

- ... “Are those equal, those who know and those who do not know? It is those who are endowed with understanding that receive admonition” (Q39:9).
- ... “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).
- Educating a girl is not a waste; it is an investment to secure the future.
- Sending girls to school today promises society of the availability of the needed professionals such as female doctors, nurses, teachers and counselors, among others who will support our community.
- Improve funding and sustain commitment to support girl's education at all levels.
- Every child belongs to the community, ensure collective efforts to provide all children the opportunity to be educated and become responsible for the development of our communities.
- Enforcement of community bye laws that support education is key to development.
- Anytime a girl is denied her right to quality education, chances are increased that she will be subject to violence, abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and also increase her susceptibility to poverty and disease, including HIV/AIDS.

BASIC MESSAGES



GIRLS EDUCATION



Key messages

- Girls' education is a core development issue. Every year a girl is in school is a progressive step towards eliminating poverty, advancing sustainable human development, stopping the spread and mitigating the impact of HIV/AIDS.
- Parents, community and religious leaders are the driving force for motivating girls to go to school.
- Girls' education exerts a strong force for social transformation, addressing issues of exclusion and discrimination while promoting the values of tolerance, equality and mutual respect.
- The state of girls' education presents a broad social crisis. The numbers and proportions of girls not in school is a human rights tragedy.
- Continued failure to reverse this trend;
 - Perpetuates entrenched inequalities and condemns girls.
 - Condemns another generation of boys and girls to ignorance, poverty and misery as the children of these out-of-school boys and girls have increased possibility of suffering.

Children are the pride of the nation, send them to school now

- Progress in girls' education – or lack of it is directly related to other major areas of concern for children, such as overall health status, stunted development, exploitation and abuse.
 - Educating girls facilitates poverty reduction, therefore, increase the enrollment of girls in basic education to break the vicious cycle of poverty.
 - Various studies have shown that girls education is one of the most effective tools towards development.
 - To end poverty, provide opportunity for all girls to enroll, complete basic education and support their further learning for professionalism.
- Girls make up the majority of the nearly 120 million children out of school, and their numbers increase in times of conflict, social crisis and natural disasters. In countries with a strong son-preference or out right gender discrimination, girls are often the last to be enrolled in school and the first to be withdrawn.**
- Support 'today's girls' to go to school, they will become 'tomorrow's good and healthy mothers'.
 - Girl's education increases the human development base of the nation, Nigeria can not afford to loose out.
 - Education for all children is the moral responsibility of all parents.