

Girls International Forum

GIRLS' PLATFORM FOR ACTION SURVEY

I. Personal Information (Your responses are confidential. Please do not put your name on the survey.)

1. What is your age? _____
2. What country do you live in? _____
3. What city and state/province do you live in? _____
4. What type of community are you from? ___ Urban ___ Near Urban ___ Suburban ___ Rural
5. What is your race/ethnicity? _____
6. How many brothers do you have (include all)? _____
7. How many sisters do you have (include all)? _____
8. What is your family's religion? _____
9. Has either of your parents passed away? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, please check the appropriate space
___ Both parents deceased ___ Mother deceased ___ Father deceased
10. Have you ever been pregnant? ___ Yes ___ No
11. Do you have a child? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, what is the age of your child? _____

II. Area of Concern: Education

1. Do you go to school? ___ Yes ___ No Do you go to an all-girls school? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, how many total years of education do you expect to have by age 18? _____
2. Compared to boys in your community, is the education girls receive is (check one):
___ Not as good ___ The same ___ Better
Please name one example to support your answer: _____
3. Do you think boys and girls in your community have an equal opportunity to go to school? ___ Yes ___ No
4. Do boys and girls receive the same amount of support once they are in school? ___ Yes ___ No
5. Do you think girls are prevented from going to school or face challenges when they are in school? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, please check the 3 most common challenges to education that girls in your community face:
___ Unable to pay for school ___ Need to work at home/care for younger siblings
___ Harassment from boys or teachers ___ Marriage
___ No schools ___ Pregnancy/Need to care for my own children
___ Family won't allow girls to go to school ___ No interest in school
___ Lack of transportation/Distance to school ___ Lack of toilets for girls
___ Against the law ___ No job opportunities after finishing school
___ Need to get a job ___ Restrictions in subject choices
___ Health problems ___ Other (please list): _____
6. Name three things that you would do or change to improve educational opportunities for girls in your community:

III. Area of Concern: Human Rights

Human rights are the rights a person has simply because he or she is a human being. Human rights are held by all persons equally, universally, and forever.

1. Complete the following sentence: I think girls should have the right to: _____

(You may list more than one.)
2. In your community, are there rights that boys have but girls don't? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, please list: _____
3. In your community, are there rights that girls have but boys don't? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, please list: _____
4. Have girls' rights been violated in your community? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, please explain: _____

5. Name something that you would do or change to improve the rights of girls in your community. _____

V. Area of Concern: Violence

Violence includes actions or words whose intent or impact cause pain, hurt, or fear.

1. What types of violence do you see in your community? _____
2. Compared to boys, are girls more often the victims of violence in your community? ___Yes ___No
3. What do you and girls you know do to stay safe? _____
Where do you hear about things to do to stay safe? _____
4. Would you tell other people if you know of someone who has been a victim of violence? ___Yes ___No
If yes, who would you tell? (put an x by all that apply)
____Mother _____Teacher
____Father _____Mentor or trusted adult
____Sibling _____Other, please list _____
____Other Relative _____
5. Name three things that you would do or change to reduce violence against girls in your community: _____

VI. Area of Concern: Economic Justice

1. Do you work at a job? ___Yes ___No If yes, what is your job? _____
Do you get paid for your work? ___Yes ___No Are you forced to work? ___Yes ___No
How many hours do you work each week? _____
Do you think that the work you do is harmful to you in any way? ___Yes ___No
If yes, please explain: _____
2. In your community, do girls have the same opportunities as boys to get paid for working? ___Yes ___No
3. Does your community provide girls with good working conditions? ___Yes ___No
If yes, please name three things that your community does to provide good working conditions:

If no, please explain: _____
4. What could be done to improve working conditions for girls? _____

Thank You!

Please fax or mail your completed survey to:

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