



Supporting the Economic Empowerment of Afghan Women through Education and Training in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan

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GIRLS AND EDUCATION

773 mln

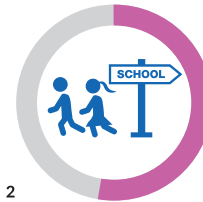
adults are
ILLITERATE
globally¹



2/3
of them
are women
(approximately
515 mln)¹

258 mln

children,
adolescents and
youth (17%) are
OUT OF SCHOOL²



130 mln
girls

between the age
of 6 and 17 are
OUT OF SCHOOL³

MAIN BARRIERS TO GIRLS' EDUCATION⁴



Harmful gender stereotypes and
unequal social norms and values



Gender-based violence
against women and girls



Lack of inclusive and quality learning environment and inadequate and unsafe education infrastructure, including sanitation (e.g. lack of female teachers, discriminatory curricula, learning materials, and teaching methods)



Child marriage and early
and unintended pregnancy



Poverty



Security issues, wars
and conflicts

PANDEMIC IMPACT ON EDUCATION⁵



COVID-19



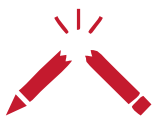
90%

schools closed
worldwide



800 mln

girls affected⁶



23,8 mln

additional children and youth
(from pre-primary to tertiary)
may drop out or have no access
to school next year due to the
pandemic's economic impact alone



1,6 bln

learners across all ages (94%)
in **200** countries affected
by the pandemic



80-85%
over **50%**

coverage in HIGH income countries
coverage in LOW income countries



<30%
increase in
socio-economic
SKILLS GAP

¹ 2018 UNESCO Institute of Statistics: <https://tellmaps.com/uis/literacy/#!/tellmap/-601865091>

² Global Education Monitoring Report 2020

³ <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/girlseducation>

⁴ Gender report 2019 <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000368753>, <https://www.right-to-education.org/girlswomen>

⁵ https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2020/08/sg_policy_brief_covid-19_and_education_august_2020.pdf

⁶ [https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)31412-4.pdf](https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736(20)31412-4.pdf)



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KAZAKHSTAN⁷



UZBEKISTAN⁸



AFGHANISTAN⁹



Population

over
18
mln

over
32
mln

over
37
mln



Youth and adults are illiterate

28 584
10,5 thousand 18 thousand

0 1 660

over
10
mln



School-age children

3,1
mln

6,6
mln

12 mln
over **9** mln in schools
of them Girls
3,5 mln¹⁰ (39%)



Out of school children

12,9
thousand

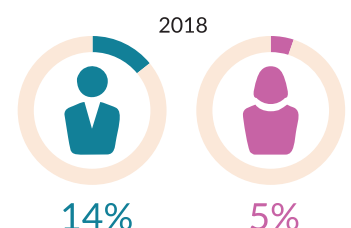
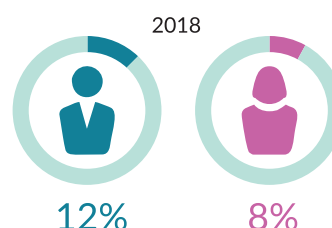
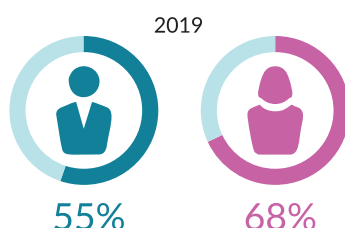
17,3
thousand

3,7 mln
of them Girls
2,2 mln¹¹ (60%)

GENDER GAP IN HIGHER EDUCATION



Between age 18-22 enrolled for tertiary education



In 2001 no women obtaining higher education in Afghanistan¹²

⁷ UNESCO Atlas for Kazakhstan - <http://uis.unesco.org/en/country/kz>

⁸ UNESCO Atlas for Uzbekistan - <http://uis.unesco.org/en/country/uz>

⁹ UNESCO Atlas for Afghanistan - <http://uis.unesco.org/en/country/af>

¹⁰ <https://www.usaid.gov/afghanistan/education>, Human rights watch Report "I Won't Be A Doctor, and One Day You'll Be Sick"

¹¹ UN OCHA service - <https://reliefweb.int/report/afghanistan/humanitarian-action-children-2020-afghanistan#:~:text=One%20third%20of%20school%20Daged,children%20live%20in%20conflict%20affected%20areas>

¹² <https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20170111130351745>