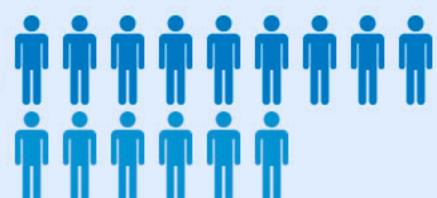


More boys are currently out of school than girls

132_{million}
BOYS







are out of school globally

Boys and education



In 130/140 countries

boys are more likely than girls to repeat primary grades

In over 1/2 countries

boys are less likely than girls to complete upper secondary grades

In 57 countries

with data boys fare worse than girls in mastering reading skills

88 men

for 100 women are enrolled at university globally

Key drivers





Poverty Gender Norms





Harsh Discipline

Bullying

This matters because

Few programmes and policies address boys' disengagement

2

Men's job prospects, salaries and mental health are affected

3

Educated men are more likely to support gender equality

Supporting boys' education is **not a zero-sum game.**It benefits girls and boys, and society at large.

UNESCO recommends to

- Offer flexible learning programmes
- Provide inclusive teaching and learning materials
- Reinforce labour laws and abolish repetition policies
- Address harmful gender norms
- Invest in sex-disaggregated data to inform action

