



CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE:

Empowering Girls & Women

Around the world, girls and women continue to suffer from a lack of economic opportunity, inadequate health care and education, early marriage, sexual violence, and discrimination. The good news is that empowering girls and women yields undeniable returns – for everyone in the community. Closing the gender gap in education adds half a percent to a country's per capita gross national product – benefits that are shared by boys and men. When women work, they invest 90 percent of their income back into their families, compared with 35 percent for men. By focusing on girls and women, innovative businesses and organizations can spur economic progress, expand markets, and improve health and education outcomes for everyone.

In 2009, the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Annual Meeting had a special focus on girls and women, and in 2010 the topic will be elevated into its own Action Area. Subtopics may include Women and Entrepreneurship; Access to Education for Adolescent Girls; Maternal Health; Women-led Approaches to Climate Change Advocacy and Adaptation; Addressing Violence Against Girls and Women; Empowering Women Along Corporate Supply Chains; Trafficking and Slavery of Women and Girls.

Each member of CGI makes a new, specific and measurable commitment to take action on an issue that is important to them. Below is a selection of CGI commitments focused on Girls and Women.

- ★ **Herat Gynecological and Surgical Hospital:** The Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL) committed to provide infrastructure, technical and logistics support for a small gynecological and surgical hospital in Herat, Afghanistan
- ★ **Improving Girls' Participation & Performance in Science, Mathematics, and Technology Subjects:** The Forum for African Women Educationalists committed to scaling up its model of Gender Responsive Pedagogy in 20 Teacher Training colleges in 20 countries in Africa.
- ★ **Breaking the Cycle of Poverty:** Pro Mujer committed to provide poor women in Latin America with an integrated package of microfinance, healthcare and training — tools that allow women to take an active role in changing their lives and creating a better future for themselves and their families.
- ★ **Addressing Sexual Violence Against Girls:** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), CDC Foundation, Grupo ABC, the Nduna Foundation, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNIFEM and the World Health Organization committed to develop the first global initiative to addressing sexual violence against girls.
- ★ **Nablus Women Innovating Business:** The Cherie Blair Foundation for Women and Tomorrow's Youth Organization committed to support Palestinian women-led businesses in Nablus by offering tailor-made training and services to increase participants' business, craft, and innovation skills.

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