



Why do we focus on girls' education?

A growing body of research indicates that educating girls can make all the difference in places like Africa.

The Need

- ❖ 95 percent of girls in Tanzania don't complete a high school education.
- ❖ The annual Tanzanian government grant is \$5 per student. The U.S. government spends over \$9,000 per student per year.
- ❖ Approximately 25 percent of girls in developing countries are not in school.
- ❖ Out of the world's 130 million out-of-school youth, 70 percent are girls.
- ❖ 38 percent of girls in developing countries marry before age 18.

The Ripple Effect

- ❖ When girls are educated, they are three times less likely to contract HIV/AIDS.
- ❖ If an African mother has five years of education, her child has a 40 percent better chance of living to age 5.
- ❖ An extra year of primary school boosts girls' eventual wages by 10-20 percent. An extra year of secondary: 20-25 percent.
- ❖ When women earn an income, they reinvest 90 percent of it into their families, while men reinvest approximately 30 to 40 percent.
- ❖ When girls go to school, they marry later and have fewer, healthier children.

Sources: Tanzanian Ministry of Education, World Bank, The Girl Effect