EDUCATING GIRLS: WHY IT MATTERS

Around the world girls face barriers to education and are unable to fulfill their potential. If a girl is educated, it creates a lasting impact on families, communities and countries.

130+ million girls are out of school

Only 25% girls are in upper secondary school

64 million girls are in child labour

What are the barriers to girls' education?

- Social and Cultural factors
- Early Marriage
- Cost and Extra Expenses of Schooling
- Distance to School
- Low value to girls' education
- Lack of separate toilets
- Lack of female teachers
- Violence at school or on the way
- Poverty and child labour
- Be Financially Independent
- Break the cycle of poverty
- Keep her family healthy
- Increase the GDP of her country

If we eliminate these barriers and send girls to schools, she can:

- Each additional school year can increase a woman’s earnings by up to 20%
- When women and girls earn, they reinvest 90% into their families and are able to eliminate generational child labour and send their children to school.
- When more girls are educated, they are likely to immunise their children and the rates of HIV and malnutrition are likely to decline.
- A country’s GDP increases an average of 3% when 10% more girls go to school.

What is Global March Against Child Labour doing to bring girls to school?

- Promoting gender mainstreaming across laws, policies and budgets and their effective implementation
- Encouraging special provisions and attention to girls for their education and empowerment.
- Promoting gender-disaggregated data in evidences for advocacy and adequate action
- Capacity building of stakeholders and raising awareness on girls education and protection of CSOs, TUs, Government, MPs, communities and masses