

SIX STEPS TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST SCHOOLGIRLS

**STEP 1: PROHIBIT ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS**, INCLUDING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, EMOTIONAL ABUSE, AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND EXPLOITATION.

**STEP 2: MAKE SCHOOLS SAFE FOR GIRLS** THROUGH PROPERLY FUNDED NATIONAL PLANS OF ACTION. ENSURE THAT SCHOOLS HAVE SEX-SEGREGATED TOILETS AND WASHROOMS, SECURE DORMITORIES, AND SUPERVISED PLAY AREAS.

**STEP 3: RESPOND TO INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS** THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL AND INDEPENDENT REPORTING MECHANISMS, EFFECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS, CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS WHEN APPROPRIATE, AND SERVICES FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS.

**STEP 4: PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR GIRLS WHO HAVE SUFFERED VIOLENCE**, INCLUDING INFORMATION; COUNSELLING; MEDICAL TREATMENT; AND SUPPORT FOR REINTEGRATION INTO THE SCHOOL SYSTEM OF GIRLS WHO ARE LIVING WITH HIV OR ARE PREGNANT, MARRIED OR MOTHERS.

**STEP 5: REMOVE BARRIERS TO GIRLS' ACCESS TO SCHOOL** BY ELIMINATING ALL FEES, DIRECT AND INDIRECT, FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND MAKING SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL.

**STEP 6: PROTECT GIRLS FROM ABUSE** BY ENFORCING CODES OF CONDUCT FOR ALL SCHOOL STAFF AND STUDENTS. TRAIN SCHOOL STAFF IN EARLY INTERVENTION STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS IN SCHOOL.

SAFE SCHOOLS

EVERY GIRL'S RIGHT

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

THERE CAN BE NO EXCUSES, NO EXCEPTIONS AND NO DELAYS.

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