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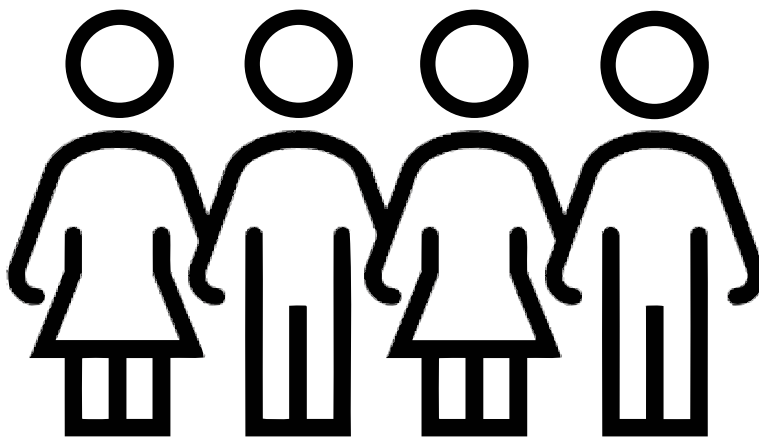
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# Supporting girls' education worldwide: results

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The UK is recognised as leading worldwide on girls' education. Between 2015 and 2020, we supported at least 15.6 million children to gain a decent education,

including 8.1 million girls.



Total children reached  
with a decent education:

**15.6 million**

**8.1  
million  
girls**

**7.5  
million  
boys**

The UK reached a total of 15.6 million children with a decent education between 2015 and 2020. 8.1 million of these children were girls and 7.5 million of these children were boys.

Of the 8.1 million girls we supported between 2015 and 2020, over 65% were girls living in either fragile or extremely fragile countries. The UK is committed to supporting the girls living in the most challenging circumstances.

Through the [Girls' Education Challenge](#) programme, the UK has helped more than 1.5 million girls across 17 countries to access learning opportunities. This includes:

- 152,000 girls with disabilities who previously faced significant barriers to attending school
- 179,000 girls who had never been to school
- 65,000 girls who had been excluded from school because they were mothers
- 495,000 of the most vulnerable girls living in fragile and conflict-affected contexts

**152,000** 

girls with disabilities who previously faced significant barriers to attending school who are now in education

**179,000** 

girls who have never been to school before who now have a second chance at education

**65,000** 

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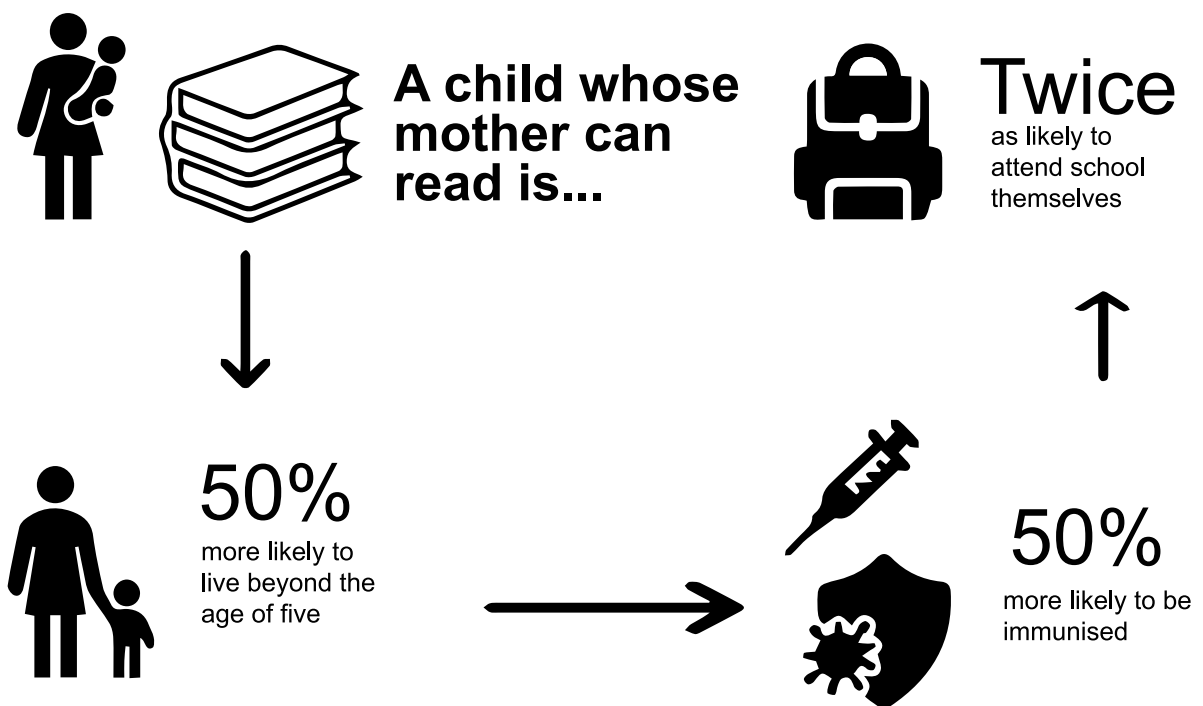
## Why girls' education

Educating girls is one of the most cost effective and impactful investments we can

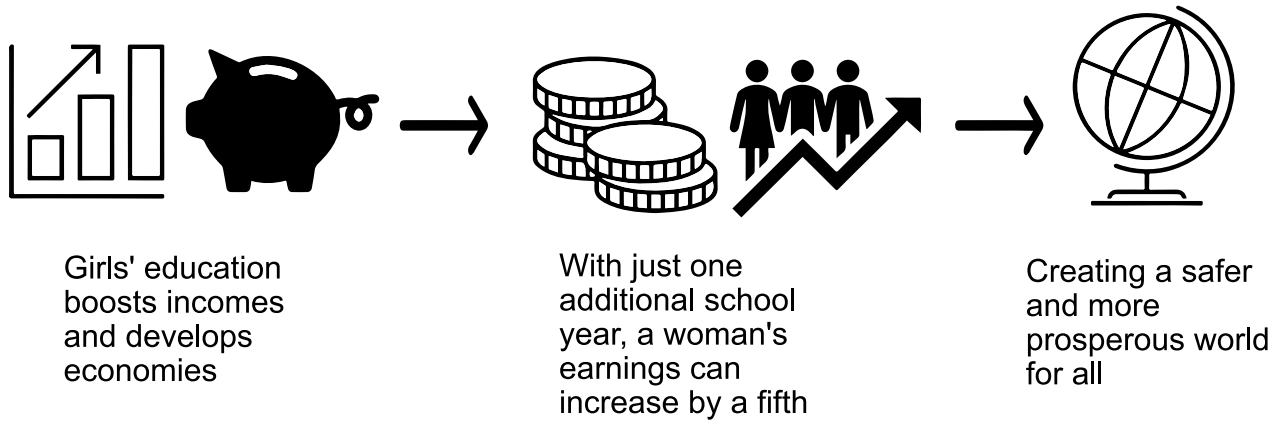
make, with intergenerational benefits.

A child whose mother can read is:

- 50% more likely to live beyond the age of 5
- 50% more likely to be immunised, and
- twice as likely to attend school themselves [\[footnote 1\]](#)



Girls' education boosts incomes and develops economies. With just one additional school year, a woman's earnings can increase by a fifth, creating a more prosperous world for all.



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1. [Education Counts, UNESCO \(unesco.org\)](#) (accessed 11 July 2023) ↩

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