



However, despite the progress that has been made in increasing access to primary education, considerable gaps remain, particularly for girls. According to the Education for All Global Monitoring Report, 72 million children are out of school, and 54% of the unschooled are girls. In addition, although gender parity in primary education has increased over the past decade, a parity gap of 6 million still remains.

The use of efficient cookstoves can dramatically reduce fuel consumption and exposure to harmful smoke. More efficient stoves also reduce the time people (usually women and girls) have to spend collecting fuel, which, particularly in areas of conflict, could also reduce the likelihood of their exposure to gender-based violence. Since stoves last for several years, the accumulated savings in time and cost can be invested back into families, communities, and economies.

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