

INTRODUCTION

MARY MAKER

At this time, please silence or turn off your cell phones. My name is (Your Full Name), and I am the (position) for (organization), and it's my pleasure to welcome you to today's program.

Mary Maker is a South Sudanese refugee, an education activist working with UNHCR, an actor, fashion lover and a writer. After fleeing her war-torn country as a child, she found security and hope in attending school in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya. She has since become a teacher of young refugees in her community and sees education as an essential tool for rebuilding lives and empowering a generation of girls who are too often denied entrance into the classroom.

In 2021- Mary Started a non-profit, Elimisha Kakuma, a Swahili word for Educate Kakuma. Within one year, Mary and her team have been able to partner with Virginia Tech, UNHCR and Duolingo from where Elimisha was awarded best of Student advocacy.

In her spare time Mary enjoys creating new plays, devising new stories, and researching ancient stories in the African continent.

Please help me welcome Mary Maker.

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