

A Global Perspective: Education and Girls

- A total of 31 million girls are still denied a primary education.
- Women account for nearly two thirds of the world's 780 million people who cannot read.
- A total of 10 million more girls are out of school than boys.
- If a girl stays in school beyond the 7th grade, she is more likely to send her children to school.
- An investment in a girl's education can help lift her out of poverty and improve the condition of her family community and world.
- For every additional year of school, girls earn 10 to 20 percent more as adults.
- Child laborers who also attend school have lower attendance rates, lower academic scores, and higher drop-out rates.
- Girls with eight years of education are four times less likely to be married as children.
- More than a million girls are not in school in the three countries of Nigeria, Pakistan, and Ethiopia.
- A girl has a one in four chance of being born into poverty.
- Women and girls play a crucial role in solving the most persistent development problem of poverty.
- In more than 100 countries, school is not free and many parents cannot afford the tuition or cost of uniforms.
- In developing countries, 20 percent of family income is needed to send one child to school. Often the boy is chosen to attend school and the girl stays home.
- A total of 85 percent of the teachers in developing countries are not qualified to teach at the primary school level
- There are nearly 60 million child brides, some as young as 12.

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