FACT SHEET

Around the world, girls face barriers to education that boys do not. But educating girls can break cycles of poverty in just one generation.

1. Over 68 million individuals have been forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations since the end of 2017. (UNHCR)

2. Every 2 seconds, one person becomes displaced. That is 44,500 people each day who are forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution. (UNHCR)

3. Of the over 68 million people who have been forcibly displaced, 40 million have stayed in their countries while 25.4 million have moved abroad as refugees. An additional 3.1 million people are known as asylum seekers—they are awaiting for their refugee status to be processed. (UNHCR)

4. 85% of the world’s refugees live in developing countries. (UNHCR)

5. More than half of the 68 million displaced persons are under the age of 18. (UNHCR)

6. Refugee children are five times more likely to be out of school than their non-refugee peers. (UNHCR)

7. In 2017, 1.5 million refugee children were not attending primary school (K–6) and 2 million were not attending secondary school (grades 7–12). (UNHCR)

8. More than 17 million girls have been displaced amid the global refugee crisis. (CARE)

9. Refugee girls are disadvantaged when it comes to accessing school. In primary school, there are 20% more refugee boys than refugee girls. By secondary school, there are 30% more boys than girls. (UNHCR)

10. In secondary school, for every 10 refugee boys, there are fewer than 7 refugee girls. Yet, if all girls finished secondary school, child marriage would plummet by 64 percent. (UNHCR)

11. One in five refugee girls will be victims of sexual violence. (UN Women)