



Ensure Equitable and Quality Education at All Levels

THE WORLD TODAY

ONLY 29%

of countries have achieved education gender parity at the upper secondary level

90%

of children living with disabilities in developing countries do not attend school

1/2

of primary schools in developing countries lack adequate water and sanitation, increasing absenteeism among adolescent girls

2 out of 3

illiterate adults are women

THE INVESTMENT CASE

10-20%

Every additional year of schooling for a girl increases her future earnings by 10 to 20%

10.37%

Each additional year of schooling for children increases the average annual GDP by 0.37%

SOLUTIONS



Transportation and infrastructure to make schools accessible



Low or no enrollment fees



Awareness of the importance of educating girls



Safe, supportive, and gender-sensitive school environments



Give girls and women the chance to learn, and they will deliver more equitable, healthy, and prosperous societies.

ASKS

Create and enforce **legislation, policies, and budgets that promote equal access to education** systems and gender parity at all levels, including vocational training.

Reduce or eliminate the cost of schooling placed on families and communities across all levels of education.

Work with parents, communities, and faith groups to raise awareness of the **importance of educating girls**.

Ensure gender-sensitive education for all — **curriculum, safe transportation, safe environments in schools, and appropriate water and sanitation infrastructure**, such as menstrual hygiene management facilities and products.

Scale up education initiatives that **focus on out-of-school children**, including children living with disabilities and those affected by crises.

Invest in programs **offering girls and women marketable skills** through internships, apprenticeships, mentoring programs, and training opportunities.

Increase **sport programs in formal and informal education** settings as a way to teach girls critical life skills, boost their self-esteem, and promote gender equality.

Invest in education and skills-building opportunities for girls and women in **humanitarian and conflict settings**.

RIPPLE EFFECT

