The Economic Returns to Investing in Girls

Global GDP could grow to $4 trillion if more girls entered the workforce at age 18. GDP per capita in LMICs* could increase by 15% in the first year alone.

**THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL**

- 600 MILLION adolescent girls worldwide
- 400 MILLION living in LMICs*
- 130 MILLION not enrolled in school
- 135 MILLION married before age 18

**THE WORKFORCE GENDER GAP**

If girls could stay in school and delay marriage and pregnancy, more girls could enter the workforce at age 18...

- 79% MEN in workforce
- 47% WOMEN in workforce

and cut the gender gap in LMICs by \( \frac{1}{2} \)

**THE ECONOMIC GAINS**

- In the first year alone, GDP in LMICs increases 15%
- Global GDP grows by $4 trillion

Invest in solutions proven to have a measurable impact on girls’ lives.

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*Low- and middle-income countries, excluding China.
