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
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...)

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