

GIRLS TOO!

EDUCATION FOR ALL

Early Childhood Care and Education Messages

Delivering relevant early childhood care and education (ECCE) of good quality for girls and boys, in particular the most marginalized and disadvantaged girls, ensures the achievement of the EFA goals and contributes to the achievement of the MDGs.

- ECCE prepares a solid foundation for learning and makes both girls and boys ready to attend school at the right age. It also improves parents and caretaker' readiness to send their children to school by equipping them with deeper knowledge and skills to care for their children.
- ECCE increases girls' motivation, expectations and self-esteem – characteristics that enable them to better protect themselves against violence, HIV and AIDS and emergencies.
- More girls can attend and complete school if the children they need to care for are receiving ECCE. This is a particular issue for children affected by HIV and AIDS.
- ECCE can help change the roots of discrimination of girls and violence against women by promoting gender equity – teaching boys and girls that they are equal from an early age.



Okumak istiyoruz! (We want to learn!)
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