

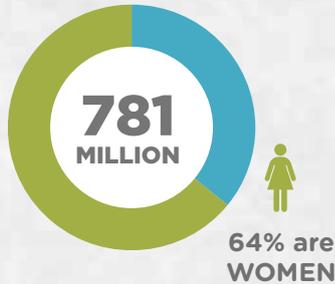
GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S EDUCATION



ACCORDING TO UNESCO, 77 MILLION GIRLS WORLDWIDE ARE ILLITERATE. The share of illiterate women and girls worldwide has remained the same for the last decade.

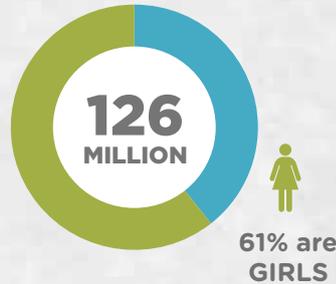
ADULT ILLITERATE POPULATION

Age > 15



YOUTH ILLITERATE POPULATION

Age 15-24



“If we truly believe that every girl in every corner of the globe is worthy of an education as our own daughters and granddaughters are, then we need to deepen our commitment to these efforts.”

–U.S. First Lady
Michelle Obama



WHAT CAN BE DONE?

MOBILIZE RESOURCES TO TARGET COUNTRIES WITH THE HIGHEST ILLITERACY RATES FOR GIRLS AND THE GREATEST CAPACITY



ENSURE GIRLS HAVE BASIC LITERACY SKILLS

Teacher Training

Mobile Literacy

Parental/Community
Engagement

Books



EMPOWER WOMEN AS ENTREPRENEURS

STEM Skills

Entertainment/Arts Industry
Training

Entrepreneurial Education

Safe and Accessible Schools



UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova with graduates of UNESCO's South Sudan Literacy Teacher Training Program

“Let us wage a glorious struggle against illiteracy, poverty and terrorism, let us pick up our books and our pens, they are the most powerful weapons.”

–2014 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai



THE POOREST RURAL GIRLS ARE LAGGING FAR BEHIND THE RICHEST URBAN BOYS



Source : Global Monitoring Report 2014