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## Importance of Girl Child Education in Nigeria

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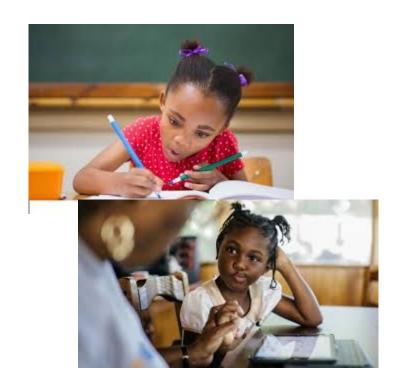
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#### Context

- Gender inequality in education opportunities
- 2. Who is a girl
- 3. Who is a child
- Basic education and post-basic education
- 5. Statistics



### Causes of Low Girl Child Education:

- Cultural & religious norms
- Customary laws and Islamic laws
- 3. Formal laws (State and National laws), including the Constitution, Penal Laws and Child Rights Laws.





4. Government Policies, like the matter of the issuance of International Passport

5. Media projections

6. Inheritance & wealth transfer

7. Preference for male children

8. Gender Violence, Harmful Practices and the violation of Sexual Reproductive and Sexual Health rights

### Benefits of Girl Child Education:

- Improve Leadership & Politics
- Increase Workforce & GDP
- Reduce the Male mortality rate
- 4. Increase legal literacy
- Increase Family Cohesion & wealth





- 6. Reduce violence against women & children
- 7. Promote gender equality
- 8. Reduce Infant and maternal mortality rates
- 9. Support Cultural development & socialization
- 10. Increase women's participation in community development and Rotary.



# How to Increase Girl Child Education in Nigeria.

- Engage traditional and religious leaders
- Engage husbands and men on gender equality and equal opportunities
- 3. Engage women on their rights, gender equality, and equal opportunities
- 4. Empower women financially

- 5. Legislate and enforce 35% affirmation to increase women in policy making
- 6. Increase punishment and enforce state and national laws on gender violence, harmful practices and violations of Sexual Reproductive and Sexual Health rights.
- 7. Offer scholarships to girl children

- 8. Legislate and enforce anti-sexual harassment laws in workplaces and schools
- 9. Engage states to legislate and enforce sincere child rights laws
- 10. Have safe homes for victims across local government areas and encourage public-private partnerships.

- 11. Have designated functional family courts at the Magistrate Court levels
- 12. Promote good family planning
- 13. Promote lawful marriages commencement and exit laws and policies

- 14. Train law enforcement officers on the management of victims of gender violence
- 15. Promote easy and safe crime reporting procedures
- 16. Fund and promote safe infant and maternal health care



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### **Rotary Commitment:**

- As a club, select a sustainable approach to support girl child education
- 2. Members should promote gender equality and equal opportunities at their homes, workplaces and communities.



### Thank you for listening! And, a million thanks to my team at SabiLaw



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