

## An African child's journey to education

Knowledge, the right to education is one of the universal human rights. It is essential for anyone who wants to live in society because it allows access to knowledge.

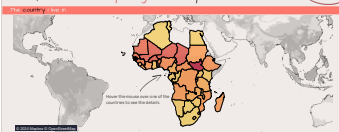
However, we often realize that the right to education is not respected everywhere. In fact, there are currently **59 million** children who do not attend elementary school and more than **100 million** who do not attend secondary school around the world putting their future at risk.

Thus, through this dashboard, the objective is to follow the school career of a child in Africa in different contexts in terms of access to education and then to observe the consequences of human deprivations of education.



As an African child, access to **primary education** depends on...

12 years



### South Sudan

World countries  
largest population in Africa

3 out of 10  
are not in school

2.8 million

1 out of 10  
the school children in school < 6 years

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Indeed, we note that access to primary education also depends on the economic situation of the child family.

Percentage of children having access to primary

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Getting into **lower-secondary education** is not easier...

percentage of 10-14 years old in school

11.6 years

Percentage of children with access to low secondary education by gender

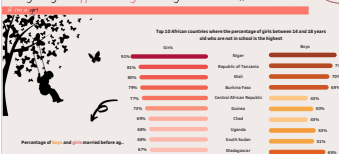


In general, it is observed in African countries that young adolescents (10 years old) are more likely to be out of school if they live in rural areas, preventing them from completing their **secondary school**.

This can also be explained by rural child labor, which affects nearly **30 million African youth**.

Finally, entry into **upper-secondary school** may be even more difficult...

14.6 years



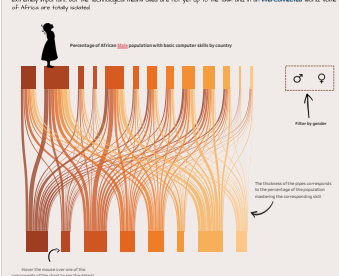
In general, in these countries, all young adolescents have very little access to school. On the other hand, girls have more access to education than boys, especially in East and Central Africa.

Being forced into marriage before the age of 15 often prevents these young people from continuing their education and from **living** towards their future.

A child can be married for his future, especially during his **adolescence**.



What is important to note here is that the digital divide directly impacts the ability of African youth to develop their **digital** skills in the digital age. Literacy of the African population allows him to use a computer properly. Very recently, in Africa, an obstacle: the health crisis linked to the coronavirus has prevented downloading apps. Access to the Internet has become extremely important, but the technological means used are not yet up to the task, and in a **hyperconnected** world, some parts of Africa are totally isolated.



What now?

In conclusion, we note that access to education can vary greatly by various factors in Africa.

While North African countries such as Algeria and Tunisia have a very high enrollment rate, sub-Saharan Africa is in a critical situation. Still today, in the region, **30% of children** between 5 and 14 years old are not in school and it is estimated that **1 billion girls aged between 15 and 19 years old will never go to school**.

Apart from that, internet could be a solution as it would allow young people to access knowledge more easily.

Unfortunately, the digital divide is very present in sub-Saharan Africa and is a very real part of the population knows how to properly use these digital tools.

For instance, in Africa, just under **40% of the population owns a cell phone**, and people living in rural areas are particularly isolated from the digital world.

Finally, access to education in Africa is a fundamental issue for the future of the continent because it would allow African countries to develop themselves from a social point of view, but also economically.

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