



# Save Her Seat



Invest in the world's most vulnerable girls to complete their education.

## Facing a Crisis

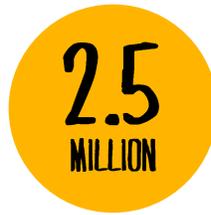
Even before the pandemic, 132 million girls globally weren't in school, denied their right to an education due to their gender. COVID-19 is making things worse by rolling back years of progress on gender equality, and threatening the futures of millions more girls. **The pandemic's disruptions to schooling are combining with other crises to make girls twice as likely as boys to drop out of school and to stay out.** For the world's most vulnerable girls, dropping out of school leads to greater risks of exploitation, poverty, and abuse.



11 million girls are not expected to return to school once they reopen



2 million more cases of female genital mutilation expected



2.5 million more girls at risk of marriage before age 18

## Save Her a Seat in a Classroom

Education is the foundation for equality and success in a girls' life. The more years of education a girl completes, the easier it is for her to claim her rights and resist those who would take them away.

**We invite you to join us in creating a world where girls can face down the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, sit back down at their once-empty classroom seats, and find the inspiration inside themselves to reach for a brighter future.**

We can teach girls their rights and strengthen their ability to stand up for themselves. We can create supportive communities by turning leaders, parents, teachers, and boys into allies for girls' right to learn. We can empower girls to return to school and complete their education, to become learners, leaders, and change-makers in their society. It all starts with getting them back into school where they can learn.

### Who It's For:

Girls who are at risk of dropping out of school or who are unable to attend

### Where:

Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East & South Asia

### Our Goal:

Empower 50,000 of the world's most vulnerable girls to finish their schooling

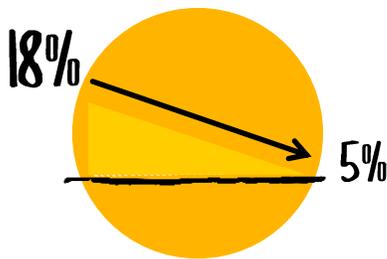


## Proven Experience at Empowering Girls

For over 20 years, Right To Play has worked to protect, educate, and empower children. We reach 1.15 million girls each year with active, gender-responsive programs that use play-based active learning to cultivate their strength. But the longer the pandemic continues, the tougher it becomes for girls to keep on learning.

Throughout the pandemic, we have supported girls both remotely and through safe in-person sessions. We have worked with girls to create community-based radio dramas that share information about girls' rights. We have trained teachers and coaches to support girls who are in lockdown and socially isolated. And we continue to provide vital services like emergency mental health support for girls who are struggling with the combined effects of COVID-19 and other crises like conflict or disasters. Acting now to expand the support we can offer girls will allow us to build on our past successes to meet the urgent threat COVID-19 and other crises are posing to girls' futures.

## Your Gift and What It Can Do



In Pakistan, fewer girls suffer from depression when we create safe spaces for them to learn<sup>1</sup>



In Uganda, fewer girls missed classes because of menstruation after teachers were sensitized to their needs<sup>2</sup>



In Jordan, girls' commitment to learning grows stronger when they can access Right To Play activities<sup>3</sup>

“Like lots of other girls in my village, I was at risk of having my dreams cut short by a marriage or a pregnancy before I had finished school.”

— Adele, Junior Leader, Tanzania

## What Your Gift Can Do



It **saves** a girl's seat in school for a **full academic year**



<sup>1</sup> UKAID, “Right To Play: Preventing violence among and against children in schools in Hyderabad, Pakistan, Evidence Brief”, 2018  
<sup>2</sup> READ Final Report, 2019  
<sup>3</sup> TAALOM Midline Report, 2019