

Education & Development

Economics

What returns education produces, and the schooling-learning gap.

Findings.

Established

Substantial private returns per year of schooling

Larger returns for girls' education in many settings

Health and fertility effects alongside income

Learning outcomes matter more than years

The gap

Enrolment rose sharply worldwide

Learning outcomes rose far less

Teacher absence and quality problems

Curriculum mismatched to the starting level

Teaching at the right level, rather than to the curriculum, is among the better-evidenced interventions in education.