



*LET GIRLS LEARN

WHAT IS LET GIRLS LEARN?

In March 2015, the President and First Lady launched Let Girls Learn, a U.S. government initiative aimed at helping adolescent girls attain a quality education that empowers them to reach their full potential. It combines the necessary political will, diplomacy, grassroots organizing and development expertise needed to create lasting change. Recognizing that adolescent girls face multiple challenges in pursuing an education, Let Girls Learn employs a holistic approach to support the whole girl.

WHAT IS THE GOAL?

Let Girls Learn has three strategic objectives:

- * To change the perception of the value of girls at the individual, community and institutional levels
- * To foster an enabling environment for adolescent girls' education
- * To engage and equip girls to be agents of change

WHO CAN BE INVOLVED?

If we're going to transform girls' lives around the world, we need everyone—governments, organizations, community leaders, and individuals—to join us.

Around the world, girls face complex **physical, cultural, and financial barriers** in accessing education. As a girl grows older, the fight to get an education becomes even harder. Her family must be willing to pay **school fees**. She may have a **long, unsafe walk to school**. She may be **forced to marry**. And she often **lacks the support she needs to learn**.

Yet, we know that **educating girls can transform lives, families, communities, and entire countries**. When girls are educated, they lead **healthier and more productive lives**. They gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to **break the cycle of poverty** and help **strengthen their societies**. We know that countries with more girls in secondary school tend to have **lower maternal mortality rates, lower infant mortality rates, lower rates of HIV/AIDS, and better child nutrition**.



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**GLOBALLY, OVER 62 MILLION GIRLS, HALF OF THEM ADOLESCENTS, ARE NOT IN SCHOOL.
MILLIONS MORE ARE FIGHTING TO STAY THERE.**

HOW AGENCIES ARE CONTRIBUTING...



The **U.S. Department of State** engages in diplomacy, public outreach and partnerships to empower adolescent girls and ensure they have access to secondary education.



USAID works in countries affected by armed conflict and crisis to provide safe access to schools, help rebuild education systems and create alternative learning programs.



Peace Corps trains thousands of volunteers and tens of thousands of community leaders to advance girls' education and empowerment at the grassroots level.



The **Millennium Challenge Corporation** invests in education projects and policy reforms to ensure girls have the skills and knowledge needed to get jobs and increase livelihoods.

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