



## **International Women's Day 2023: Embrace Equity**

It's International Women's Day again and time for INTO Giving, to reflect on our work to support equality in education across the globe. All of which is made possible by our wonderful supporters, colleagues, and friends!

INTO Giving has a focus on girls' and refugees' education, as these groups face the most barriers to getting an education and staying in the classroom.

Around the world, 129 million girls are out of school and in countries affected by conflict, girls are more than twice as likely to be out of school than girls living in non-affected countries.

[INTO Giving supports projects that increase access to education](#) and improve the quality of teaching and learning across the globe. Your support of INTO Giving helps children and young girls to go to school, play, keep safe, and *stay* in school. Together, we have supported over 50 projects, in 32 countries, on 5 continents with donations totalling close to £500,000 (\$610,500) paid to support gender equality in education since 2016.

Educating girls is vital for creating a more equal world and for developing the wider community. When you educate a girl, you educate a community. A woman with an education is 4 times less likely to be married as a child, and a child born of a literate mother is 50% more likely to survive past the age of 5.

In many parts of the world, girls face discrimination and are at very real and even daily risk of being forced or coerced out of education – most particularly when they reach puberty and are told it's time to marry or go to work (or both). We're helping girls to stay in school and get more out of it, rather than vanishing into child marriage and child labour, through a [3 year partnership with the global non-profit Room to Read](#). INTO Giving is providing £60,000 (\$75,000) to help support girls education in 8 countries - Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Laos, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Vietnam.

Educating girls isn't *just* the 'right thing to do', it saves lives and builds stronger families, communities, and economies. An educated female population increases a country's productivity and fuels economic growth. Some countries lose more than \$1 billion a year by failing to educate girls to the same level as boys.

This International Women's Day let's come together and celebrate women and their achievements everywhere across the globe!