

# Climate change and Girls' education

Yes, Climate change is real and so are the impacts on people, in this case, especially adolescent girls. As privileged students, who have the ability to help, what can and should we do?



## HOW IS CLIMATE CHANGE AND GIRLS' EDUCATION CONNECTED?

Poverty and gender disparities are linked to climate risk. Climate disasters affect and restrict girls' access to school, limiting their educational chances and reinforcing gender inequities.

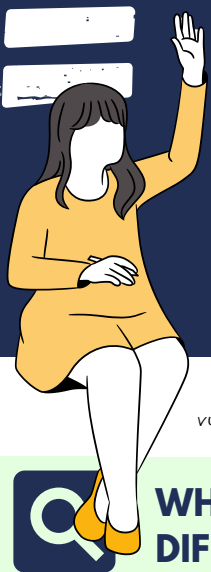
However, the positive link between climate change and girls' education, is that it offers enormous potential for equipping girls with skills and knowledge.

## WHY IS GENDER-EQUAL EDUCATION CRUCIAL?

2/3 (66%) OF WORLD'S ILLITERATE ADULTS ARE WOMEN



There is clear evidence that investing in girls' education and removing other obstacles to their growth may drive countries forward.



In terms of climate change, education equips girls with the skills and information they need to adapt to natural disasters caused by climate change. The contributions of educated females to their communities boost a region's overall resilience to climate change.

On the ND-GAIN Index, countries' resilience to climatic catastrophes improves by 1.6–3.2 points for each extra year of education that females get.

The ND-GAIN Country Index summarizes a country's vulnerability to climate change and other global challenges

## WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

'The simplest action can cause the biggest impact'

Spread awareness and talk about climate change and gender inequality to your friends/family/teachers so that it can be seen as an important social issue.

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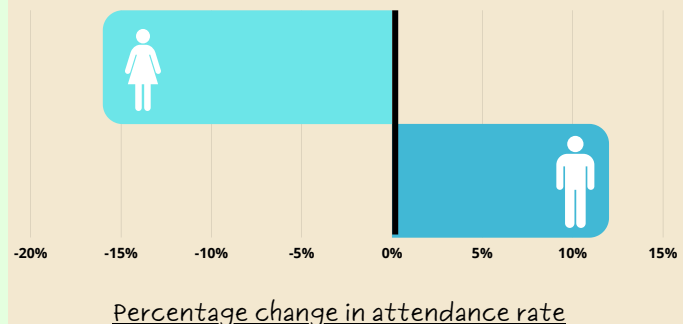
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## HOW IS CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTING GIRLS' EDUCATION?

CLIMATE-RELATED EVENTS MIGHT RESULT IN SCHOOL CLOSURES OR INCREASED MIGRATION.

This can lead to lengthy periods of absence from school.

For example: In Somalia, as a result of flooding, drought, and conflict, families relocated from rural to urban regions in 2018–2019, girls' attendance rates decreased from 45% to just 29%. Boys' enrolment, on the other hand, increased from 29% to 41%.



OTHER EVENTS LINKED TO CLIMATE CHANGE THAT INTERRUPT GIRLS' EDUCATION

- Due to a shortage of water to maintain menstrual hygiene, drought can cause girls to miss school when they are on their periods.
- Vulnerable families generally deal with weather events by taking their children out of school, starting with the girls.
  - Girls are likely to drop out of school and marry to assist relieve the strain on limited money / resources
  - During droughts, families typically withdraw girls from school since gender norms require that girls and women are responsible for getting water.



"AROUND THE WORLD, YOUNG WOMEN ARE FIGHTING FOR OUR FUTURE. OUR ACTIVISM TAKES DIFFERENT FORMS BUT WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS THE SAME GOAL: CHANGING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS TO PRIORITIZE PEOPLE AND OUR PLANET."

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