

# WHY IT MATTERS

EDUCATION: The antidote for ignorance, poverty, and war

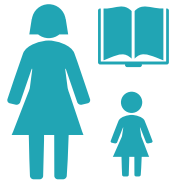


## WHEN GIRLS ARE EDUCATED, SOCIETIES CHANGE

A woman's earnings will be **10-20% HIGHER** or every year of school she completes



HIGHER EARNINGS



INCREASED LIFE EXPECTANCY

The child of a literate mother has a **50% GREATER CHANCE OF SURVIVING PAST AGE 5.**

Some countries lose more than **\$1 BILLION A YEAR** by failing to educate girls to the same level as boys

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY



Some 171 million people could be lifted out of poverty if all students in low-income countries acquired basic reading skills

