

As we approach ‘Malala Day’ on 10 November, the Global Monitoring Report reveals that Pakistan scores in the bottom ten of new country rankings for education of poor females

Pauline Rose, Director of the Education for All Global Monitoring Report says: “As we stand together on ‘Malala Day’, it is vital to stand up for what Malala believes in, and to put the spotlight on the extreme disadvantage that many poor girls and young women face in getting to school.

Our new Education for All Global Monitoring Report and our new interactive website - World Inequality Database in Education, [WIDE](#) - provides us with a global scorecard ranking the extent of education poverty in countries around the world. Pakistan is in the bottom ten countries for the proportion of poorest girls who have never even spent time in a classroom. Only six African countries are in a worse situation. It is also in the bottom ten for the amount of time that young women have spent in school in their life-time.

Almost two-thirds of poorest girls in Pakistan have never been to school. The long term neglect of education means that the poorest young women in the country have only spent around a year in school on average. Without a real step change by the government to give these children and young people the education and training they need, including a second chance for those who have missed out, they will be denied equal opportunities in work and life forever.”

COUNTRY SCORECARDS

Percentage of poorest young girls aged 7-16 who have never been to school		
Ranking	Country	Percentage (%)
1	Somalia	95%
2	Niger	78%
3	Liberia	77%
4	Mali	75%
5	Burkina Faso	71%
6	Guinea	68%
7	Pakistan	62%
8	Yemen	58%
9	Benin	55%
10	Côte d’Ivoire	52%
11	Nigeria	51%
12	Sierra Leone	50%
13	Gambia	48%

Average years of education for poorest 17-22 year old females		
Ranking	Country	Average years
1	Somalia	0.3
2	Niger	0.4
3	Mali	0.5
4	Guinea	0.5
5	Guinea-Bissau	0.8
6	Yemen	0.8
7	Central African Republic	0.8
8	Burkina Faso	0.9
9	Pakistan	1.0
10	Benin	1.1
11	Sierra Leone	1.3
12	Côte d’Ivoire	1.3
13	Gambia	1.6

14	Central African Republic	46%
15	Madagascar	46%
16	Guinea-Bissau	44%
17	Senegal	43%
18	Ethiopia	42%
19	Djibouti	40%
20	Burundi	38%
21	Zambia	36%
22	Togo	34%
23	Mauritania	32%
24	Iraq	32%
25	D. R. Congo	31%
26	India	30%
27	Haiti	27%
28	Ghana	26%
29	Timor-Leste	24%
30	Mozambique	23%
31	Nepal	22%
32	Egypt	21%
33	U. R. Tanzania	20%
34	Kenya	19%
35	Uganda	18%
36	Philippines	16%
37	Swaziland	15%
38	Lesotho	14%
39	Suriname	13%
40	Vanuatu	13%
41	Rwanda	10%
42	Honduras	10%
43	Bangladesh	9%
44	Malawi	9%
45	Tajikistan	8%
46	Congo	8%
47	Cambodia	8%
48	Syrian A. R.	7%
49	TFYR Macedonia	7%

14	Madagascar	1.8
15	Senegal	2.0
16	Ethiopia	2.1
17	Burundi	2.2
18	Liberia	2.2
19	Djibouti	2.4
20	Togo	2.4
21	Mozambique	2.5
22	Mauritania	2.8
23	India	2.9
24	Iraq	3.0
25	Haiti	3.1
26	Nepal	3.2
27	D. R. Congo	3.2
28	Ghana	3.6
29	Rwanda	3.7
30	Nigeria	4.1
31	Uganda	4.1
32	Honduras	4.1
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34	Bangladesh	4.4
35	Cambodia	4.5
36	Zambia	4.6
37	Malawi	4.8
38	Sao Tome and Principe	5.1
39	Congo	5.1
40	Syrian A. R.	5.4
41	Timor-Leste	5.9
42	Egypt	6.1
43	Kenya	6.3
44	Swaziland	6.3
45	Mongolia	6.5
46	Lesotho	6.7
47	Suriname	6.7
48	Indonesia	6.7
49	Dominican Republic	6.8

50	Republic of Moldova	7%
51	Namibia	7%
52	Azerbaijan	6%
53	Mongolia	5%
54	Montenegro	5%
55	Serbia	5%
56	Sao Tome and Principe	4%
57	Indonesia	4%
58	Maldives	4%
59	Dominican Republic	4%
60	Zimbabwe	4%
61	Guyana	2%
62	Albania	2%
63	Colombia	2%
64	Georgia	1%
65	Trinidad and Tobago	1%
66	Jordan	1%
67	Belize	1%
68	Bolivia, P. S.	1%
69	Bhutan	1%
70	Ukraine	1%
71	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1%
72	Kazakhstan	0%
73	Armenia	0%
74	Cuba	0%
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Source: World Inequality Database on Education <http://www.education-inequalities.org/>