentorship and girls' education that is proven by her track record of inspirational leadership and community development. What she brings to the organization will be crucial to extending the success and impact of GVP moving forward," says Ginger Schmeltzer, Chair of the Board.

"I agree with Dr. Drew Faust, the first female president of Harvard who stated, 'We educate women because it is smart. We educate women because it changes the world.' I am honored to join Global Village Project and feel inspired to work with School Principal Dr. Amy Pelissero, the extraordinary team, and the community of volunteers, donors, mentors and friends. Together we will further extend GVP's reach in a world where the refugee population is tragically growing exponentially and at a time during which all our children's education is being interrupted," says Ms. Bintliff.

“GVP’s current Head of School, Dr. Amy Pelissero, is thrilled to serve as School Principal in her final year at GVP, working closely with Ms. Bintliff to ensure her immediate success,” says Ginger Schmeltzer. “Dr. Amy’s magnetic personality, drive for excellence and genuine love for the students has led the GVP team to create a unique and impactful program that has transformed the lives and opportunities for refugee girls in Georgia since its founding 11 years ago. On behalf of the Board and the GVP team, we thank Dr. Amy for her tremendous leadership.”

For more information, visit www.globalvillageproject.org.

About Global Village Project

Global Village Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization accredited as a special purpose middle school serving refugee students. Our program was first imagined in 2009, in response to the fact that many teenage refugee girls need more intensive and individualized support. The school’s mission is to develop a strong educational foundation for each student within a caring community, using a strength-based approach and intensive instruction in English language, literacy, academic subjects and the Arts.

Located in Decatur, Georgia the school’s academic program serves 40-50 girls between the ages of 11-19 in a space donated by the Decatur Presbyterian Church. Student’s tuition, lunch and transportation are provided free of charge. GVP alumnae are staying in school, graduating, and going to college. Graduates are now enrolled in Atlanta-area colleges and universities, including Berry College, Agnes Scott College, Georgia State and Georgia Tech. Visit us at www.globalvillageproject.org.

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