

Gender-based violence at school in French-speaking sub-Saharan Africa: Understanding its impact on girls' attendance to combat it more effectively

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Description:

This report on school-related gender-based violence and its impact on girls' school attendance in French-speaking sub-Saharan Africa is the result of a year's collective investigation by non-governmental organisations from the South and North, United Nations agencies and education ministries with a two-fold objective: to make the phenomenon of school-related gender-based violence visible and analyse its causes; to make recommendations to policymakers and development cooperation stakeholders for including gender-based violence in their education policies. The report compiles existing data from the region and contains actionable recommendations made at a workshop held in Dakar on 17-18 May 2011. These ideas for action aim at raising awareness, treating and supporting victims, and punishing perpetrators. They focus on the role of teachers and other education professionals. Their aim is to raise girls' school attendance rates to meet the Education for All goals and the Millennium Development Goals.

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