EDUCATION IS A GIRL’S HUMAN RIGHT

61 MILLION primary school aged teens are currently not enrolled in school.1 Almost half will never have the opportunity to get an education.2

GIRLS are less likely to go to school

THE GENDER DIVIDE IN SCHOOL is high in Sub-Saharan Africa & South Asia.1

1/3 of young women (15-24 years old) can’t read.1

Can Read 34% Cannot Read 66%

THE BARRIERS

- child marriage
- poverty
- violence
  - sexual violence
  - teasing

School-based violence is a definite issue for many girls.4

39 THOUSAND = 14 MILLION child marriages occur EVERY DAY. girls are married EVERY YEAR.3

In Africa, complications related to pregnancy and childbirth is the leading cause of death among adolescent girls (15-19).1

- pregnancy
- sanitation
- discrimination

IF A GIRL STAYS IN SCHOOL

- her risk of child marriage decreases
- her risk of dying in pregnancy or childbirth decreases significantly
- she has a greater chance of having healthy babies in the future
- she meets new friends
- she acquires skills and information that enhances her ability to communicate, negotiate and make informed life choices.
- she would gain a significant increase in her future income
- she would help decrease the joblessness gap between men and women and increase the workable human resources in her country

Sources: