### **INVEST IN GIRLS' EDUCATION**



# 31 MILLION GIRLS

OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE ARE NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL.

#### THE PICTURE IS DIFFERENT FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

#### $\{$ Enrollment rates in sub-Saharan Africa $\}$

Pre-primary Education



100 girls per 100 boys Primary School



92 girls per 100 boys Secondary Education



84 girls per 100 bovs Tertiary Education



61 girls per 100 boys

WHY DO GIRLS DROP OUT?



CHILD MARRIAGE

SCHOOL FEES SEXUAL VIOLENCE

LACK OF SANITARY FACILITIES

## BUT... IF WE COULD KEEP GIRLS IN SCHOOL BEYOND GRADE 7, THEY WOULD BE:



More likely to marry 4 years later



Less likely to die in pregnancy/ childbirth



More likely to have an average of 2.2 fewer children



More likely to have healthier children



More likely to send their children to school

#### **OUR GOAL:**

Close the gender gap and ensure quality education for all at every level of schooling

#### **OUR ASKS:**

- Achieve gender equality in primary, secondary and tertiary education
- Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Abolish school fees for all
- Ensure schools are violence-free and contain appropriate sanitary facilities
- Strengthen programs and policies that prevent child, early, and forced marriage
- Promote gender-equality in curriculum and teaching practice
- Strengthen national monitoring systems and ensure that all relevant statistics are disaggregated by sex

