# THE GIRL EFFECT FACTSHEET









### CHILD MARRIAGE

- One in seven girls in the developing world (excluding China) will be married before the age of 15.
  - Source 1.1
- Every year, approximately 10 million teenage girls are wed. That's 25,000 per day, 19 every minute.
  - Source 1.2
- Child brides have a pregnancy death rate double that of women in their 20s.
  - Source 1.3
- One-third of girls in the developing world will be married before the age of 18. Source 1.4
- Girls from poor families are nearly twice as likely to marry before 18 than girls from wealthier families. Source 1.5



## AGE AT FIRST BIRTH

Half of all first births in the

- developing world are to adolescent girls. ▶ Source 2.1
- Medical complications from pregnancy and childbirth are the leading cause of death among girls aged 15-19 worldwide. ▶ Source 2.2
- Girls between the ages of 10 and 14 are five times more likely to die in pregnancy or childbirth than women aged 20 to 24. Source 2.3
- If a mother is under the age of 18, her infant's risk of dying in its first year of life is 60 per cent greater than that of an infant born to a mother older than 19. Source 2.4



## **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

- Closing the joblessness gap between girls and their male counterparts would yield an increase in GDP of up to 1.2 per cent in a single year. ► Source 3.1
- An extra year of primary school education boosts girls' eventual wages by 10-20 per cent. An extra year of secondary school adds 15-25 per cent. Source 3.2
- to non-land resources and services as men could increase yields on women's land by up to 30 per cent, raise total agricultural output in developing countries by up to four per cent and reduce the number of hungry people in the world by 100-150 million. ▶ Source 3.3

Giving women the same access



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receives seven years of education, she marries four years later and has 2.2 fewer children. ► Source 4.1

five per cent in 19 sub-Saharan

When a girl in the developing world

- Secondary school completion rates for adolescent girls is below
- African countries. Source 4.2 In sub-Saharan Africa, fewer than one in five girls makes it to

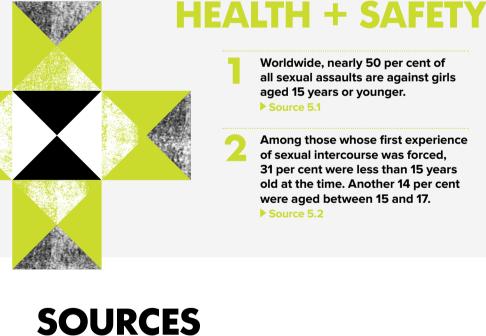
secondary school.

Source 4.3

adolescence have a later sexual debut, are less likely to be subjected to forced sex and, if sexually active, are more likely to use contraception than their age peers who are out of school. ▶ Source 4.4

Girls who stay in school during

- On average, only 70 per cent of girls
- with 28 hours or more per week of household chores attend school. When that chore burden is reduced to less than 14 hours, 90 per cent attend school. Source 4.5



#### Worldwide, nearly 50 per cent of all sexual assaults are against girls

Source 5.1 Among those whose first experience of sexual intercourse was forced,

aged 15 years or younger.

- 31 per cent were less than 15 years
- old at the time. Another 14 per cent were aged between 15 and 17. Source 5.2
- and 24 are living with HIV. More than 60 per cent - 3.2 million - of young people living with HIV are girls. Source 5.3 Each year, an estimated three million girls experience genital mutilation

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