



FACT SHEET: *Is This Fair?*

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The Facts:

What Happens When Girls Don't Get a Chance?

- Approximately one quarter of girls in developing countries are not in school.
- Out of the world's 130 million out-of-school-youth, 70 % are girls.
- One girl in seven in developing countries marries before age 15; 38 % marry before age 18.
- One-quarter to one-half of girls in developing countries become mothers before age 18.
- Pregnancy is the leading cause of death among girls aged 15 to 19 worldwide.
- 75% of HIV-infected youth in Africa are girls.

What Happens When Girls Education is Invested In?

- An extra year of primary school boosts a girl's eventual wage by 10-20 %.
- An extra year of secondary school boosts a girl's education by 15-25 %.
- When you educate a girl you educate a family, and a nation.
- When women and girls earn income they re-invest 90 % back into their families, as compared to only 30-40 % for men.

Five Main Benefits of Secondary Education for Girls:

1. The presence of secondary schools increases primary enrollment and completion and improves quality.
2. Girls' secondary education results in social benefits to the whole society.
3. Girls' secondary education results in a multitude of health benefits.
4. Girls' secondary education is a strategy to prevent against HIV and AIDS.
5. Girls' secondary education is a tool for poverty alleviation.

*Sources: The Mother and Child Health and Education Fund website:

<http://educationforgirls.org/>.

Keeping The Promise Presentation: The Importance of Investing in Primary and Secondary Education:

<http://cge.aed.org/Publications/CGE.cfm>.