

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



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Overview of SDG 4

<https://youtu.be/3LOxlvJjfio>

Discussion Question 1

Which areas and what populations are in need of increased quality education?

TRUE OR FALSE

There is no
difference in lack
of access to
education
between boys
and girls

Facts

Girls are at the greatest disadvantage in receiving access to education

Around the world, more than 75% of girls currently out of school are never expected to enroll again

Discussion Question 2

**Why is
education
important?**

**What are the
benefits?**

Benefits of Universal Education

Reduces
Poverty

Lowers Child
Mortality Rate

Promotes
Gender
Equality

Fights HIV/AIDS

Provides access
to food &
shelter

Lack of Education Leads To...

Increase in Unemployment

Poor Health

Civil Unrest

Increased Vulnerability to Disease, Abuse, Exploitation

Increased Cycles of Poverty and Gender Inequality

Discussion Question 3

What are some
barriers
preventing
quality
education?

Girls and Education

Girls are more likely to be denied an education

Very likely for girls to be married off at a young age

Girls have a higher likelihood of being put into sex trafficking

Threatened with violence for attending school

- Nigerian terrorists abducted 270 school girls



Case Study: Malala Yousafzai

<https://youtu.be/NlqOhxQ0-H8>

THE MALALA FUND

1

Invests in educators and activists in developing countries

2

Key initiative = the Gulmakai Network

- Supports the work of education champions in developing countries
- Speeds up progress towards girls' secondary education around the world.

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Has initiatives from Brazil to Nigeria to Syria and more



Barriers - Case Study 2 – Child Soldiers



CHILD SOLDIERS

- In 2017, 14 countries were identified as using children in armed groups
- Children can be abducted and forcibly recruited by the military
- These children cannot benefit from education opportunities
- Some children are under the age of 10 when they are forced to serve
- Girls make up an estimated 10-30% of child soldiers



Example: Myanmar

- 8th on the list of countries at risk of children being recruited into the military
- Children have been often forcibly enlisted into the national army
- Deployed to areas where state forces have been fighting armed opposition groups

Mercy Corps Colombian Initiative Program

- Global humanitarian organization empowering people to recover from crisis, build better lives, and transform their communities for good.
- <https://youtu.be/OZuMKVPXgbQ>



SDG 4 Progress

- Net enrollment rates were 91% for primary education
 - 84% for lower secondary education
 - 63% for upper secondary education
- 85% of primary school teachers worldwide are trained
- With NGOs like Peace Corps and CARE, educational programs are being created and implemented

What Can You Do to Help?