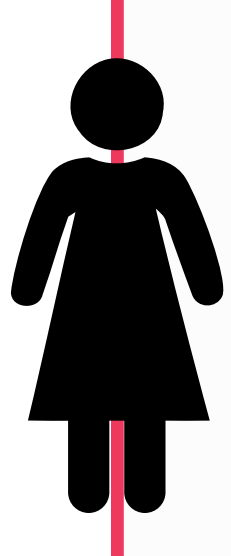


12 YEARS TO BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS TO GIRL'S EDUCATION

In 2015, the world promised all children a quality education by 2030. Hindered by complex barriers ranging from social norms to geography, girls in developing countries remain more likely than boys to never learn how to read, write or do basic math. We have 12 years to make good on our promise of 12 years of quality education to unlock every child's potential and make important strides towards ending extreme poverty.

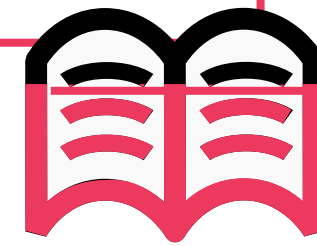
LEFT OUT AND LEFT BEHIND



130+ MILLION
girls were not in school in 2016¹



There are approximately **750 MILLION** illiterate adults worldwide



2/3 are women²



66% of countries have as many girls as boys in primary school



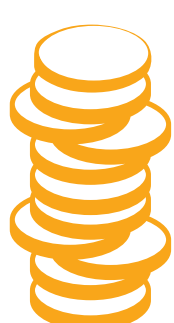
Only **25%** in upper secondary school⁴



BENEFITS OF EDUCATING GIRLS



Each additional school year can increase a woman's earnings by⁵
UP TO 20%



Girls with 12 years of education are **5X LESS LIKELY TO MARRY AS CHILDREN** compared to girls who have little or no education⁶



-2/3 maternal deaths if all mothers finished primary school



WHY AREN'T GIRLS IN SCHOOL?

TOP 10 BARRIERS TO GIRLS' EDUCATION

identified by GPE partner countries (2012-2016)

1 SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FACTORS

2 EARLY MARRIAGE

3 OPPORTUNITY COST OF SCHOOLING

4 LACK OF SEPARATE TOILETS

5 LACK OF FEMALE TEACHERS

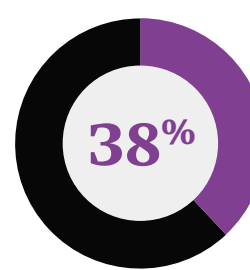
6 VIOLENCE AT SCHOOL OR ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL

7 COST OF SCHOOLING

8 DISTANCE TO SCHOOL

9 LOW VALUE PLACED ON GIRLS' EDUCATION

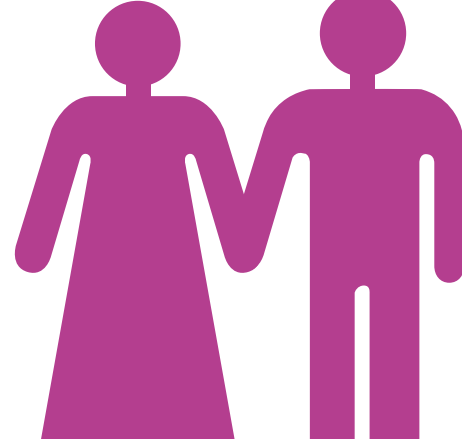
10 POVERTY



Of surveyed countries identified social & cultural factors which can range from prioritizing a girl's role as wife and mother to not wanting girls to be taught by men, as major barriers to girls' education¹¹

The earlier a girl gets married, the lower the probability that she attends secondary school¹²

In Nigeria, child marriage accounts for **15-20%** of drop-outs from secondary school

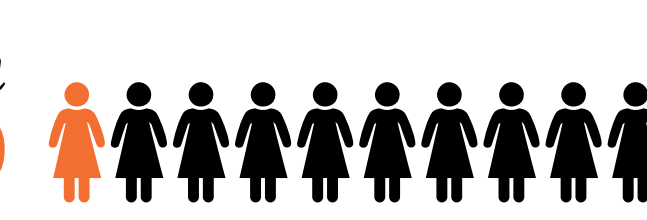


When girls do more household chores than boys, such as fetching wood or water or caring for younger siblings, the cost of educating girls may seem higher to parents¹³

40 BILLION HOURS spent by women in rural Africa fetching water each year¹⁴



1 in 10



girls in Africa miss school during menstruation cycles¹⁵



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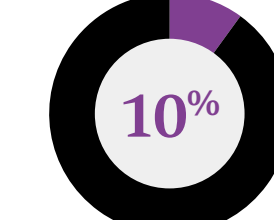
12 =

20%

times a year of all school days missed¹⁶



In Yemen, 28% of cases where girls dropped out of school were decisions made by fathers due to the lack of female teachers¹⁷



In 40 low- and middle-income countries, up to 10% of adolescent girls aged 15-19 experienced forced sexual intercourse or other sexual acts in school¹⁸

In rural Benin¹⁹



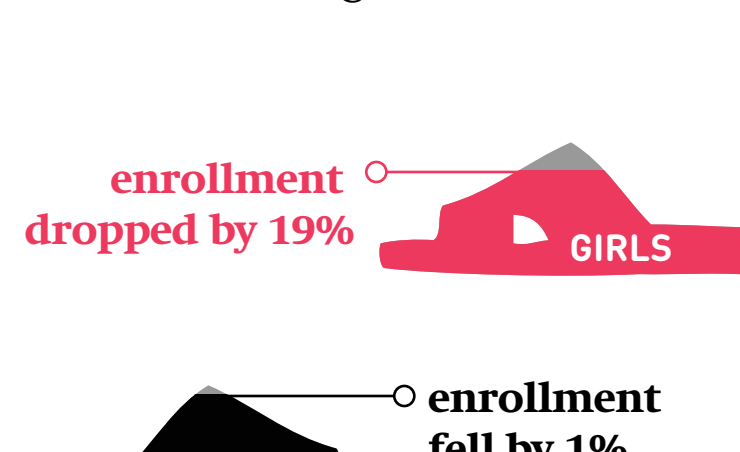
64 girls for every 100 boys enrolled in primary school

Abolishing public primary school fees for all girls



89 girls for every 100 boys enrolled in primary school²⁰

In Afghanistan, for every additional mile to get to school²¹



IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

a girl can expect to receive 9 years of schooling, while boys receive 10 years²²



In sub-Saharan Africa, the poorest girls are **9x less likely** to set foot in a classroom than the richest boys²³



STRONGER EDUCATION SYSTEMS DELIVER RESULTS FOR GIRLS

The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) supports countries to develop, finance, and implement gender-responsive education sector plans

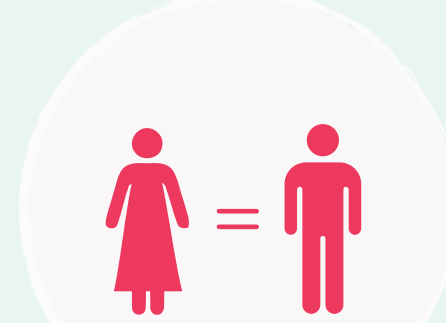
GPE partner developing countries have shown a strong commitment to ensuring all girls are in school and learning, with promising results



Gender-responsive sector planning



Gender-disaggregated data to reveal inequalities.



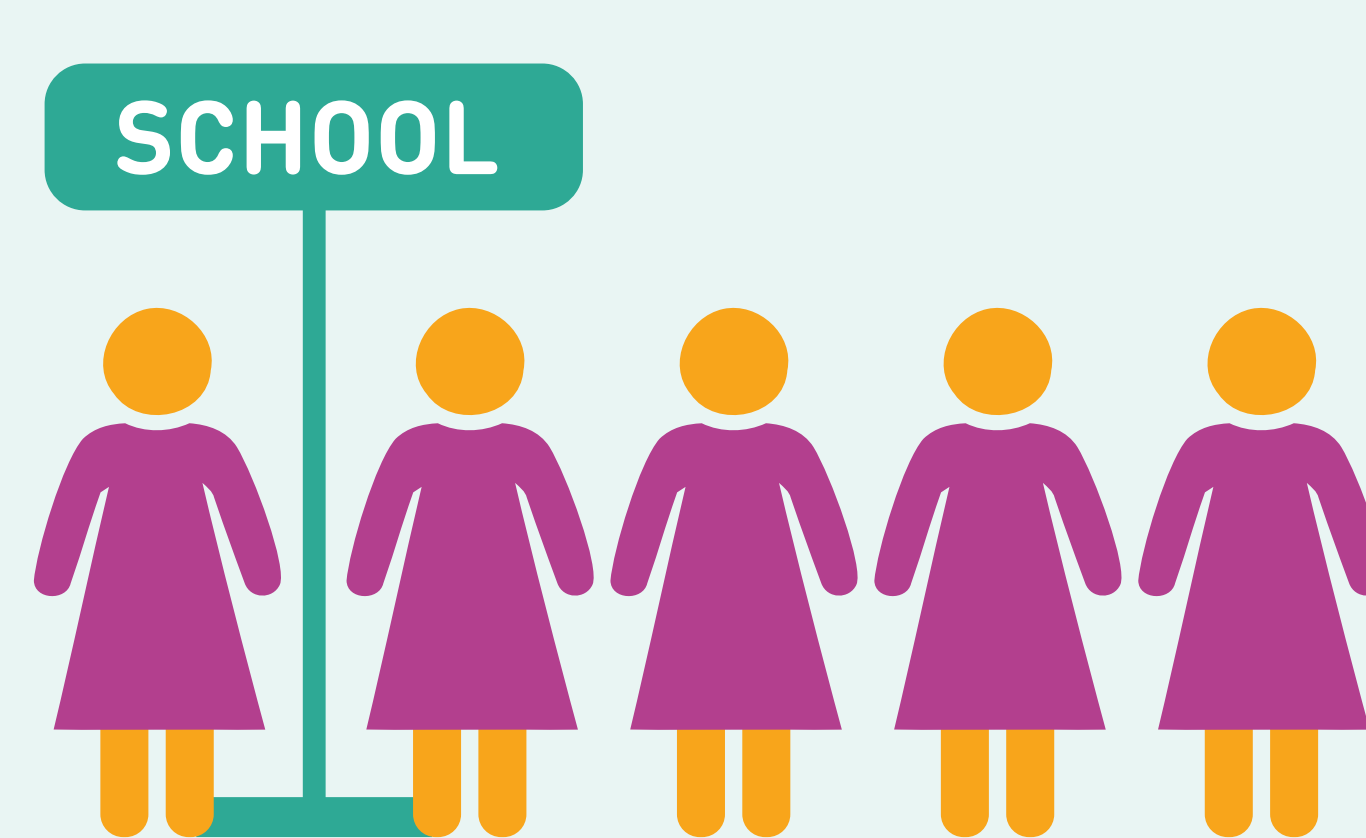
Increasing gender equality is a goal of GPE's 2016-2020 Strategy



Community gender training, female teacher recruitment, separate toilets, etc.



Research and peer learning on gender equality



41m more girls were enrolled in school across GPE partner countries in 2016 compared to 2002



The Global Partnership for Education supports 60+ developing countries to ensure that every child receives a quality basic education, prioritizing the poorest, most vulnerable and those living in fragile and conflict-affected countries.

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