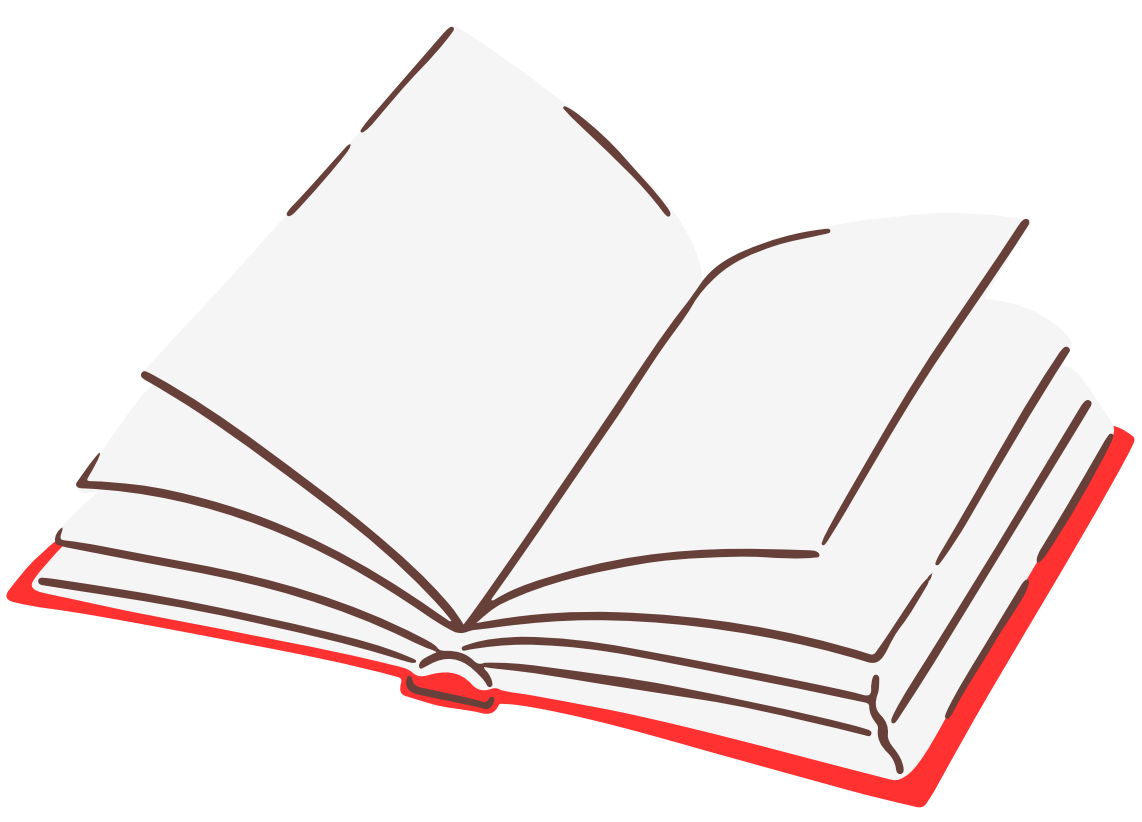




SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT:

Unlocking the Economic and Social Benefits of Educating Women



INTRODUCTION

Women's access to education is a critical pillar of not only individual development, but also community growth. Accessible programs, community groups, and focused teaching create venues for upward mobility and crucial empowerment.

ECONOMIC

Scholars note that educated women historically developed technology such as advanced contraceptives and improved household appliances to address pressing issues in their lives. Today, educating women gives them the foundation to make similar economic contributions while developing their own technical skills. As developing economies see office jobs become more prevalent than manual labor, it is imperative that women receive the necessary education to partake in new opportunities.

Closing the gender
gap could increase
GDP by an average of
35%

SOCIAL

Through access to support groups and discussion-centered education, women are more inclined to communicate with others in the community and contribute meaningful ideas for societal development. Additionally, women's education is frequently cited as a major stepping stone to the erosion of harmful practices such as child marriage. Similarly, studies show that educated women who hold political office often write legislation focused around women's social and economic issues, increasing overall societal prosperity.

122 million girls
worldwide are not in
school

One year of secondary
education can increase a
girl's future wage by 25%

CONCLUSION

By providing venues for women's education and empowerment, we find:

- 1) Decreased poverty
- 2) Heightened gender equality
- 3) Representative political leadership

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