



EDUCATION FACTS

- An estimated **130 million** of the world's 15- to 24-year-olds cannot read or write.
- There are **781 million** illiterate adults worldwide, and **64 percent** of them are women.
- Nearly **75 million** children worldwide are out of school. Some **55 percent** of these children are girls, meaning that for every 90 boys out of school, 110 girls are in the same situation.
- Of the **22** countries where **more than half** the population is illiterate, **15** are in Africa.
- Only **4.4 percent** of GDP per capita is spent by the public sector on education worldwide.
- About **17 percent** of children in developing countries never finish primary school. Household studies show that children are less likely to attend school when they come from poorer families.

Sources: www.worldbank.org, www.nifl.gov, www.uis.unesco.org, www.nationmaster.com, www.worldometers.info, February 2009