



UNGEI in Action: 2000 - 2006

UNGEI presence is in the following countries

<i>Country</i>	<i>UNGEI Initiated</i>
West/Central Africa	
Nigeria	2003
Guinea	2003
Congo, Dem. Rep. of	2004
Central African Republic	2004
Benin	2004
Guinea-Bissau	2004
Cameroon	2005
Senegal	2005
Mali	2005
Burkina Faso	2005
Sierra Leone	2005
Equatorial Guinea	2006
Côte d'Ivoire	2006
Eastern/Southern Africa	
Kenya	2004
Lesotho	2004
Malawi	2004
Rwanda	2004
South Africa	2004
Tanzania, United Rep. of	2004
Uganda	2004
Zimbabwe	2004
Burundi	2005
Eritrea	2005
Central and Eastern Europe/ Commonwealth of Independent States	
Turkey	2003
Middle East/North Africa	
Egypt	2000
Djibouti	2004
Sudan	2004
East Asia/Pacific	
Viet Nam	
China	2005
Thailand	
Latin America/Caribbean	
No country information on UNGEI presence available	

Examples of UNGEI in Action

China

The UN Theme Group on Basic Education (UNTG BE) has prepared a mapping of initiatives on gender equality and girls' education describing their geographical coverage, documentation and materials produced. It also lists surveys/studies done in the field of gender equality by member agencies and organizations.

Partners: Asian Development Bank, DFID, European Commission, GBEP, Initiative Développement, Save the Children UK, UNICEF.

Djibouti

The UNGEI network is affiliated with the Education for All (EFA) Steering Committee. Save the Children, an UNGEI partner, conducted a baseline survey in all five districts of Djibouti to evaluate girls' school enrolment and retention rates and explain their high drop-out rates.

Partners: Al-Muntada Al-Islami, French Corporation, Government, Japanese Agency for International Cooperation, Save the Children, UNDP, UNFPA, USAID, WFP.

Eritrea

Partners have developed a framework for Life Skills education including HIV/AIDS, Health and Sanitation, Mine Risk Education and Adolescent Reproductive Health. Partners also support the UNICEF/Ministry of Health Initiative to provide complementary education to out-of-school youth; UNGEI is focusing on the life-skills component of this initiative. UNGEI messages promoting girls' education are disseminated through school clubs and communities.

Partners: NGOs, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP, World Bank.

Lesotho

UNGEI was launched in 2004. An UNGEI task force was set up and is one of the working groups in the Lesotho Forum for Education Development. Girls' Education is now firmly on the education agenda, and specific interventions to reach and maintain gender equality are embedded in the Education Sector Strategic Plan. They include: a school health policy with specific reference to gender issues, gender-responsive water and sanitation facilities and fast tracking a gender-responsive curriculum on life skills.

Partners: Girls/Boys Education Movement (GBEM) Clubs, Ministry of Education, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP, WHO.

Nigeria

The Nigeria Girls' Education Initiative (NGEI) has become a catalyst in creating girls' education partnerships and encouraging partners to promote and intensify support for girls' education. Key achievements include: the development in 2005 of a communication strategy for girls' education that is integrated into the National Strategy for Accelerating Girls' Education, establishment of special committees to coordinate the strategy at state levels and adoption of a Child-Friendly School strategy.

Partners: African Development Bank, DFID, JICA, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Women Affairs, NGOs, UNESCO, UNICEF, USAID, World Bank.

Sierra Leone

The Girls' Education Network (SLeGEN) was officially launched, focusing on policies, laws, social and cultural practices and attitudes, cost of education, teacher recruitment and development of a gender disaggregated database. A government policy waived school fees for girls on all national examinations, abolished school fees at the primary school level and offered scholarships to girls going into secondary schools.

Partners: Civil Society, Journalists' Network for Girls' Education, NGOs, Student Network for Girls' Education, UN Agencies, University of Freetown.

Turkey

Haydi Kizlar Okula, a Girls' Education Campaign, was launched in 2003. It targets the 53 provinces with the lowest girls' enrolment, working in partnership with local NGOs, universities and the military at the provincial level. Although Turkey has made significant progress towards universal primary education, the country has not achieved gender parity, and the Ministry of Education has set a new deadline of 2007 for reaching this target.

Partners: AED, CAMFED, CARE, CIDA, DANIDA, DFID, Government, ILO, media, NGOs, NORAD, Sida, UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, universities, WFP.