

PRIORITÉ À L'ÉGALITÉ  
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CENTRE 

**PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY**

**IN EDUCATION SYSTEMS IN AFRICA**



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# Advancing gender equality in and through education

**Closing gender gaps in education can unlock progress on gender equality overall, benefiting not only women and girls, but all of society, including men and boys.**

Deep-rooted social and gender norms limit the expectations and empowerment of women and girls in particular, and lead to disparities in investment in girls' education.

Promoting gender equality in education is not only a matter of social justice but also a factor for growth. Boosting access to quality education for both girls and boys provides an economy with a skilled workforce that can contribute equitably to development.

Launched by Education and Development Ministers at the G7 meeting in 2019, GCI is currently being implemented in 8 pilot countries: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Mozambique, Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

# What We Do:



## **Gender & educational technical support**

Develop gender responsive educational planning processes and support the changes necessary to institutionalize and integrate gender equality in educational systems.



## **Training & capacity development**

Design, coordinate and deliver high-level training to develop professional and institutional capacity around gender issues in education.



## **Knowledge sharing**

Provide resources, share methodologies and facilitate communities of practice in order to increase knowledge about gender equality practices in education, facilitate the understanding of issues & challenges, and assist in decision-making.

# Closing gender gaps in education to unlock progress

*“A girl is not only made to be married or to work in the household, but to study like the boys and prepare her future.”*

- Female teacher at Tièguéna school, Mali

The Gender at the Centre Initiative (GCI) is an Alliance of partners, coordinated by UNGEI and IIEP-UNESCO, made up of governments, international organizations, and civil society.

