



Gender-based Violence

Sexual abuse of women and girls, in addition to constituting an abuse of their human rights, represents a significant threat to development programs aimed at their well-being. For example, the contribution of girls' education is widely recognized as having a disproportionate positive impact on a country's economic development. But the so-called "girl effect" is grossly undermined if girls are subjected to sexual assault on their way to school, or in school itself.

Key resources

<u>Insecurity and Indignity: Women's Experiences in the Slums of Nairobi, Kenya</u>	<i>Amnesty International</i>
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<u>Scared at School: Sexual Violence Against Adolescent Girls in South African Schools</u>	<i>Human Rights Watch</i>
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<u>Denouncing Sexual Violence Against Girls in Bolivia</u>	<i>Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</i>
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<u>Sexual Violence</u>	<i>World Health Organization</i>
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