WHY GIRLS' EDUCATION MATTERS

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130.9 million girls globally are not in school
98.5 million girls 12 - 17 years globally are not in school
11.2 million girls 12-17 years from East/South East Asia are not in school

64, 431 adolescent girls in Cambodia are estimated to **not** be in school

Education enrollment for girls in Cambodia 2016-2017 school year:
94. 6% Primary
38.9% Lower secondary
20.3% Upper secondary

SCHOOL DROP OUT RATES FOR GIRLS IN PHNOM PENH

Grade 5 - 2.7%
Grade 6 - 2.8%
Grade 7 - **10.9%**
Grade 8 - 6.3%
Grade 9 - **18.9%**
Grade 10 - 6.5%
Grade 11 - 2.4%
Grade 12 - **29.9 %**

Drop out & completion rates for girls in grade 9 highlights their vulnerability and increased family pressures to leave school and gain (often exploitative) employment

Completion rates for girls' education 2016-2017
Graduating to the next grade

NATIONAL:
Lower Secondary 45.97%
Upper Secondary 21.3%

PHNOM PENH:
Lower Secondary 44.35%
Upper Secondary 27.23%

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11.63% drop out rate
88.60% Completion rate all grades
83.56% Completion rate Lower Secondary
97.56% Completion rate Upper Secondary

Grade 9 National exams - 80.49%
Grade 12 Diploma - 100%

TEEN MARRIAGE & TEEN PREGNANCY

40 million girls aged 15-19 years are currently married or in union globally
15.5% of girls aged 15-19 years are married or in union in Cambodia

17 Million girls give birth every year. 16 million 15-19 years & 1 million <15 years
95% of adolescent births occur in developing countries
Complications from pregnancy and child birth are the second leading cause of death for adolescent girls aged between 15-19 years globally
In Cambodia - one in three women 15-19 who have never been to school have begun childbearing with latest statistics reporting the adolescent birth rate (births per 1,000 girls aged 15-19 yrs is 52.2%

VULNERABILITY FACTORS FOR EXPLOITATION & TRAFFICKING IN CAMBODIA:
Poverty; Debt; limited or no education; obligation for young women & girls to contribute financially to family; family dysfunction/breakdown