# STRUGGLING AGAINST THE ODDS OF POVERTY, ACCESS AND GENDER SECONDARY SCHOOLING FOR GIRLS 

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## Boys still have higher enrolment rates than girls - but the differences have narrowed



## Gender equality at the secondary level has definitely improved-levels remain low



Increase in primary enrolment for girls began after 2001Secondary enrollment for girls took off around 2007


## Data Sources

* Pakistan Integrated Household Survey 1990-91 \& 200102 (PIHS).
* Pakistan Social and Living Standards Measurement Survey (PSLMS) conducted by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) 2007-8, 2010-11 (sample of approximately 15000 households).
* Primary data from panel survey conducted by the Population Council in 1997, 2004 and 2011 in 12 communities and 4 more communities in 2011 (covering 176 schools and 1191 households in final round).


## REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL PATTERNS

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HOW MUCH OF THE EFFECTS ARE BASED ON GEOGRAPHY?

# Enrolment rates in rural areas are catching up, but half of rural girls still do not attend primary school 

Girls Primary NER


## Gender inequality is greater in rural areas

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## Progress in primary enrollments almost across all provinces



## Secondary enrollment improves in urban Punjab and Sindh- progress in rural areas of Punjab and KP

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## Girls in both urban and rural Punjab continue to fare much better- rural KP catching up fast



## Secondary schooling for girls - a real option for Punjab and KP- not for Sindh



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## WHAT'S POVERTY GOT TO DO WITH IT?

1P Population Council

In urban areas improvements in girl's primary enrollment across the board-for secondary schooling more change in lower income groups


## In rural areas girl's primary enrollment improvement in lower income groups and for secondary in higher income groups



## Has private schooling contributed to the increase in primary enrollments?




## Has private schooling contributed to the increase in secondary enrollment for girls?




## Costs of private and public schools for girls 2008are the costs for private schooling prohibitive?



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# WHAT'S FERTILITY GOT TO DO WITH IT? 

1P Population Council

Children aged 10-14, Especially Girls, who Belong to Households with Fewer Children are More Likely to Go to School


## Households Spending on Secondary Education Private vs. Public



## WHAT'S ACCESS TO DO WITH IT?

1P Population Council

## Access improved in Punjab and KP-Sindh lags behind : Average number schools for girls per community by type

Punjab


KPK


Sindh


## Trends in Availability of Schools by Type, Province and Date of Availability-16 communities

## By Government/Private School



## Trends in Availability of Schools by Boy/ Girl School, Province and Date of Availability-16 communities

By Boys/Girls School

| Number of shools by boy/girl (Punjab) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Boys _ Girls Co-edu |  |
| 40 |  |
| 30 |  |
| 20 | $\begin{array}{lllll}17 & 24 & 19 & 2\end{array}$ |
| 10 |  |
| 0 |  |
|  |  |



| Number of schools by boy/girl (Sindh) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | - Boys _ Girls _ Co-edu |
| 40 |  |
| 30 |  |
| 20 |  |
| 10 |  |
|  |  |

## Predicted Probability of Current Enrolment by Numbers of Girl's Schools (Controlling Province and SLI)

## Girls 5-9



## Predicted Probability of Current Enrolment by Nearest Distance to Girl's Schools (Controlling Province and SLI)

## Girls 5-9



Girls 10-14


## Multinomial Regression coefficients for girls schooling (Public, private school) omitted category not attending

## Public school attending

| Variables | Coefficients |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Girls 5-9 | Girls 10-14 |
| Not Currently Attending (base outcome) |  |  |
| Province (Punjab) |  |  |
| Sindh | -0.93 | -1.10 |
| KPK | -0.38 | -0.23 |
| Balochistan | -1.17 | -1.17 |
| Region (Rural) | -0.40 | -1.00 |
| Quintile |  |  |
| 2 | 0.50 | 0.61 |
| 3 | 0.73 | 0.65 |
| 4 | 0.99 | 0.89 |
| (Richest) 5 | 1.11 | 0.99 |

All coefficients are significant at 95\%
$5-9$ Girls=7616 \& $10-14$ Girls=6603

Private school attending

| Variables | Coefficient |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Girls 5-9 | Girls 10-14 |
| Not Currently Attending (base outcome) |  |  |
| Province (Punjab) |  |  |
| Sindh | -1.39 | -1.17 |
| KPK | -1.04 | -0.84 |
| Balochistan | -3.55 | -4.08 |
|  |  |  |
| Region (Rural) | -1.57 | -1.72 |
| Region (Rulal) - 1.57 - |  |  |
| Quintile |  |  |
| 2 | 0.94 | 0.99 |
| 3 | 1.60 | 1.61 |
| 4 | 2.52 | 2.25 |
| (Richest) 5 | 3.26 | 2.83 |
| Source: PSLMS 2010-11 | 12 Popula | tion Council |

THANKS!

