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Girl Rising uses the power of storytelling to change the way the world values girls and their education.

This webinar will explore:

○ The disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on girls in Guatemala, Kenya, and India
○ How Girl Rising and community-based organizations are addressing these inequities
○ What you can do to help
A Look at Guatemala
Persistent Silence: Breaking the Silence Around Violence

By the Numbers:
- **123,213** girls stopped attending school in 2019. 679 reported it was due to pregnancy
- The country reported **13,740** cases of acute malnutrition in children under 5 between January and April 2020, a **203% increase** from the same time last year

Key Issues:
- Adolescent Pregnancies
- Undernourishment
- Girls Out of School

Our Response:
- Adaptation of our materials for online sessions and do-at-home portfolios
- Support for teachers
- Radio Programming
- Support with basic food supplies for families

Majo Aldana, Guatemala Country Manager
A Look at Kenya
COVID-19 and A Spike in Teenage Pregnancies

By the Numbers:
- 23% of Kenyan girls are married before their 18th birthday and 4% are married before the age of 15.
- An estimated 4 million girls and women have undergone FGM.
- 2 out of 5 teenagers are pregnant or already mothers. 59% of these pregnancies were unintended, and 98% of these girls are not in school.

Key Issues:
- Kenya & the SDGs
- Early/child marriage
- Female genital mutilation

Our Response:
- Virtual training for facilitators/educators
- Partners PBLK and Sunflower Global put together at home learning packets, distributed to over 1,500 families
- Sunflower Global provides sanitary towels to learners within their reach
A Look at India

Breaking the Myth of Technology Being the Equalizer of COVID-19

By the Numbers:
- 8% of all households have both a computer and an internet connection
- Only 11% of all Indians own a computer
- There are only 577 online classes being conducted

Key Issues:
- Digital Divide
- Digital Media
- Reproductive Health Education for Girls

Our Response:
- In partnership with the Starbucks Foundation and HP, we are exploring the use of WhatsApp Integrated Voice Responses to reach marginalized communities

Nidhi Dubey, Country Representative, GR India
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WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORY.

MY STORY

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Meeting the Needs of Girls Impacted by COVID-19

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