

## The bigger picture



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From poverty and social practices to education quality and gender-based violence, the journey to school remains fraught for girls. This is the case especially through their adolescence, a time when sexual and reproductive health issues significantly affect girls' ability to take advantage of educational opportunities.

The *Joint Programme* looks at this particular time in the lives of adolescent girls and young women. It focuses on empowering them in and through education, enabling them to thrive in the learning process and fulfil their potential as empowered individuals.

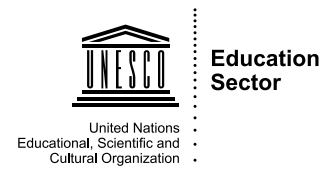
Investing in girls' education is recognized as one of the most effective ways to ensure progress in building a more inclusive and sustainable world for us all. The drawing on the experience, good practices and lessons learned from Mali, Nepal and the United Republic of Tanzania, the *Joint Programme* seeks to scale up its work to reach more girls in additional countries.

### Join us

Grounded in the collective commitment of three agencies, UNESCO, UNFPA and UN Women, the *Joint Programme* provides a solid platform for Member States, donors, foundations, the private sector and other stakeholders interested and committed to the promotion of gender equality, and girls' and women's empowerment. Contact us to support the *Joint Programme*.

### UNESCO Education Sector

Education is UNESCO's top priority because it is a basic human right and the foundation on which to build peace and drive sustainable development. UNESCO is the United Nations' specialized agency for education and the Education Sector provides global and regional leadership in education, strengthens national education systems and responds to contemporary global challenges through education with a special focus on gender equality and Africa.



### The Global Education 2030 Agenda

UNESCO, as the United Nations' specialized agency for education, is entrusted to lead and coordinate the Education 2030 Agenda, which is part of a global movement to eradicate poverty through 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Education, essential to achieve all of these goals, has its own dedicated Goal 4, which aims to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all." The Education 2030 Framework for Action provides guidance for the implementation of this ambitious goal and commitments.



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## UNESCO, UNFPA & UN Women Joint Programme

## on Empowering Adolescent Girls and Young Women through Education

The *Joint Programme* on Empowering Adolescent Girls and Young Women through Education is a joint initiative between UNESCO, UNFPA and UN Women. Launched in 2015, it applies a collaborative, coordinated and multi-sectoral approach to ensure girls' and women's right to quality education.

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## About the Joint Programme

The *Joint Programme on Empowering Adolescent Girls and Young Women through Education* leverages the collective expertise, experience and networks of three United Nations agencies – UNESCO, UNFPA and UN Women.

It aims to empower adolescent girls and young women aged 10 to 24 to make successful and healthy transitions into adulthood, in and through quality education.





Taking a lifecycle perspective and a holistic approach, the *Joint Programme* strengthens the links between education, health and gender equality.

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## Main areas of action

**The *Joint Programme* focuses on the following inter-connected main areas of action to ensure girls' and young women's empowerment, and their transition into healthy adulthood through quality education. This holistic and comprehensive approach promotes gender equality and ultimately contributes to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**

	<p><b>Quality education</b> Improving the quality and relevance of education for adolescent girls and young women through policy advocacy, curriculum development and support to school management.</p>
	<p><b>Health and well-being</b> Strengthening linkages between the health and education sectors to respond to the needs of adolescent girls and young women at risk of early pregnancy and school dropout through water and sanitation facilities, and comprehensive sexuality education (CSE).</p>
	<p><b>Enabling environments</b> Addressing the structural barriers to girls' education through advocacy and community engagement, and supporting institutional and legislative change and inter-sectoral coordination.</p>
	<p><b>Building the evidence base</b> Documenting and collecting relevant data to target interventions, and to inform gender-responsive policies and actions.</p>

## Snapshots from participating countries

The *Joint Programme* in Mali, Nepal and the United Republic of Tanzania is supported by the Korea International Cooperation Agency. It is reaching an estimated 2 million people, including in and out-of-school adolescent girls and young women, boys and young men, teachers, policy-makers and community members.

