



8 Fast facts about girls' education:

1. 19 million more children enrolled in school between 2002 and 2008 in over 40 developing countries supported by EFA FTI. 54% of those children were girls, proving that girls are at last catching up with boys.
2. In African FTI countries, 62% of children entering school for the first time were girls.
3. More than two thirds of girls completed the last grade of primary school in all FTI countries in 2008, compared to only 52 percent in 2000.
4. Ethiopia: By applying an education sector plan with affirmative action towards girls, the country went from a girls' enrolment rate in primary education of 40% in 1999 to 92 percent in 2008.
5. Burkina Faso: the government managed to change the label of girls' education from 'worrisome' to 'progress' within a couple of years. The number of girls enrolled in school increased 73% between 2002 and 2008, and increasing numbers of girls are continuing onto secondary school.
6. The most common intervention to support girls' education highlighted in the report is the mobilization of communities to send girls to school. Engaging with media and religious leaders helped to convince parents of the importance of girls' education.
7. Targeted financial support for girls, to cover for school fees and textbook costs, was also important to keep girls in the classroom.
8. The creation of school health and feeding programs was especially effective in preventing girls from dropping out.

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