**Millions of girls without the schooling opportunity are forced to ……**

**On the occasion og the International Girls' Day, we investigated the consequences of not educating girls**

It is rare in Croatia for girls not to finish primary school. But not all girls in the world in the 21st century are lucky to have the opportunity to attend school. On International Girls' Day (celebrated on October 11th) we learned this by searching the internet.

[LIBELA](https://www.libela.org/) , a web portal that writes on themes of gender, sex, and democracy, in the [ARTICLE](https://libela.org/vijesti/9697-obrazovanje-djevojcica-dovelo-bi-do-milijardi-dolara-na-globalnoj-razini/) from 2018, writes that around 132 million girls between the age of 6 and 17 worldwide do not attend school. They also cite that less than two-thirds of girls from economically less developed countries finish primary school and only one-third finishes high school. The same article mentions the World Bank report. The report states that the world could be earning between $15 billion and $30 billion more if every girl in the world would have spent 12 years getting a proper education. Education would not only contribute to a better economic situation, but also reduced domestic violence, and a small number of child marriages.

**Nigeria and Bangladesh have highest number of child marriages**

We also found in LIBELA's [ARTICLE](https://libela.org/prozor-u-svijet/7283-broj-djecjih-brakova-u-bangladesu-pada-kada-se-djevojke-obrazuju/) (31st March 2016) that Nigeria and Bangladesh are the countries with the highest number of child marriages in the world. In Bangladesh, as many as three-quarters of girls are married before turning 18. Girls' education also contributes to a lower risk of their children's malnutrition when they deliver them, and their children are more likely to attend school themselves.

**Bakhita Ngok (10, from South Sudan) - wants to become a governor***a photo taken from the Libela.org*

In addition to girls without education, girls with no education are more likely to end up in child marriage in some countries, they are also at greater risk of joining armed groups. In another LIBELA [ARTICLE](https://libela.org/prozor-u-svijet/8199-pridruzuju-se-oruzanim-skupinama-jer-nemaju-pristup-obrazovanju/) from 2016, Healy said: "*I'm not going to do anything about it.  It says that girls make up a third of children affiliated with armed groups. To them, it was their only choice not to be hungry and have some money.* "

International Girls' Day has been celebrated since 2012 with the aim of recognizing girls’ rights and their equal opportunities around the world. /**Anastazija Blagaj**, 7.b; photos taken from Libela.org/