



STEAM EDUCATION
INNOVATION
OUTREACH
SUSTAINABILITY
TECHNOLOGY

POSITIVELY IMPACTING LIVES, ONE GIRL AT A TIME
THROUGH EDUCATION, NETWORKING, MENTORSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIPS

www.girlsflyafrica.org

ABOUT GFA

GFA is a non-profit and public benefit organisation (PBO) established in 2017 to promote sustainable economic empowerment, leadership, and personal development of youth, girls and women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM), focusing on Africa's aviation and aerospace industry.

GFA identifies and nurtures talent (primarily in rural areas), provides mentorship and training, and leads up to exit points that deliver trained and skilled professionals into the workplace.

GFA has successfully enabled individuals to achieve their goals in the industry, including becoming aerospace engineers, flight instructors, UAV pilots and instructors, aircraft maintenance engineers, medical doctors, innovators and entrepreneurs. Our alumni continue to thrive in their careers both locally and globally.

OUR VISION

To create an Africa where every girl is educated, included and empowered.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to transform lives one girl at a time by providing a clear path to success through our **Five Pillars: Education, Innovation, Outreach, Sustainability, and Technology.**

OUR HISTORY

In 2009 Refilwe Ledwaba founded Southern African Women in Aviation and Aerospace industry (SAWIA). Though formally established in 2009 and registered as an NPO in 2011, SAWIA was conceived in 2007 when we recognised the need for an organisation to represent Southern African women and girls in the aviation and aerospace industry in the SADC region. SAWIA established the GFPA Foundation.

We wanted to create a platform that educates girls about aviation and aerospace at a grassroots level. We also wanted to empower them with information and access to other women in the industry, addressing one of the enablers of gender equality in the STEAM field. With the success of GFPA, our focus shifted from SAWIA and we registered GFPA independently as an NPC and PBO.

CORE VALUES

- **INTEGRITY** is at the heart of all our actions, guiding and shaping everything we do.
- **LEARNING** we embrace the **each one, teach one** philosophy to ensure all individuals have access to knowledge and opportunities for growth.
- **INNOVATION** we promote creative and innovative thinking to develop effective, impactful solutions that benefit our community.
- **VOLUNTEERISM** our values are grounded in the **Ubuntu** philosophy. Service is our top priority, and we strongly believe in the importance of contributing to our community.
- **EQUALITY** we are committed to creating a community that values equality.



+200 highly engaged volunteers



Global network of **industry leaders and professionals**



Compelling, motivational and **relatable** story from founding **members**



Trust-based partnerships with key industry players and global organizations



Considerable **impact delivered to the communities** reached by the programs



The Aviation and Space camp was one of my high school experiences that inspired me. It was inspiring to see women who are confident game changers and were not afraid to reach for their dreams.

Dr. Chrystal Mbu MBChB

1 00 000+

Girls & Boys

Aviation & Aerospace Workshop Participants

500 000+

Girls & Boys

Outreach & Awareness Programme Participants

40+

Young Women

Acquired Accredited Aviation & Aerospace Licences

600+

Girls

Aviation & Space Technology Camp Participants



Savannah Boltman
BSc. Aviation Business
& Drone Pilot



Chrystal Mbu
MBChB
Medical Doctor



Victoria Mphanama
BSc. Chemistry &
BSc. Chemistry (Hons)



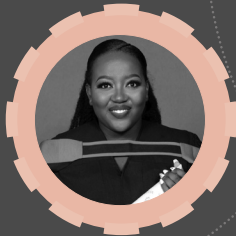
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Aeronautical Engineer



Nomathemba Khumalo
Aeronautical Engineer
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Bachelor of Architecture



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