

# Education



**Education offers children the chance to build a brighter future and a way out of poverty.**

Unfortunately, over 250 million children and adolescents around the world do not have the opportunity to go to school.

In some countries, classrooms are overcrowded, and families can't afford school fees or supplies. Conflict or disaster can interrupt schooling. Social and cultural barriers to education are also common, especially for girls.

PWS&D, together with our partners, is working to provide children and youth with the skills they need to one day obtain employment and open doors to opportunities that have the potential to drastically improve their lives.

## In Afghanistan

For far too many girls in Afghanistan, attaining an education is considered a privilege and not a right. In a country where 3.5 million children are out of school, and 85 per cent of them are girls, investing in education is crucial for the future of Afghanistan.

### Together we are:

- Raising awareness about the importance of girls' education among parents, community members and religious leaders
- Training teachers in child rights, gender, peace and improved teaching methods
- Making sure classrooms are safe by repairing and cleaning old school buildings
- Providing school supplies and recreation facilities

## In Guatemala

Located near a garbage dump in the heart of Guatemala City is the Francisco Coll School, where PWS&D support helps marginalized girls and boys open the door to jobs and a brighter future.

### Together we are:

- Providing scholarships and affordable tuition
- Providing children with school uniforms, nutritious snacks and supplies
- Building capacity and empowering school staff and teachers to ensure innovative, dynamic and successful classrooms



## In Malawi

Orphans and vulnerable children are receiving support to improve their lives.

### Together we are:

- Supporting volunteers to provide early childhood education at community based childcare centres
- Providing children with school bags and uniforms, shoes and hygiene supplies
- Ensuring children receive food, nutritional supplements and medical care so that they can learn well and thrive
- Enrolling youth in vocational skills training

Education does more than help break the cycle of poverty—it empowers people to live more healthy and sustainable lives and is crucial for building more peaceful societies.



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