

Transforming social norms for gender equality in and through education

Gender at the Center Initiative

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What is the Gender at the Centre Initiative (GCI)?

- A multistakeholder initiative to promote gender equality in and through education
- Launched in 2019 by G7 Ministers of education and development
- GCI Alliance: partnership between Ministries of Education, civil society, donors, multilateral agencies
- Implemented in 8 countries: Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Chad, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Mozambique, Nigeria
- Coordinated by UNGEI and UNESCO-IIEP

Gender-Responsive Education Sector Planning (GRESP)

GCI is rooted in Gender-Responsive Education Sector Planning (GRESP):

- Whole-system approach to embed gender equality in the DNA of national education systems
- Guidance, tools and capacity building to support governments with gender analysis, gender-sensitive stakeholder consultation, developing gender-responsive education strategies, budgeting and monitoring
- Analyzing and addressing unequal gender norms are one of the key elements of GRESP

Transforming gender norms through GCI

A. Within communities:

- Research on social norms in 8 GCI countries
- CSO consortium works with young feminist activists and community leaders to catalyze a dialogue on gender norms and promoting more equal chances to education

B. Within governments:

- Research on gender norms and institutional cultures within governments
- Course on Transformative Leadership
- Promoting cross-sectoral collaboration to address issues that are embedded in unequal gender norms (child marriage, SRGBV, adolescent pregnancy...)

Conclusion

Let's all join forces to address unequal gender norms and promote gender equality in and through education!