



775 million people in the world are unable to read and write. Of them, over **66 percent** are women.

CHILD BRIDES

1 in 3 girls in the developing world are married before 18, and 1 in 9 are married before 19.



SEX TRAFFICKING

Over half of sex trafficked women and children have little to no literacy skills.



INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Literacy makes women five times more likely to prevent and stop the spread of infectious diseases.



POVERTY

One additional year in school can increase a woman's earnings by 10% to 20%.



GENDER EQUALITY

Less than 40% of countries provide girls and boys with equal access to education.



INFANT MORTALITY

Infant mortality decreases by 9% for every year of education a woman attains.



CHILD LABOR

Gaining literacy skills can help women keep their children free from child labor.



VIOLENCE

1 in 3 women are victims of physical or sexual violence. Literacy can help to break the cycle.



INCARCERATION

Of the 2.2M people currently incarcerated, 714,000 are women. Inmates who gain literacy are 43% less likely to return to prison.



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