GENDER EQUALITY AND GIRLS' EDUCATION DURING COVID-19

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POVERTY IS ON A ALL TIME HIGH
BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC.
ALTHOUGH IT IS A GLOBAL ISSUE, THIRD
WORLD COUNTRIES ARE MORE SEVERELY
AFFECTED. MAKING EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY FOR GIRLS,
HARD TO ACCESS NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF
RESOURCES BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF
GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GDV) & ISSUES IN EQUALITY
POVERTY AND EDUCATION INTERTWINED

Education is a human right, a powerful driver of development and one of the strongest instruments for reducing poverty and improving health, gender equality, peace, and stability. But how do we give education when poverty is in the way of learning?

- **Governments Decreased Education Budgets When COVID-19 Began**
- **Learning Poverty Are Greater for Girls. 63% Increase of Learning Poverty**
- **Schools Generally Provide a Safer Environment for Girls**
- **Access To Women's Healthcare Have Been Greatly Reduced**
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GIRLS’ EDUCATION GOES BEYOND SCHOOL & IS AFFECTED BY MULTIPLE FACETS

- MORE GIRLS ARE LESS LIKELY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER THE PANDEMIC
- GIRLS ARE EXPECTED TO DO MORE DOMESTIC DUTIES THAN BOYS
- SOME GIRLS ARE FORCED TO BE BREADWINNERS
- SEXUAL VIOLENCE, EXPLOITATION, & TRAFFICKING
- FORCED MARRIAGE
- TEENAGE PREGNANCY
- POOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH MULTIPLE CHILDREN MAY CHOOSE TO INVEST IN BOYS’ EDUCATION RATHER THAN THAT OF GIRLS
A girl having education lies not only in her having access to work and higher incomes - her education really is our future.

Governments must commit to protecting and expanding education budgets and girls must have equal access to distance learning and equitable opportunities to build eliminate learning poverty.

Responses to the outbreak must protect and support girls’ right to education and recognise the additional burden of unpaid and domestic work on women and girls.

Raise awareness on protection risks of lockdown to girls including sexual and gender-based violence. Provide information and services on sexual and reproductive health to adolescents.
People like Dave Almarinez (CEO, Philippine Trade) who donates food, tablets, and internet access to his community

Teachers like Sir Kristhean Navales who visits each of his students to make sure that they learn and that they are continuously do their school work
"This will end, the distance will disappear, the hugs will return"

SADY, 13 YEARS OLD
PARAGUAY