

# Three Corners: Girls in the World

Goal: To raise awareness about gender discrimination globally.

Materials: Space for participants to walk around and separate into three groups.

Time: 15 minutes

Activity: Take turns reading some or all of the following statements. Designate 3 spots in the room as “Agree,” “Disagree,” or “Don’t Know.” After reading each statement, instruct participants to walk to the part of the room that reflects their response to the statement. Then read whether the statement is true or false. After all statements have been read, encourage the group to discuss the reflection questions. (Statistics obtained from Plan’s Because I am a Girl Report).

Seventy per cent of the 1.5 billion people living on less than a dollar a day are female **(TRUE)**

Sixty two million girls are out of primary school **(TRUE)**

Less than 15 countries have used girls as child soldiers. **(False. 38 countries have used girls in armed conflict in the last 2 decades)**

More than 600 million women have experienced stunted growth as the result of childhood malnutrition. **(False. 450 million have experienced stunted growth as the result of childhood malnutrition)**

More young men live with AIDS than young women. **(False. Approximately 7.3 million young women are living with HIV/AIDS, in comparison to 4.3 million men)**

In Africa, children whose mothers have at least 5 years of education are 40% more likely to live over the age of 5. **(TRUE)**

1/3 of countries in the world have equal numbers of girls and boys enrolled in school. **(TRUE)**

82 million girls who are now 10 to 17 will be married before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. **(TRUE)**



If you are the oldest daughter in the family you have a stronger chance of completing primary school than if you are the youngest. **(FALSE. Being the youngest is a very strong factor in girls favor.)**

In the US between 2000 and 2001, 15,000 girls under 18 had cosmetic surgeries. **(FALSE. The number is actually between 65,231 to 79,501, or approximately 21% of girls.)**

65 middle and low income countries are missing an estimated \$92 billion dollars from their countries Gross Domestic Product (income) because girls are not educated to an equal standard with boys. **(TRUE—This is based on a World Bank study, and the \$92 billion is just short of the \$103 billion sent internationally in aid each year.)**

Studies show men and women spend an equal amount of their income (money earned) for their home and families. **(FALSE. Women put 90% of their money earned to their household while men are found to reinvest only 30 to 40%.)**

**Reflection Questions:**

What surprised you about these statistics?

Why do you think girls experience such disparity?

How might poverty play a roll in gender discrimination?

What can we do?

