Overview of SDG 4

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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.

3. Has initiatives from Brazil to Nigeria to Syria and more
Barriers - Case Study 2 – 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?